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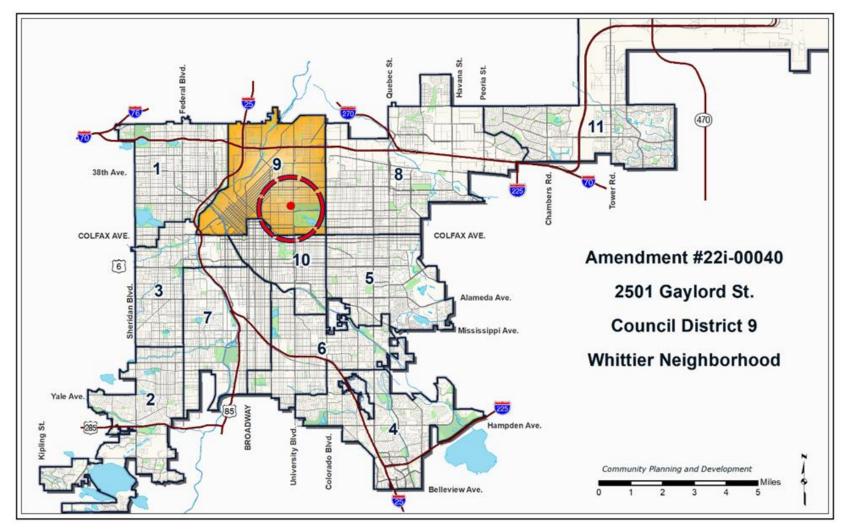
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Presenter: Andrew Webb



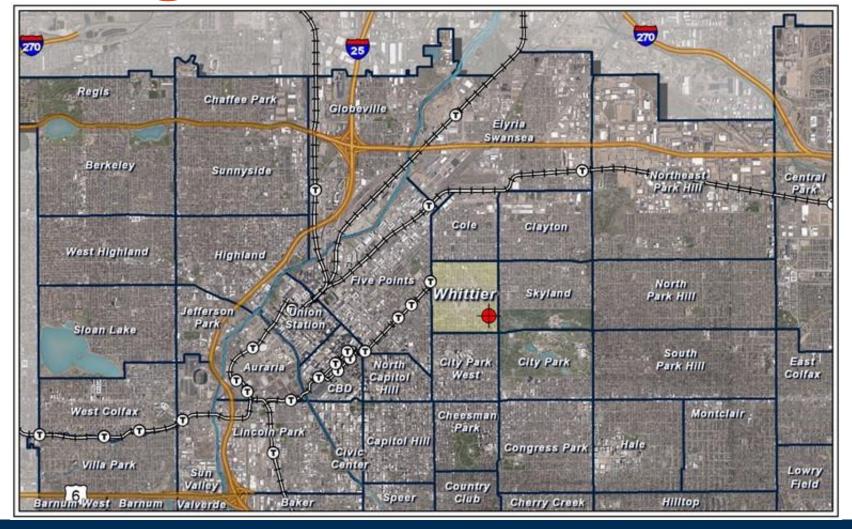


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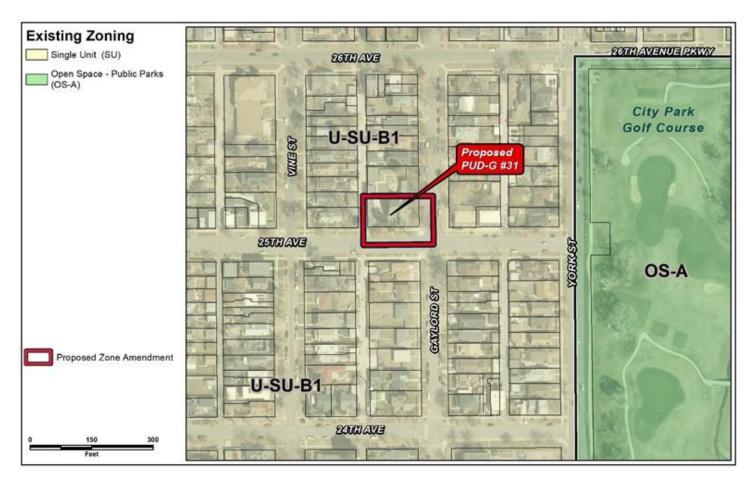


