

Memorandum May 3, 2016

TO: Town Council

Julie Couch, Town Manager

FROM: Israel B. Roberts, AICP

Planning Manager

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING ON A REPLAT FOR THE OAKWOOD ESTATES

ADDITION, PHASE 3 (CASE #RP2016-01)

BACKGROUND: This is a request for approval of a replat of Lot 1, Block E of the Oakwood Estates Addition, Phase III into two (2) lots. The 2.002-acre site is located at 870 St. James Road; at the southeast corner of Hart Road and St. James Road, and is zoned for the (RE-1) One-acre Ranch Estate District.

STATUS OF ISSUE: The purpose of the replat is to create one (1) additional lot in order to construct a new home on proposed Lot 1R-B.

The proposed replat conforms with all Town zoning and subdivision regulations. In accordance with State Law, the plat approval is a "ministerial," meaning if the submitted plat conforms with established zoning and subdivision regulations, the plat is required to be approved.

Vehicle Access and Right-of-Way Requirements

Each proposed lot has direct access to St. James Road. No additional right-of-way dedication is required.

Utilities, Drainage, and Environmental Concerns

The applicant currently has an existing home on the property and is connected to public water utility and utilizes an on- site sanitary sewer system. The proposed new development lot will also be required to an on-site sanitary sewer system.

Parks, Open Space and Trails

Consistent with the Town's parkland dedication ordinance, the town is permitted to require the developer to dedicate a total of 0.029-acres (1,303 square feet) of parkland as a result of the provision of one (1) new residential lot being created with this development. Cash-in-lieu of parkland dedication for this proposed development will be required prior to filing with the county.

Notification

In accordance with State and Town requirements, seven (7) adjacent property owners within 500' of the site located within the Oakwood Estates Phase 3 subdivision, and LoveJoy ISD, were notified of the request. To date, staff has received eleven (11) letters of opposition, including three (3) from within the notification area.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends **APPROVAL** of the proposed replat.

P&Z ACTION: Recommended **APPROVAL** of the replat (5-0; Commissioners Hagar and Flood absent) as presented.

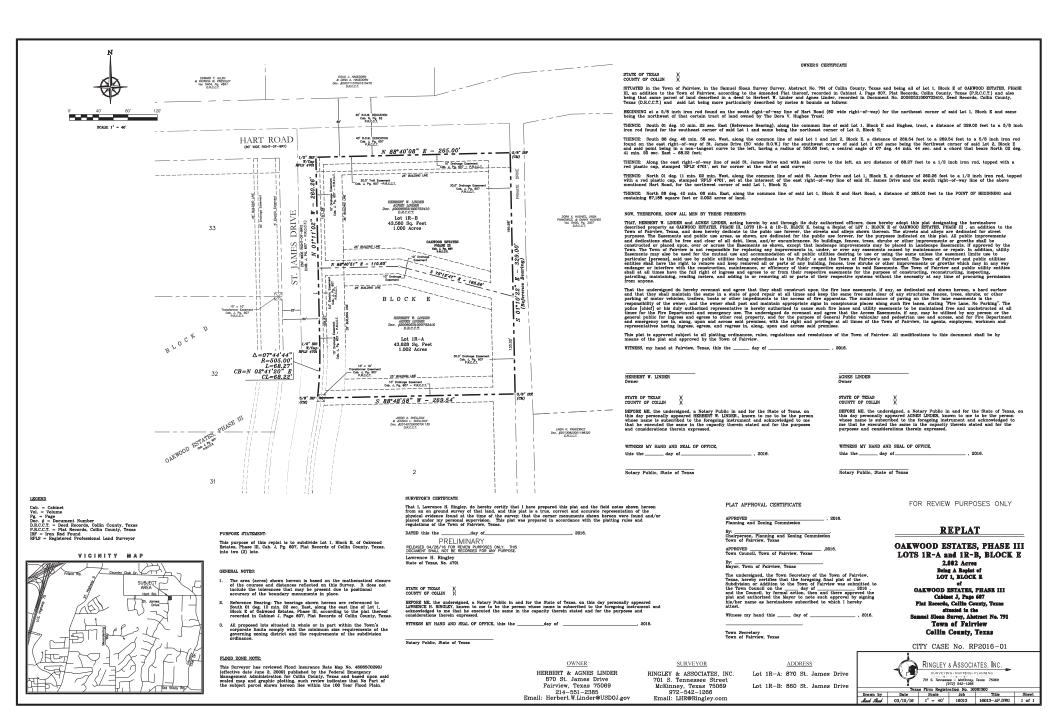
BUDGET: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

