

FILE NO.: Z-9927

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NAME: Rezoning from R-2 to O-1

LOCATION: 18625 Kanis Road

DEVELOPER:

Margaret Golden Revocable Trust  
2820 Walnut Grove Road  
Little Rock, AR 72223

OWNER/AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Margaret Golden Revocable Trust – Owner  
Joe White and Associates, Inc. – Agent

SURVEYOR/ENGINEER:

Joe White and Associates, Inc.  
25 Rahling Circle, Suite A-5  
Little Rock, AR 72223

AREA: 1.34 acres                      NUMBER OF LOTS: 1                      FT. NEW STREET: 0 LF

WARD: N/A                              PLANNING DISTRICT: 18                      CENSUS TRACT: 42.07

CURRENT ZONING:                      R-2

VARIANCE/WAIVERS:                      None requested.

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A.    PROPOSAL/REQUEST/APPLICANT'S STATEMENT:

The property owner requests to rezone the 1.34 acre property located at 18625 Kanis Road from "R-2" Single Family District to "O-1" Quiet Office District to allow future office development of the property.

B.    EXISTING CONDITIONS:

The property is located on the south side of Kanis Road, at the intersection of Kanis Road and Denny Road. The property is mostly tree covered. There is an old single family residential structure located near the center of the property.

C. NEIGHBORHOOD NOTIFICATIONS:

All owners of property located within 300 feet of the site and all neighborhood associations registered with the City of Little Rock were notified of the public hearing.

D. ENGINEERING COMMENTS: No comments.

E. UTILITIES/FIRE DEPARTMENT/PARKS/COUNTY PLANNING:

Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority: No comments.

Entergy: No comments received.

Summit Utilities: No comments.

AT & T: No comments received.

Central Arkansas Water: NO OBJECTIONS; All Central Arkansas Water requirements in effect at the time of request for water service must be met.

Fire Department:

**Maintain Access:**

**Fire Hydrants.**

Maintain fire apparatus access roads at fire hydrant locations as per Appendix D of the 2021 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code Vol. 1 **Section D103.1 Access road width with a hydrant.** Where a fire hydrant is located on a fire apparatus access road, the minimum road width shall be 26 feet, exclusive of shoulders.

**Grade**

Maintain fire apparatus access roads as per Appendix D of the 2021 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code Vol. 1 **Section D103.2 Grade. Fire apparatus access roads shall not exceed 10 percent in grade except as approved by the fire chief. If the grade exceeds 10 percent, approval will be denied and the applicant must submit request to be reviewed by Fire Chief for Approval.**

**Loading**

Maintain fire apparatus access road design as per Appendix D of the 2021 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code Vol. 1 **Section D102.1 Access and loading.** Facilities, buildings or portions of buildings hereafter constructed shall be accessible to fire department apparatus by way of an approved fire apparatus access road with an asphalt, concrete or other approved driving surface capable of supporting the imposed load of fire apparatus weighing at least 75,000 pounds.

**Commercial and Industrial Developments – 2 means of access.** - Maintain fire apparatus access roads as per Appendix D of the 2021 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code Vol. 1

**Section D104.1 Buildings exceeding three stories or 30 feet in height.** Building or facilities exceeding 30 feet or three stories in height shall have at least two means of fire apparatus access for each structure.

**Section D104.2 Building exceeding 62,000 square feet in area.** Buildings or facilities having a gross building area of more than 62,000 square feet shall be provide with two separate and approved fire apparatus access roads.

**Exception:** Projects having a gross building area of up to 124,000 square feet that have a single approved fire apparatus access road when all building are equipped throughout with approved automatic sprinkler systems.

**D104.3 Remoteness.** Where two fire apparatus access roads are required, they shall be placed a distance apart equal to not less than one half of the length of the maximum overall diagonal dimension of the lot or area to be served, measured in a straight line between accesses.

