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Proposed Future Land Use & Zoning Change Applications

GRU Electric Systems Control Center 4322 NW 53rd Avenue







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Project Background

- ✤ Address: 4322 NW 53rd Avenue
- Ownership: City of Gainesville
- ✤ Approximately 2.6 acres in size
- Former home of the GRU Electric Systems Control facility
- Intent is to place appropriate land use and zoning designations to prepare property for sale and allow future private redevelopment





Project Request

Proposed Changes:

Future Land Use: 'Public Facilities' to 'Mixed Use Low'

Zoning: 'Public Services' to 'Mixed Use -1'







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Permitted Uses – Public Services

Electric, gas and sanitary services	Public administration	Local and suburban transit and interurban highway passenger transportation
Public service vehicles	Utility lines <mark> </mark>	Transmitter towers
Pipelines, except natural gas	Camps and recreational vehicle parks	Cemeteries I
Libraries and information centers	U.S. Postal Service	Museums, art galleries and botanical and zoological gardens
Public lands designated for open space or conservation	Places of religious assembly	Activity-based public parks and recreational facilities as defined by the comprehensive plan
Amusement parks	Public golf courses	Commercial sports
Membership sports and recreation clubs	Water conservation areas, water reservoirs and control structures, drainage wells and water wells	Golf driving ranges
Amusement and recreation services	Activity-based private recreational or open space lands	Any other use specified in the ordinance rezoning property to this classification

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Permitted Uses – MU-1 Zoning

Eating places No		
Eating places Ne	eighborhood shopping center	General merchandise stores
Family child care homes Ne	eighborhood convenience center	Residential (8 to 30 dwelling units per acre)
Miscellaneous retail Pla	laces of religious assembly	Outdoor cafes
Community residential homes Be	ed and breakfast establishments	Personal and business services
Food stores Ve	eterinary services	Apparel and accessory stores
	ersonal fitting and sales of prosthetic or rthopedic appliances	Repair services for household needs
Gasoline service stations including the sale An of alternative fuels for automobiles	musement and recreation services	U.S. Postal Service
	ome furniture, furnishings and equipment tores	Finance, insurance and real estate
Miscellaneous repair services Mo	otion pictures	Public administration
Hardware, paint, glass and wallpaper stores Pu	ublic service vehicles	Health, educational, legal and social services
Auto and home supply stores Mu	useums and art galleries	Painting and paper hangers
Building construction - General contractors La and operative builders	andscape and horticultural services	Plumbing, heating and air conditioning
Retail nurseries, lawn and garden supply Ra stores	adio and television broadcasting stations	Telephone, telegraph and other message communications
Alcoholic beverage establishments Me	embership organizations	

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Project Summary / Justification

- Requests are consistent with Comprehensive Plan & Land Development Code
- Compatible with surrounding existing land uses
- Consistent with Future Land Use, Zoning and Activity Center Maps







Project Justification

Consistency with Comprehensive Plan

- Mixed Use Low predominant category on existing future land use map in immediate area.
- The MUL category 'allows a mixture of residential and nonresidential uses such as standard lot single-family houses, small-lot single-family houses, duplex houses, townhouses (attached housing), accessory dwelling units, group homes, multi-family housing (if compatible in scale and character with other dwellings in the proposed neighborhood, offices scaled to serve the surrounding neighborhood, retail scaled to serve the surrounding neighborhood...' (Future Land Use Element Policy 4.1.1)
- Development shall serve the surrounding neighborhood and shall be developed at an appropriate scale.





Project Justification

Consistency with Land Development Code

Section 30-64(a)

- The MU-1 zoning district 'is established for the purpose of allowing coordinated developments designed to offer a mixture of residential, convenience-type retail, professional and consumer service uses primarily for residents of mixed use and adjacent residential neighborhoods..(and) is established to allow uses compatible with each other and with surrounding residential areas to be developed near each other...in a relationship harmonious with adjoining residential activities.'
- Redevelopment will serve the nearby residents in a manner that is compatible.





Project Justification

Consistency with Land Development Code

Section 30-64(b)

- Mixed Use Objectives:
 - Permit compatible commercial, office, service and residential developments that benefit from being located near each other.
 - ✤ Minimize number of driveway connections.

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- ✤ Require buffering from abutting residential uses
- Accommodate neighborhood-level services and retail uses along existing business corridors.
- Redevelopment will permit this mix of uses along existing business corridor, reduce the number of driveway connections and provide buffering.

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Activity Center Map



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Activity Center

- Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Element Data and Analysis labels this intersection (including the subject property) as a 'Neighborhood & Regional (Activity) Center.'
- These designated Activity Centers are typically located at major intersections or employment centers throughout the City.
- Activity Centers are implemented with mixed use categories, such as the proposed Mixed Use designations.
- Intent: Attract mixed-use, pedestrian friendly development and redevelopment.
- The proposed Mixed Use designations will provide the mechanisms needed to redevelop the site as a high quality urban development that follows the required design principles.
- Likely that the subject property would already have Mixed Use designations if it had been historically a privately owned property.







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Compatibility

- Mixed Use are the predominant designations on the existing future land use and zoning maps.
- ✤ Surrounding Uses:
 - ✤ North and West: Office
 - East: Utility Substation (across NW 43rd Street)
 - Southeast: Gas Station and Retail
 - South: Bank and Shopping Center
 - ✤ West (southern 54 feet): Single Family

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- All uses listed above are permitted uses in the proposed Mixed Use Districts and should therefore be considered to be compatible.
- Most intensive potential commercial uses require additional approvals, such as Special Use Permits.
- LDC requires buffering standards for uses abutting residential.
- Existing heavy buffering to remain (see following pictures).

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SUMMARY

- Sale of surplus land will benefit GRU ratepayers.
- Request is consistent with Comprehensive Plan, Land Development Code and Land Use and Zoning Maps.
- Located within existing Activity Center at major intersection.
- Mixture of highest and best use of land and compatible with existing development pattern.
- Plan Board recommendation Approval
- Staff Recommendation Approval





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