- Locator
- Proposed replat
- Correspondence



Lot 1, Block E Oakwood Estates, Phase 3



From: Ashley Steed <asteed76@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 4:02 PM

To: Israel Roberts **Subject:** 870 St. James Drive -

I am writing to express my opposition to the replat of 870 St. James Drive in Oakwood Estates, Phase 3. Dividing the existing lot into two will not be functional, or in keeping with the aesthetic of Oakwood Estates. I am concerned for the safety and convenience of Fairview residents if the lot is divided and new construction commences at the corner of St. James Drive and Hart Road, especially while major reconstruction of Stacy Road is in process.

Thank you for your consideration -

Ashley

From: Amy York <amyeyork@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 9:46 AM

To: Israel Roberts

Subject: Opposition to replat of 870 St. James Drive

I received a letter from the town of Fairview a few days ago stating that the owners of the house at <u>870 St.</u>

<u>James Drive</u> have submitted a request to replat their lot. They own one of the two-acre lots in Oakwood Estates, Phase 3. All of the homes on that side of St. James Drive sit on two-acre lots, per the developer's plan.

The owner's goal is to subdivide his lot into two 1-acre lots, and build another house on the acre that butts up against Hart Road. Because of the way the existing home is positioned on the two acres, any new construction would be directly across the street from my home. This would compromise my family's privacy (and safety during construction), and change the feel of Oakwood Estates at the back entrance to our neighborhood.

Traffic will also be an issue for any Fairview residents that regularly use St. James and/or Hart Road. Given the construction that is underway on Stacy Rd, and all of the residents using Hart as an alternate route, construction at the back entrance to Oakwood Estates would create a huge traffic problem.

We opted to buy an existing home in an established neighborhood when we moved to Fairview ten years ago because we didn't want to live in a construction zone. I never dreamed that all these years later, this would be an issue.

I respectfully and adamantly oppose the replat of 870 St. James Drive.

Amy York 861 St. James Drive 214.208.5251

From: Bethany Eckols <beth_joey@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 4:28 PM

To: Israel Roberts

Subject: Opposition to the Replat of 870 St. James Dr. In Oakwood Estates, Phase 3.

I am writing to express my opposition to the replat of <u>870 St. James Drive in Oakwood Estates</u>, Phase 3. Dividing the existing lot into two will not be functional, or in keeping with the aesthetic of Oakwood Estates. I am concerned for the safety and convenience of Fairview residents if the lot is divided and new construction commences at the corner of St. James Drive and Hart Road, especially while major reconstruction of Stacy Road is in process.

Kind Regards,

Bethany Eckols (Fairview Resident) 501 Hackberry Dr. Fairview, TX 75069

Sent from my iPhone

Sent: Sunday, April 10, 2016 10:53 PM

To: Israel Roberts

Cc: Frank OReilly; Frank OReilly

Subject: 870 St. James Road, Fairview, Texas

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I would be delighted to visit regarding this issue and appreciation your attention to my sincerest opposition.

warmest regards,

Britt Berrett 214-529-0512 901 St. James Drive Fairview, TX 75069

From: jennifer williams <jennifer.r.williams@me.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 9:01 PM

To: Israel Roberts

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Thank you, Jennifer Williams 640 Maple Creek Drive, Fairview

From: Lori Willard < lori.willard@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 3:25 PM

To: Israel Roberts **Subject:** 870 St James Drive

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Thanks,

Lori Willard

From: Nicole Hathaway < jnhathaway 7@att.net>

Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 9:19 AM

To: Israel Roberts **Subject:** St James Dr

Dear Mr. Roberts,

I am writing to express my opposition to the replat of <u>870 St. James Drive in Oakwood Estates</u>, Phase 3. Dividing the existing lot into two will not be functional, or in keeping with the aesthetic of Oakwood Estates. I do not believe approval of this replat would be in the best interest of the town and the majority of those who live here or may want to live here in the future. To approve the replat would also give cause to those in the town who have been denied a replat previously, to take action to have their requests reconsidered.

I am also concerned for the safety and convenience of Fairview residents if the lot is divided and new construction commences at the corner of St. James Drive and Hart Road, especially while major reconstruction of Stacy Road is in process.

