

# **Agenda Item # 4** SUB-002916-2024

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# **Applicant Materials for Consideration**

## DETAILS

Location: 3820 Cottage Hill Road

Subdivision Name: Cottage Hill Meadows Subdivision

Applicant / Agent: Gregory & Ann Darling

**Property Owner:** Gregory & Ann Darling

Current Zoning: R-1, Single-Family Residential Suburban District

Future Land Use: Mixed Commercial Corridor

#### Applicable Codes, Policies, and Plans:

- Unified Development Code
- Subdivision Regulations
- Map for Mobile Comprehensive Plan

#### Proposal:

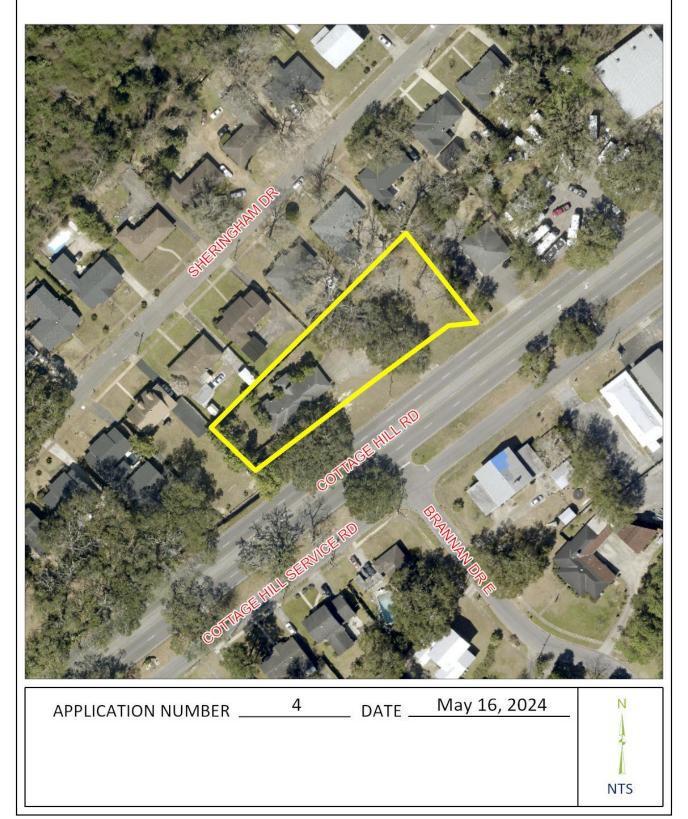
 Subdivision approval to create two (2) legal lots of record from one (1) legal lot of record and one (1) metes-and-bounds parcel, and what appears to be a portion of a vacated right-of-way.

#### **Commission Considerations:**

1. Subdivision proposal with seven (7) conditions.

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# **COTTAGE HILL MEADOWS SUBDIVISION**



# **SITE HISTORY**

At its meeting in December of 1970 the Planning Commission approved a one (1) lot subdivision called Plotka Subdivision, which included the subject site. The subdivision was subsequently recorded in Mobile County Probate Court in April of 1971.

On September 19, 2023 the City of Mobile approved the vacation of a 40 feet undeveloped portion of a service road bordering 3812 and 3820 Cottage Hill Road.

No other Planning Commission or Board of Zoning Adjustment cases are associated with the site.

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

#### **Engineering Comments:**

FINAL PLAT COMMENTS (should be addressed prior to submitting the FINAL PLAT for review):

