Midway City Council 7 January 2020 Regular Meeting

Dutch Canyon Subdivision, Plat B
/ Amendment



# **CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT**

**DATE OF MEETING:** 

January 7, 2020

NAME OF PROJECT:

Dutch Canyon Subdivision Phase B

NAME OF APPLICANT:

Berg Engineering

NAME OF OWNER:

Daniel Watkins

**AGENDA ITEM:** 

Plat Amendment to combine Lots 11 and 12

LOCATION:

1676 North Dutch Canyon Mountain Circle

**ZONING DESIGNATION:** 

RA-1-43 zone

## ITEM: 8

Berg Engineering, agent for Daniel Watkins, is requesting a Plat Amendment of Dutch Canyon Subdivision Phase B. The proposal is to combine lots 11 and 12 into one building lot. The property is located at 1676 North Dutch Canyon Mountain Circle and is in the RA-1-43 zone.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Daniel Watkins is proposing a plat amendment to Dutch Canyon Subdivision Phase B. The property is located at 1676 North Dutch Canyon Mountain Circle and is in the RA-1-43 zone. The applicant is proposing to combine lots 11 and 12 into one lot to create more space around a future home. Both lots are 0.85 acres so the proposed lot will be 1.7 acres, if the lot combination is approved. In the past few years the City has approved six similar plat amendments where lots were combined.

The approval of the plat amendment will reduce the traffic in the area by, potentially, ten trips per day. It will also create more open space because only one dwelling will be allowed instead of two that are currently allowed. Overall density in the subdivision will also be reduced if the proposal is approved. The applicant will benefit from reduced property taxes if the lots are combined into one lot.

This type of plat amendment is a legislative item and City Council is not obligated to allow any changes even if they feel that the applicant met the requirements of the Code.

#### **ANALYSIS:**

For the Land Use Authority to approve a plat amendment Utah State Code dictates that the Land Use Authority consider the petition in a public meeting. The City Council should consider if the proposal is in the best interest of the community and if the petition matches the vision of Midway as described in the General Plan. The General Plan describes, among many things, the preservation of open space and the rural atmosphere of Midway. This proposal seems to help reach those two goals by reducing the number of dwellings that will be built in the subdivision. Lowering density reduces the impact of development on the community by reducing potential services required by a developed lot, traffic (on average about ten trips per day) and potential impact on the school district.

A plat amendment and plat vacation are legislative items and the City Council is not obligated to allow any changes even if they feel that the applicant complies the requirements of the Code. Subsection 9a-608(2)(a) states "a land use authority may consider at a public meeting an owner's petition to vacate or amend a subdivision plat if the petition seeks to:"

(i) join two or more of the petitioner fee owner's contiguous lots;

No public street, right-of-way, easement will be vacated or altered. A public utility easement that runs along the shared lot line of lots 11 and 12 will be removed.

### PROPOSED FINDINGS:

- Potential trips per day generated from the two lots will be reduced
- Density in the subdivision will be reduced
- The area will feel more open because of the reduction of one lot
- No public street, right-of-way, or easement will be vacated or altered

## **ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS:**

- 1. <u>Approval (conditional)</u>. This action can be taken if the City Council finds there is good cause to approve the proposal.
  - a. Accept staff report
  - b. Reasons for approval (findings)
  - c. Place condition(s) if needed
- 2. <u>Continuance</u>. This action can be taken if the City Council finds that there are unresolved issues.
  - a. Accept staff report
  - b. List accepted findings
  - c. Reasons for continuance
    - i. Unresolved issues that must be addressed
  - d. Date when the item will be heard again
- 3. <u>Denial</u>. This action can be taken if the City Council finds that the request does not meet the intent of the ordinance.
  - a. Accept staff report
  - b. List accepted findings
  - c. Reasons for denial







