

DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 4800 WEST COPANS ROAD COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA 33063

REZONING JUSTIFICATION STATEMENT

Please fill out the following in COMPLETE DETAIL, a restatement does not satisfy code requirements

ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS (Section 13-36)	
1.	Is not contrary to the Comprehensive Plan.
	The property was previously owned by the Broward County School Board and has remained vacant and underutilized for years. Immediately to the east is Tradewinds Elementary School and Lakeside Park, a City facility that abuts the subject property to the south. Rezoning the property to Parks and Recreation District will allow the City to improve the site thereby providing recreation options to the existing Broward County School while expanding the existing City facility for surrounding residents which is consistent with the Future Land Use element of the Comprehensive Plan. Thus, the rezoning is not contrary to the Comprehensive Plan.
2.	Will not create an isolated zoning district, which would be unrelated and incompatible with adjacent districts.
	The subject property is surrounded by park to the south, a mix of commercial and residential to the west and north, and residential to the east adjacent to Tradewinds Elementary. By rezoning the property to Parks and Recreation District, the City will expand the existing park which adds to the residential character of the area and provides both active and passive recreation uses. As such, the proposed rezoning will not create an isolated zoning district.
3.	Will not substantially impact public facilities such as schools, utilities and streets.
	The proposed use of the property is park and recreation. Because no residential or commercial uses are proposed, the rezoning will not impact school capacity or impact city utilities or streets.
4.	Will be justified by external land use conditions.
	The subject property is surrounded by existing residential and local commercial uses. The proposed rezoning allows for recreation to meets the needs of the surrounding area and existing land uses.
5.	Will not create or excessively increase automobile and vehicular traffic congestion.
	The subject property is bordered by Tradewinds Elementary, Lakeside Park (Phase 1), single family residential and a mix of local commercial shops and restaurants. Because proposed park improvements will cater to the needs of surrounding area residents that are generally within walking distance of the park, the rezoning will not create or increase vehicular traffic.
6.	Will not create a storm drainage problem for other properties.
	The proposed rezoning will not create drainage problems in that the park provides several open ball fields of pervious area. Further, the City's engineering department will coordinate any permitting requirements with county agencies as applicable.
7.	Will not adversely affect surrounding living conditions.
	Proposed improvements to the park will provide additional recreation activities to the existing residential neighborhoods. The proposed rezoning will enhance the area and living conditions of the surrounding area.
8.	Will not adversely affect environmental quality.
	The proposed rezoning will not negatively impact environmental quality of the area as the property will expand existing recreational activities. Open spaces will be enlarged and structures are limited to typical structures such as restroom facilities.
9.	Will not adversely affect other property values.



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	The subject property is surrounded by existing neighborhood commercial and residential uses. An expansion to an existing park facility provides additional community services to residents thereby increasing quality of life and overall property values.
10.	Will not be a deterrent to improvement or development of other property.
	The proposed rezoning will not deter development as the subject property is generally surrounded by development including existing homes and commercial uses.
11.	Will not constitute a special privilege to an individual owner.
	A rezoning of the property to Parks and Recreation does not create a special privilege in that most City Parks have similar zoning.