- A. Provide all of the required information on the SUBDIVISION PLAT (i.e. signature blocks, signatures, certification statements, written legal description, required notes, legend, scale, bearings and distances) that is required by the current Alabama State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.
- B. Provide reference, on the map and the description, to a monumented corner.
- C. Show and label the POC and POB.
- D. Provide a correct written description for the subdivision boundary. The plan view does not show reference to Plotka Subdivision.
- E. Provide a written legal description and matching bearing and distance labels for the proposed subdivision boundary.
- F. Add a note that a Land Disturbance permit will be required for any land disturbing activity in accordance with Mobile City Code, Chapter 17, Storm Water Management and Flood Control); the City of Mobile, Alabama Flood Plain Management Plan (1984); and, the Rules For Erosion and Sedimentation Control and Storm Water Runoff Control.
- G. Add a note that the approval of all applicable federal, state, and local agencies (including all storm water runoff, wetland and floodplain requirements) will be required prior to the issuance of a Land Disturbance permit.
- H. Add a note that sidewalk is required to be constructed, and/or repaired, along the frontage of each lot, or parcel, at time of new development or construction, unless a sidewalk waiver is approved.
- I. Add a note that all existing and proposed detention facilities, common areas, and wetlands shall be the responsibility of the Property Owner(s), and not the responsibility of the City of Mobile.
- J. Add a note that all easements shall remain in effect until vacated through the proper Vacation process.
- K. Email a pdf copy of the FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT and LETTER OF DECISION to the Permitting Engineering Dept. for review at land.disturbance@cityofmobile.org prior to obtaining any signatures. No signatures are required on the drawing.

#### **Traffic Engineering Comments:**

Driveway number, size, location, and design to be approved by Traffic Engineering and conform to AASHTO standards.

## **Urban Forestry Comments:**

Property to be developed in compliance with state and local laws that pertain to tree preservation and protection on both city and private properties [Act 929 of the 1961 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature (Acts 1961, p. 1487), as amended, and City Code Chapters 57 and 65]. Private removal of trees in the right-of-way will require approval of the Mobile Tree Commission. Removal of heritage trees from undeveloped residential sites, developed residential sites in historic districts, and all commercial sites will require a tree removal permit.

#### **Fire Department Comments:**

All projects within the City Limits of Mobile shall comply with the requirements of the City of Mobile Fire Code Ordinance (2021 International Fire Code). Fire apparatus access is required to be within 150' of all non-sprinklered commercial buildings and within 300' of all sprinklered commercial buildings. Fire water supply for all commercial buildings will be required to meet the guidance of Appendices B and C of the 2021 International Fire Code. The minimum requirement for fire hydrants is to be within 400' of non-sprinkled commercial buildings, within 600' of sprinkled commercial buildings, and within 100' of fire department connections (FDC) for both standpipes and sprinkler systems.

#### **Planning Comments:**

The purpose of this request is to create two (2) legal lots of record from one (1) legal lot of record and one (1) metes-and-bounds parcel, and what appears to be a portion of the aforementioned vacated right-of-way. The site is served by public water and sanitary sewer services.

Both Lot 1 and Lot 2 have frontage along Cottage Hill Road, a minor arterial road with a required 100-foot right-ofway width at this location. As illustrated, the preliminary plat depicts a 180-foot right-of-way along this section of Cottage Hill Road, and is sufficient; as such, no additional dedication should be required.

On the preliminary plat, Lot 2 depicts approximately 289± square feet of land along Cottage Hill Road to be dedicated to the City of Mobile as right-of-way. This information should be retained on the Final Plat, if approved.

The lots, as proposed, exceed the minimum size requirements for those served by public water and sanitary sewer in an R-1, Single-Family Residential Suburban District. Additionally, the lot size for both lots are labeled in both square feet and acres on the preliminary plat, as required by Section 5.A.2(e)(4) of the Subdivision Regulations. If approved, the lot sizes should be retained in both square feet and acres; or provision of a table on the Final Plat with the same information will suffice.

The preliminary plat depicts a compliant 25-foot minimum building setback line for both lots along Cottage Hill Road, in compliance with Article 2 Section 64-2-5.E. of the Unified Development Code for lots zoned R-1 in the Suburban sub-district and should be retained on the Final Plat, if approved.