Whittier Neighborhood





Existing Zoning



Surrounding Zoning:

- U-SU-B1
- U-SU-B1, OS-A



Existing Land Use



- Existing land use:
 - Public/Quasi Public
 (former church-affiliated
 home healthcare agency
 and convent)
- Surrounding land uses:
 - Single-unit, two-unit and multi-unit residential
 - nearby church and City
 Park Golf Course



Existing Context - Building Form/Scale

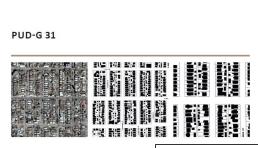






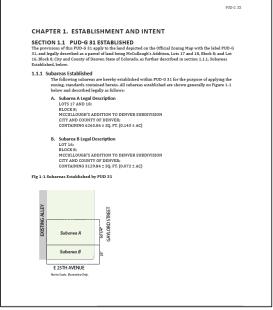


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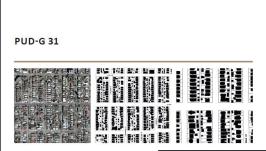


Goals

- Achieve intent of a 2022 Memorandum of Understanding between property owners and neighbors:
 - Preserve and rehabilitate existing large home
 - Build 3 new homes on the property, two to the north (outside the PUD) and one to the south.

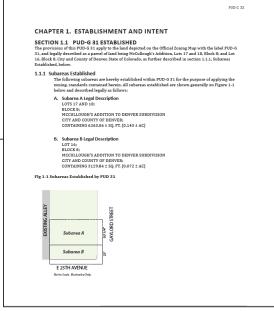


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Two subareas:

- Subarea A (north) based on U-SU-B1 would contain existing structure
- Subarea B (south) based on U-SU-A1 would allow development of new structure on narrower zone lot
- Vacant land outside PUD area would retain U-SU-B1 district

Tailored standards:

- Building height, side and front setbacks and bulk plane vertical height to accommodate existing house, which exceeds 40 feet in height
- Bulk plane standards for Subarea B to allow additional flexibility for new house built to south

Retention of existing structure ("Remaining Building"):

- Masonry façade
- Hip and gable roof
- Wood details in roof fascia and under gable
- Brick porch



Process

- Informational Notice: 11/8/2022
- Planning Board Notice Posted: 3/20/2023
- Planning Board Public Hearing: 4/5/2023
- LUTI Committee (tentative): 6/6/2023
- City Council Public Hearing (tentative): 7/24/2023



Review Criteria

Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
- 2. Uniformity of District Regulations
- 3. Further Public Health, Safety and Welfare
- 4. Justifying Circumstances
- 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Zone District Purpose and Intent



Review Criteria

Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
 - Comprehensive Plan 2040
 - Blueprint Denver (2019)
 - Whittier Neighborhood Plan (2000)
- 2. Uniformity of District Regulations
- 3. Further Public Health, Safety and Welfare
- 4. Justifying Circumstances
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Review Criteria: Consistency with Adopted Plans

Comprehensive Plan 2040

- Strong and Authentic Neighborhoods Goal 1, Strategy D Encourage quality infill development that is consistent with the surrounding neighborhoods and offers opportunities for increased amenities (p. 34).
- Strong and Authentic Neighborhoods Goal 1.3 Preserve the authenticity of Denver's neighborhoods and celebrate our history, architecture and culture. (p. 18).
- Strong and Authentic Neighborhoods Goal 2, Strategy D Use urban design to contribute to economic viability, public health, safety, environmental well-being, neighborhood culture and quality of life (p. 34).
- Equitable, Affordable and Inclusive Goal 2, Strategy B Create a greater mix of housing options in every neighborhood for all individuals and families. (p. 28).



