Midway City Council 6 April 2021 Regular Meeting

Dutch Canyon Subdivision,
Plat "A" /
Second Amendment



### **CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT**

DATE OF MEETING:

April 6, 2021

NAME OF PROJECT:

**Dutch Canyon Subdivision** 

NAME OF APPLICANT:

Weston Whitman

**AGENDA ITEM:** 

Plat Amendment of Lots 3 and 5A

LOCATION:

713 East Dutch Mountain Drive (Lot 5A) & 761 East

Dutch Mountain Way (Lot 3)

**ZONING DESIGNATION:** 

RA-1-43 zone

### **ITEM: 12**

Berg Engineering, agent for Weston Whitman and Stephen Broadbent, is proposing a plat amendment of the Dutch Canyon Subdivision Plat "A" and Dutch Canyon Subdivision Plat "A" Lots 5 & 6 Amended. The proposal is to remove 0.427 acres from lot 5A and add that area to lot 3. The properties are located at 713 East Dutch Mountain Drive & 761 East Dutch Mountain Way in the RA-1-43 zone.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Weston Whitman and Stephen Broadbent are proposing a plat amendment to Dutch Canyon Subdivision Plat "A" and Dutch Canyon Subdivision Plat "A" Lots 5 & 6 Amended. The property is located at 695 East Dutch Mountain Drive and is in the RA-1-43 zone. The property owners are proposing to adjust the common lot line between the two lots. The adjustment would remove 0.427 acres from lot 5A (currently 1.277 acres) which would then be added to lot 3

(currently 0.85 acres). If approved, lot 5A would be 0.85 acres and lot 3 would become 1.277 acres.

The proposal does not create any additional lots and therefore should not have an impact on traffic, water, or sewer. Lot 5A was part of a previous plat amendment that combined lots 4, 5 and 6, each 0.85 acres in size, into two 1.277 acre lots.

The applicant has indicated that the adjustments to the property lines should not impact existing sewer and water laterals that are installed to the lots.

### **ANALYSIS:**

A 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. Subsection 9a-608(5)(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:

(iii) adjust the lot lines of adjoining lots or parcels if the fee owners of each of the adjoining lots or parcels join in the petition, regardless of whether the lots or parcels are located in the same subdivision;

With that being said, a lot line adjustment is an administrative action, according to state law, as long as both properties comply with the land use ordinance. Utah law states that "owners of record of adjacent parcels…may exchange title to portions of those parcels if the exchange of title is approved by the land use authority in accordance with Subsection (5)(b). Utah Code 10-9a-608(5)(a). Subsection (5)(b) states that "the land use authority shall approve an exchange of title under Subsection (5)(a) if the exchange of title will not result in a violation of any land use ordinance."

No public street, right-of-way, or easements will be vacated. The 10' public utility easements that run along both sides of the common boundary line will be adjusted so that it continues to run along the common boundary line.

When Dutch Canyon Subdivision was approved, it was approved with a minimum lot size of 0.85 acres, due to an open space commitment of 15%. The proposed adjustments would meet the minimum acreage and frontage requirements as allowed by code and would likely make lot 3 more conforming with the expansion of its frontage along Dutch Mountain Road.

The proposed plat includes an existing 20' x 70' landscape easement on the front of lot 3 near the intersection of Dutch Mountain Drive and Dutch Mountain Way.

The original Dutch Canyon Subdivision Plat A included a private 10' horse trail easement along the north property boundary of lots 3-6. When the plat for lots 4-6 was previously amended, the horse trail easement that traversed the lots was removed. Additionally, the easement does not continue eastward into the Meadows at Dutch Canyon Subdivision, making the portion of

easement on lot 3 an island. Because of this, the applicant is proposing to vacate the easement from lot 3.

The duration of a plat amendment approval shall be for one year from the date of approval of the amendment by the City Council. Should the amended plat not be recorded by the County Recorder within the one-year period of time, the plat amendment's approval shall be voided, and approval must be re-obtained, unless, upon request by the applicant and on a showing of extenuating circumstances, the City Council extends the time limit for recording, with or without conditions. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to, provisions requiring that: (a) each extension will be for a one-year period only, after which time an annual review must be requested by the applicant and presented before the City Council; and/or (b) no more than three one-year extensions will be allowed. The granting or denying of any extension, with or without conditions, is within the sole discretion of the City Council, and an applicant has no right to receive such an extension.

### PROPOSED FINDINGS:

- Both lot 3 and 5A will continue to conform to the requirements for lots in the RA-1-43 zone if the plat amendment is approved
- State law requires a land use authority to approve a lot line adjustment if the exchange will not result in a violation of any land use ordinance, no violations have been identified
- State law states a plat amendment may be considered by the land use authority at a public meeting
- 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 feels 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 feels 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 feels that the request does not meet the intent of the ordinance.
  - a. Accept staff report
  - b. List accepted findings
  - c. Reasons for denial

### PROPOSED CONDITIONS:

None

Exhibit 1 – Location Maps

Exhibit 2 – Original Subdivision Plat

Exhibit 3 - Subdivision Plat 1st Amended

Exhibit 4 - Proposed Amended Plat