# SUBDIVISION CONSIDERATIONS

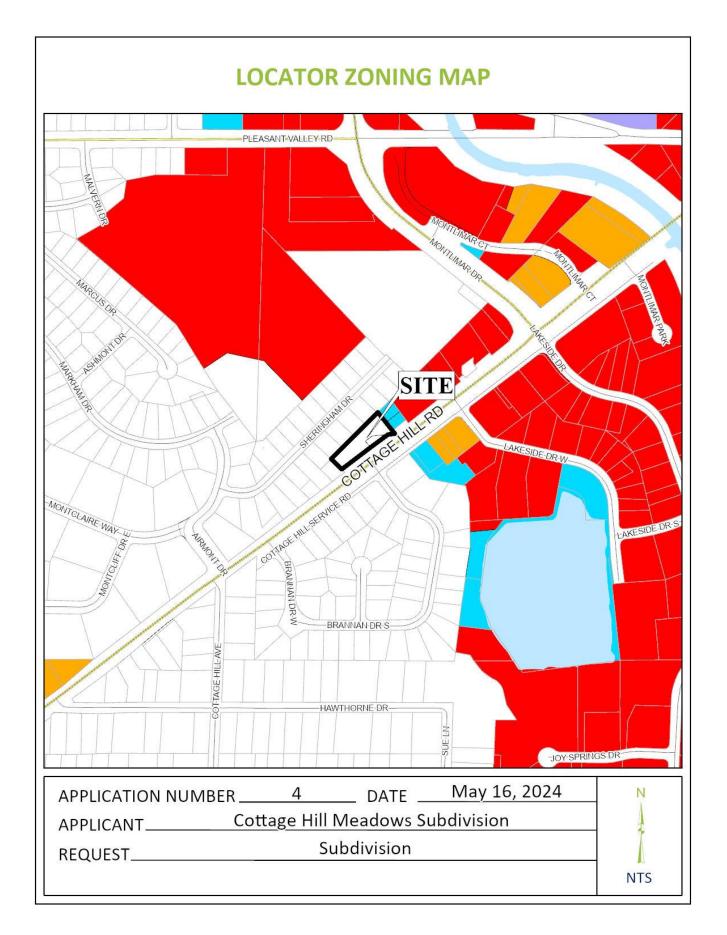
#### Standards of Review:

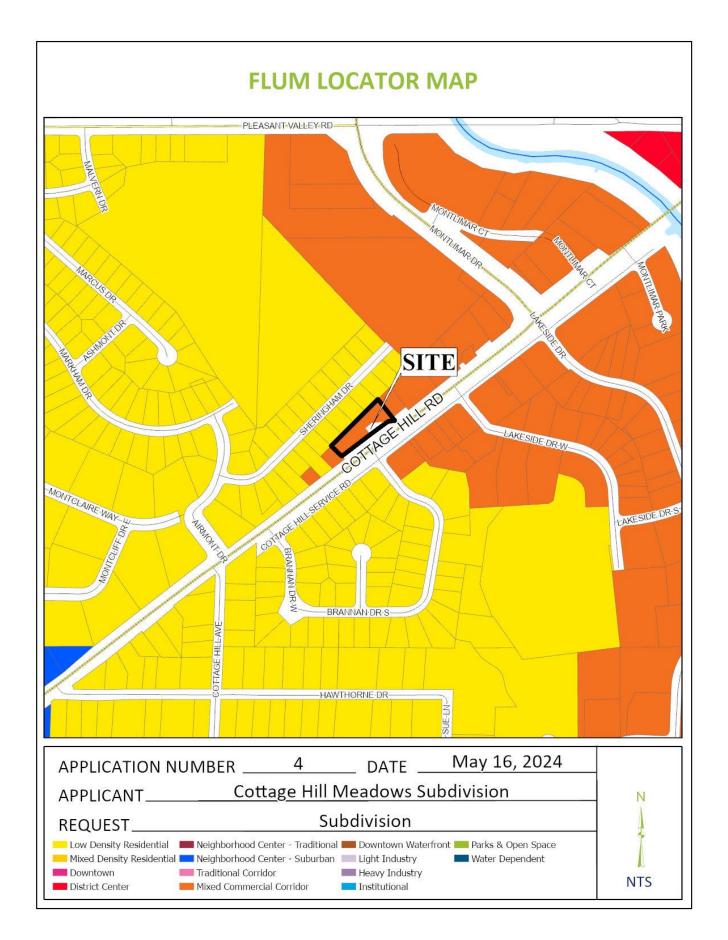
Subdivision review examines the site with regard to promoting orderly development, protecting general health, safety and welfare, and ensuring that development is correlated with adjacent developments and public utilities and services, and to ensure that the subdivision meets the minimum standards set forth in the Subdivision Regulations for lot size, road frontage, lot configuration, etc.

