



## METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

*"Planning the Future - Respecting the Past"*

March 12, 2019

### COURTESY NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ACTION

A public hearing regarding petition described below will be held by the City of Savannah on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall, 2 East Bay Street. The hearing will be held in Council Chambers in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of City Hall.

**REQUEST:** The Parkside Neighborhood Association proposes to create a "Conservation District" from the centerline of Victory Drive / US Hwy 80 to the centerline of 52<sup>nd</sup> Lane, Waters Avenue to Bee Road; and 51<sup>st</sup> Lane to 52<sup>nd</sup> Lane between Bee Road and approximately Grenoble (extended). All parcels of land shown on the attached map would be included in the overlay district.

**PURPOSE/IMPACT:** The purpose of the overlay district is to require that the demolition of properties older than 50 years and meeting certain historic criteria be reviewed by the Planning Commission prior to the issuance of a building permit. This would provide a public hearing in order to better protect established historic neighborhoods from losing historic buildings.

A text amendment to the City of Savannah Zoning Ordinance is proposed to create the Parkside Overlay Conservation District (File No. 18-006619-ZA) and a rezoning of the properties within the overlay is also proposed (File No. 18-006939-ZA).

The attached map shows the properties proposed to be within the Parkside Conservation District.

**Review Process:** MPC staff prepared a staff report with a recommendation for consideration by the Planning Commission which they approved on January 29, 2019. Because the Planning Commission is an advisory body with regards to zoning petitions, the Planning Commission has forwarded its recommendation to the Mayor and Aldermen who will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 28, 2:00 p.m. at City Hall before taking final action.

**City Council Zoning Hearing Guidelines:** Interested individuals may appear at the City Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2:00 p.m. to speak about the request. If you wish to speak at the meeting, please adhere to these guidelines:

1. If you have an item to submit to the Mayor and Aldermen (e.g., a letter, a petition, photographs, etc.) please submit the original for the official record and retain a copy. If you need computer access, please notify staff in advance of the meeting.
2. Please make your presentations concise, and comments should be limited to the zoning request. Fill out a speaker card available at the entrance of the hearing room prior to the City Council meeting.

The staff report and recommendation will be posted on the City of Savannah website by the end of day on the Friday, March 22. To access the website, please visit: <http://ga-savannah2.civicplus.com/457/Agendas-Minutes>

**If You Cannot Attend the City Council Meeting:** If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to have comments made part of the official record, please provide a letter with your comments before the meeting. Written comments become public record and may be submitted to [planning@savannahga.gov](mailto:planning@savannahga.gov).

**Meeting Confirmation:** The request may be withdrawn or continued after this notice has been mailed. It is suggested that you confirm whether the petition will be on the agenda before departing for the scheduled MPC meeting. The scheduled meeting date and time are provided in the first paragraph of this notice. Please call 912-525-3097 for confirmation.

**Disclosure of Campaign Contributions:** If you express a position on this zoning request be aware, Chapter 67A (*Conflict of Interest in Zoning Actions*) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated requires that you identify any local government official to whom you have made a campaign contribution of \$250 or more in the past two years from the date the rezoning

**Additional Information:** Please contact Ellen Harris at 912-651-1453 or [michalaki@thempc.org](mailto:michalaki@thempc.org) prior to the meeting if you have any questions or comments.