**30' Tall Buildings - Maintain aerial fire apparatus access roads as per Appendix D of the 2021 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code Vol. 1 Section D105.1 – D105.4**

**D105.1 Where Required.** Where the vertical distance between the grade plane and the highest roof surface exceed 30', approved aerial fire apparatus access roads shall be provided. For the purposes of this section the highest roof surfaces shall be determined by measurement to the eave of a pitched roof, the intersection of a roof to the exterior wall, or the top of the parapet walls, whichever is greater.

**D105.2 Width.** Aerial fire apparatus access roads shall have a minimum unobstructed width of 26', exclusive of shoulders, in the immediate vicinity of the building or portion thereof.

**D105.3 Proximity to building.** At least one of the required access routes meeting this condition shall be located within a minimum of 15 feet and a maximum of 30 feet from the building, and shall be positioned parallel to one entire side of the building. The side of the building on which the aerial fire apparatus access road is positioned shall be approved by the fire code official.

**D105.4 Obstructions.** Overhead utility and power lines shall not be located over the aerial fire apparatus access road or between the aerial fire apparatus road and the building. Other obstructions shall be permitted to be places with the approval of the fire code official.

### **Fire Hydrants**

**Locate Fire Hydrants as per Appendix C of the 2021 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code.** Section C101 – C105, in conjunction with Central Arkansas Water (Daniel Tull 501-377-1245) and the Little Rock Fire Marshal's Office

(Capt. Tony Rhodes 501-918-3757, or Fire Marshal Derek N. Ingram 501-918-3756 Number and Distribution of Fire Hydrants as per Table C105.1.

Parks and Recreation: No comments received.

County Planning: Submit Site Plan to Pulaski County for the proposed office use.

F. BUILDING CODES/LANDSCAPE:

Building Codes: No comments received.

Landscape:

1. Any new site development must comply with the City's minimal landscape and buffer ordinance requirements. Refer to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15 Landscaping and Tree Protection, and Chapter 36, Article IX – Buffers and Screening.
2. Site development plans, with landscape and screening, must be submitted for review, and approval, prior to site clearing and tree removal.

G. TRANSPORTATION/PLANNING:

Rock Region Metro: No comments received.

Planning Division:

The request is in the Ellis Mountain Planning District. The Land Use Plan shows Suburban Office (SO) for the requested area. The Suburban Office (SO) category provides for low intensity development of office or office parks in close proximity to lower density residential areas. To assure compatibility, a Planned Zoning District is required. The application is to rezone from R-2 to O-1. The purpose is for R-2 to O-1.

To the west of the application area is a faith-based institution. Towards the south are residential uses on large tracts of land. East is a PCD with an office.

This site is not located in an Overlay District.

Master Street Plan:

Kanis Road is a Minor Arterial on the Master Street Plan. Standard Right-of-way (ROW) is 90 feet. Sidewalks are required on both sides.

Bicycle Plan:

Kanis Road is on the Master Bike Plan as Proposed Class 2 Bike Lane.

Historic Preservation Plan:

This property is not located in a Historic District.

H. ANALYSIS:

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The City’s Future Land Use Plan designates this property as “SO” Suburban Office. The requested O-1 zoning does not require an amendment to the future land use plan.

Staff is supportive of the requested O-1 rezoning. Staff views the request as reasonable. There is a mixture of commercial and office zoning and uses near the intersection of Kanis Road and Denny Road. The property immediately to the east is zoned PCD, with the property immediately west being occupied by a church facility. C-1 zoned property is located across Kanis Road to the north. The proposed O-1 zoning will be compatible with the surrounding properties.

I. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the requested O-1 rezoning.

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PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:

(FEBRUARY 8, 2024)

The applicant was present. There were no persons registered in opposition. Staff presented the item and a recommendation of approval as outlined in the “staff analysis”

above. The item remained on the Consent Agenda for Approval. The vote was 9 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent. The application was approved.