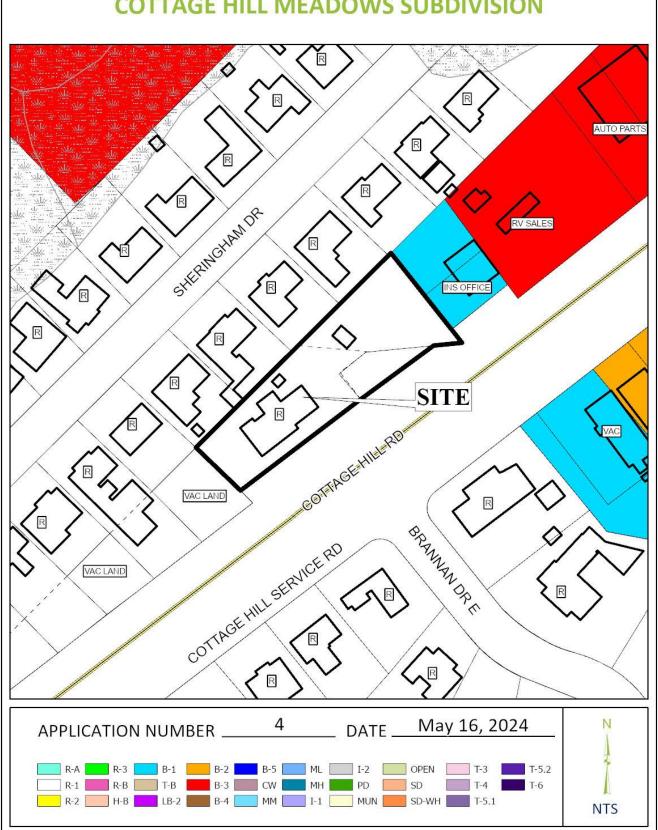
## **Considerations:**

Based on the preceding, if the Subdivision request is considered for approval, a waiver from Section 6.C.3 and Section 6.C.1 will be required, and the following conditions should apply:

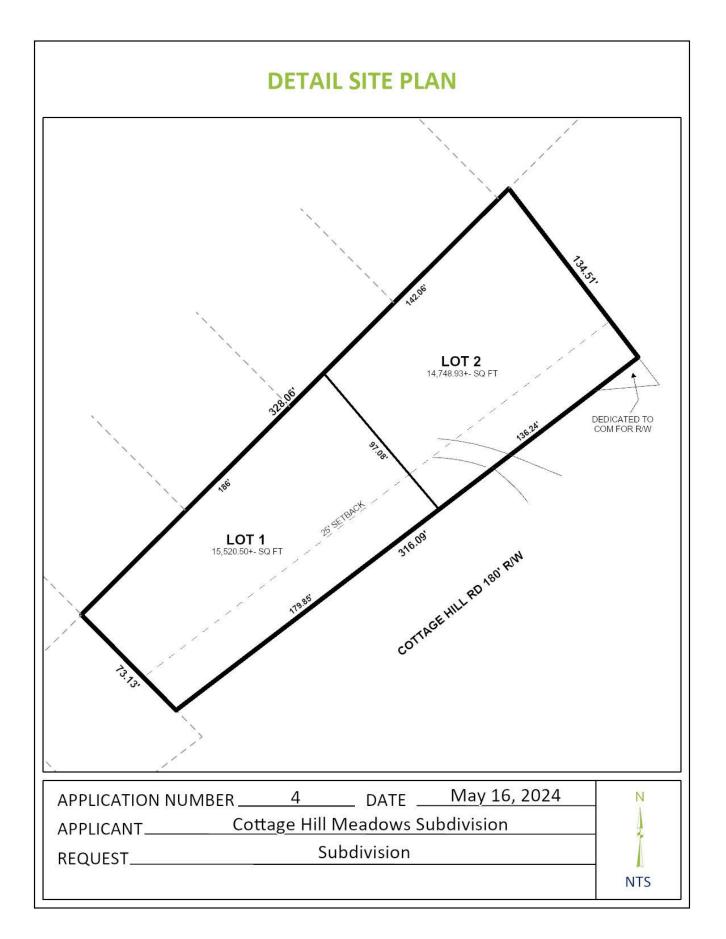
- 1. Retention of the Lot 2 right-of-way dedication as illustrated in the preliminary plat;
- 2. Retention of the lot sizes in both square feet and acres, or provision of a table on the Final Plat providing the same information;
- 3. Retention of the 25-foot front yard setback along Cottage Hill Road for both lots, in compliance with Article 2 Section 64-2-5.E. of the Unified Development Code for lots zoned R-1 in the Suburban sub-district;
- 4. Compliance with all Engineering comments noted in this staff report;
- 5. Placement of a note on the Final Plat stating all Traffic Engineering comments noted in this staff report;
- 6. Compliance with all Urban Forestry comments noted in this staff report; and,
- 7. Compliance with all Fire Department comments noted in this staff report.