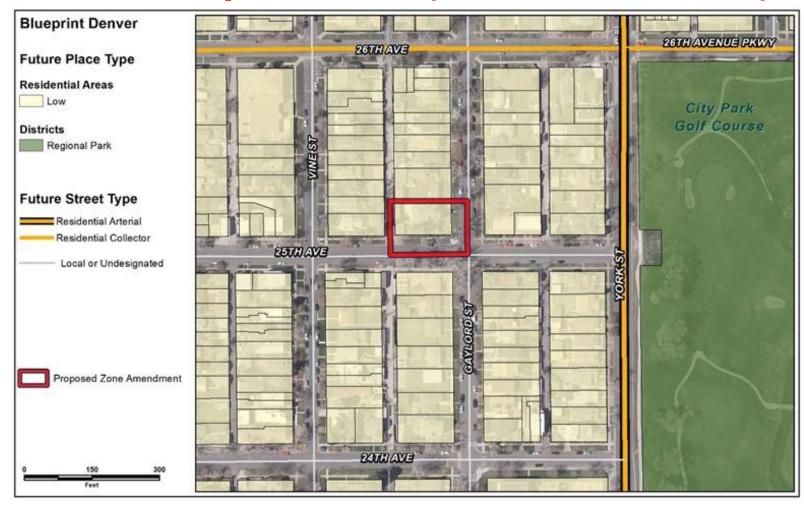




Urban Neighborhood Context

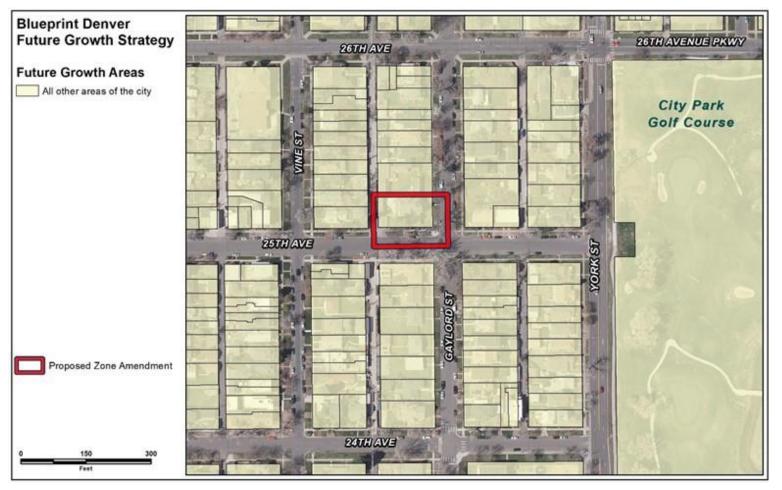
- Areas of single- and two-unit residential units in grid block patterns with alleys
- U-SU-B1 and U-SU-A1 base zone districts
 - Single-unit zone districts in the Urban Neighborhood Context
 - Intended to "promote and protect residential neighborhoods within the character of the Urban Neighborhood Context





- Low residential Area
 - Predominately single-unit and two-unit uses on smaller lots
 - Accessory Dwelling Units are appropriate
- U-SU-B1 and U-SU-A1 base zone districts
 - Single-unit districts that allow ADUs and Urban House building form





- Growth Areas Strategy
 - "All Other Areas of the City"
 - Expected to see 20% of new housing growth by 2040
- PUD-G 31 would allow preservation of an existing house and provide for the construction of 3 new houses, as well as Accessory Dwelling Units.

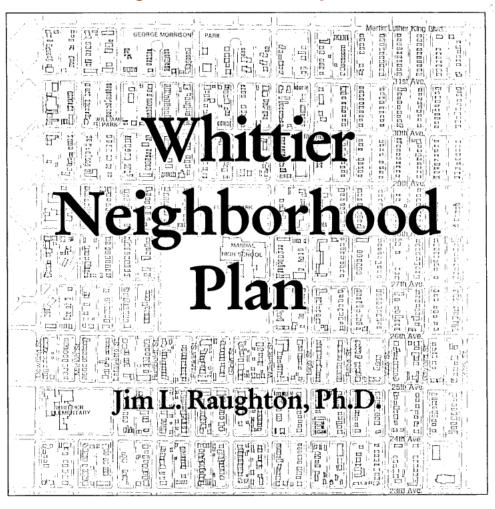
Additional Recommendations

Custom Zoning

"Limit the use of site-specific, customized zoning tools—such as Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) and waivers/conditions—to unique and extraordinary circumstances. Custom zoning tools are most effective when a standard zone district does not exist to implement the adopted plans for an area" (p. 73).