Lastly, please carefully consider how approval of this proposed replat would set a precedent for future requests. Dividing existing properties like the lovely ones in Oakwood Estates is not in keeping with our town culture and community values.

Thank you for your time and your service to our beautiful town.

Sincerely, Nicole Hathaway 971 Hart Rd Fairview, TX

From: emichal6@gmail.com

Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 11:40 AM

To: Israel Roberts **Subject:** Opposition of replat

I am writing to express my opposition to the replat of <u>870 St. James Drive in Oakwood Estates</u>, Phase 3. Dividing the existing lot into two will not be functional, or in keeping with the aesthetic of Oakwood Estates. I live across the street and I am concerned for the safety and convenience of Fairview residents if the lot is divided and new construction commences at the corner of St. James Drive and Hart Road. This is a high traffic corner at certain times of the day and will be more so while the construction on Stacy Road is in process.

Thank you for taking this into consideration.

Eleanor and Scott Michal

Sent from my iPhone

From: Staci Myatt <stacimyatt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 2:50 PM

To: Israel Roberts

Subject: Replat of 870 St. James

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Thanks, Staci Myatt

Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 10:34 PM

To: Israel Roberts

Subject: Opposition to RP2016-01, 870 Oakwood

Dear Mr. Roberts,

We live across the street from 870 Oakwood and oppose re-platting the existing 2 acre lot into 2 homesites. This goes against the character developed and maintained on St. James Road, as every lot on the east side is platted 2 acres. In addition, a house and driveway so close to the intersection of St. James and Hart Road will impair traffic and safety.

As an example, please take a drive down Hart Road, and note the house that was "crammed in" on the corner of Hart Road and Country Club, 1160 Hart Road. Placing a home on a bare minimum acre, without taking it's surroundings or proximity to traffic into account has led to a mess at the end of Hart Road. This driveway, the placing of the homeowner's trash each week, and visiting cars have often interfered with the flow of traffic. And to counter these issues, the town has erected several "No Parking" signs, severely impacting the country look and feel of Hart Road.

This has been a very disappointing and impactful outcome of poor planning and site context, and I am concerned the same issues will occur on Hart and St. James if this re-platting is approved.

Thank you for your consideration, Wynne & Ed Allen 1021 Hart Road

From: Richard Connelly <rconnelly980@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 10:29 AM

To: Israel Roberts

Subject: Re: 870 St. James Road, Fairview, Texas

Attachments: Developers agreement 1995.pdf

Mr. Roberts,

Following on to the email thread below:

There is a general consensus among the Board members of the Oakwood Homeowners Association and the members of its Covenant Committee that lots within Oakwood Estates I, II & III should not be subdivided. In addition, the HOA Board expects the Town to honor item #1 in the letter agreement approved by Town Council on May 9, 1995 which limits the number of residences to be built in Oakwood Phase III to 66. Having met that limit, no additional homes can be built in Phase III thereby making the measure to split the lot at 870 St James before P&Z on April 14, 2016 meaningless.

Regards,

Rich Connelly President Oakwood Homeowners Association

From: Frank OReilly <foreilly41@gmail.com>

To: iroberts@fairviewtexas.org

Cc: iroberts@fairviewtexas.org; Frank OReilly <foreilly@sbcglobal.net>; Julie Couch <JCouch@fairviewtexas.org>;

Richard Connelly <rconnelly980@sbcglobal.net>; Cheryl Connelly <blacklab3452@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 9:30 AM

Subject: Re: 870 St. James Road, Fairview, Texas

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With Best Wishes Frank O'Reilly 972-567-5678

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> 214-529-0512

> 901 St. James Drive

> Fairview, TX 75069

From: Richard Connelly <rconnelly980@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 12:54 PM

To: Israel Roberts

Subject: Re: 870 St. James Road, Fairview, Texas

Mr. Roberts,

In looking at the replat survey attached to the Town Staff's report I noticed that it does not contain the same restrictions and notes that are on the plat of Oakwood Estates Phase III. My understanding is that a replat cannot amend or remove a covenant or restriction. The HOA Board would like some assurances that all of the covenants, restrictions and notes in the Oakwood Phase III plat on file in the Collin County Property Records are incorporated by reference into any replat. In addition, the HOA Board would like that the Monument referenced by Frank O'Reilly below cannot be modified, replaced or removed by the current of future owner of the property.

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