# **COTTAGE HILL MEADOWS SUBDIVISION**



ZONING DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE MATRIX															
		OW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LDR)	MIXED DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MXDR)	DOWNTOWN (DT)	DISTRICT CENTER (DC)	VEIGHBORHOOD CENTER - TRADITIONAL (NC-T)	VEIGHBORHOOD CENTER - SUBURBAN (NC-S)	TRADITIONAL CORRIDOR (TC)	MIXED COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR (MCC)	LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI)	HEAVY INDUSTRY (HI)	NSTITUTIONAL LAND USE (INS)	PARKS & OPEN SPACE (POS)	DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT (DW)	WATER DEPENDENT USES (WDWRU)
RESIDENTIAL - AG	R-A		2			Z	Z		2		т	4			5
ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE	R-1														
TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE	R-2													0	
MULTIPLE-FAMILY	R-3	0												0	
RESIDENTIAL-BUSINESS	R-B		0											0	
TRANSITIONAL-BUSINESS	T-B		0												
HISTORIC BUSINESS	H-B														
VILLAGE CENTER	TCD														
NEIGH. CENTER	TCD														
NEIGH. GENERAL	TCD														
DOWNTOWN DEV. DDD	T-6														
DOWNTOWN DEV. DDD	T-5.1														
DOWNTOWN DEV. DDD	T-5.2														
DOWNTOWN DEV. DDD	T-4														
DOWNTOWN DEV. DDD	T-3														
DOWNTOWN DEV. DDD	SD-WH									0	0				
DOWNTOWN DEV. DD	SD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0				
BUFFER BUSINESS	B-1													0	
NEIGH. BUSINESS	B-2		0											0	
LIMITED BUSINESS	LB-2		0											0	
COMMUNITY BUSINESS	B-3											0		0	
GEN. BUSINESS	B-4											0		0	
OFFICE-DISTRIBUTION	B-5														
LIGHT INDUSTRY	I-1														
HEAVY INDUSTRY	I-2														

#### **Zoning District Correspondence Matrix**

- Directly Related
- Elements of the zoning category are related to the future LU category, but with qualifications (such as a development plan with conditions)
- Land use category is appropriate, but the district does not directly implement the category (e.g., open space in an industrial district)

# MIXED COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR (MCC)

This land use designation mostly applies to transportation corridors west of I-65 serving primarily the low-density (suburban) residential neighborhoods. MCC includes a wide variety of retail, services and entertainment uses.

This designation acknowledges existing commercial development that is spread along Mobile's transportation corridors in a conventional strip pattern or concentrated into shorter segments of a corridor.

Over time, new development and redevelopment in Mixed Commercial Corridors is encouraged to raise design quality, improve connectivity to surrounding neighborhoods; improved streetscapes; and improve mobility and accessibility for all users of the corridor.