Consistency with Adopted Plans: Whittier Neighborhood Plan



Key Recommendations

- "Encourage and support residential development of vacant land that reflects existing design of the neighborhood. (p. 28)"
- "Encourage infill development that reflects New Urbanism design including front porches, Denver Square scale, and high level of craftsmanship. (p. 28)"
- "Maintain the historic character of the neighborhood and encourage the development of housing that provides a cohesive visual image of the history. (p. 37)."

Review Criteria

Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

1. Consistency with Adopted Plans

2. Uniformity of District Regulations

 Proposed rezoning will result in uniform application of zone district building form, use, and design regulations (PUD is based on U-SU-B1 and U-SU-A1 zone districts)

3. Further Public Health, Safety and Welfare

- Implements adopted plans
- Implements community desire to preserve existing notable structure

4. Justifying Circumstances

 Changed Conditions: previous user moved away and vacated nonresidential use in a zone district where a new nonresidential use could not be reestablished.

5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Zone District Purpose and Intent

- PUD allows U-SU- Urban House building form to ensure neighborhood compatibility



Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

- A. The PUD District is consistent with the intent and purpose of such districts stated in Article 9, Division 9.6 (Planned Unit Development) of the Zoning Code;
- B. The PUD District and the PUD District Plan comply with all applicable standards and criteria stated in Division 9.6;
- C. The development proposed on the subject property is not feasible under any other zone districts, and would require an unreasonable number of variances or waivers and conditions;
- D. The PUD District and the PUD District Plan establish permitted uses that are compatible with existing land uses adjacent to the subject property; and
- E. The PUD District and the PUD District Plan establish permitted building forms that are compatible with adjacent existing building forms, or which are made compatible through appropriate transitions at the boundaries of the PUD District Plan



- A. The PUD District is consistent with the intent and purpose of such districts stated in Article 9, Division 9.6 (Planned Unit Development) of the Zoning Code;
 - Customized zoning approach is necessary to address special locational and physical characteristics with significant development
 - Allows redevelopment of large mostly vacant parcel while customizing building form standards for existing 1924 structure that is taller and wider than would typically be allowed in the Urban House building form.



Not intended solely as a vehicle to develop a site inconsistent with the applicable neighborhood context or enhance economic feasibility

- PUD-G 31 is consistent with the Urban neighborhood context and character.
- PUD-G 31 is intended as a mechanism to ensure that development is consistent with adopted plans.

Significant public benefit

• Preservation of existing 1924 home that was once used as a convent and is valued by the community as a local landmark for its architecture and scale



- B. The PUD complies with all applicable standards and criteria for PUDs

 The PUD complies with all standards and criteria stated in Division 9.6.
- C. The development proposed on the subject property is not feasible under any other zone districts, and would require an unreasonable number of variances or waivers and conditions
 - The PUD is necessary because there is no standard zone district available that applies the Urban House building form to the existing structure's unique size and shape without multiple variances, waivers, or conditions.
- D. The PUD establishes permitted uses that are compatible with existing land uses adjacent to the subject property
 - No use-related changes proposed to the base U-SU-B1 and U-SU-A1 zone districts

- E. The PUD establishes permitted building forms that are compatible with adjacent existing building forms.
 - The PUD provides tailored building form standards, largely based on the U-SU-B1 and U-SU-A1 zone districts' Urban House building form, with tailoring to existing building height, front and side setback, and bulk plane vertical height.
 - The PUD will allow development that is similar in scale and appearance to adjacent existing building forms.



CPD Recommendation

Staff finds that all review criteria have been met and recommends the LUTI committee forward this proposed rezoning to the full City Council for a public hearing.

Standard Rezoning Criteria

- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
- 2. Uniformity of District Regulations
- 3. Further Public Health, Safety and Welfare
- 4. Justifying Circumstances
- 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Zone District Purpose and Intent

PUD-Specific Rezoning Criteria

- A. The PUD is consistent with the intent and purpose of PUDs;
- B. The PUD complies with all applicable standards and criteria for PUDs;
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