Midway City Council 16 May 2023 Regular Meeting

Meadows at Dutch Canyon / Plat Amendment



CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: May 16, 2023

NAME OF PROJECT: The Meadows at Dutch Canyon

NAME OF APPLICANT: Berg Engineering

NAME OF OWNER: SES 260 LLC

AGENDA ITEM: Plat Amendment to combine Lots 1 and 2

LOCATION: 787 East Dutch Canyon Drive

ZONING DESIGNATION: RA-1-43 zone

ITEM: 7

Berg Engineering, SES 260 LLC, is requesting a Plat Amendment of The Meadows at Dutch Canyon Subdivision. The proposal is to combine lots 1 and 2 into one building lot. The property is located at 787 East Dutch Canyon Drive and is in the RA-1-43 zone.

BACKGROUND:

Berg Engineering is proposing a plat amendment to The Meadows at Dutch Canyon Subdivision. The proposed amendment would combine lots 1 and 2 into one building lot. Both lots are owned by SES 260 LLC. The property is located at 787 East Dutch Canyon and is in the RA-1-43 zone. Currently lot 1 is 0.97 acres and lot 2 is 0.9 acres. The proposed new combined lot will be 1.87 acres. In the past several years the City Council has approved approximately ten similar plat amendments where lots were combined.

The approval of the plat amendment will reduce the potential traffic in the area by, approximately, ten trips per day. It will also create more open area because only one dwelling will be allowed instead of the two that are currently approved. 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.

There is a Midway Irrigation Company (MIC) ditch that runs along the north boundary of the property of The Meadows at Dutch Canyon. It was recently discovered that an easement was not included on the current plat for MIC that gives notice for lot owners of maintenance and development restrictions for the existing irrigation ditch. A MIC easement was included in both plats of the Dutch Canyon subdivision to the east. The MIC easement in Dutch Canyon plat A is for the same irrigation ditch that runs through lots 1 and 2 of the lots that are proposed to be combined. An easement should be placed on the amended plat that will give property owners notice of restrictions within the easement.

ANALYSIS:

In order 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.

No public street, right-of-way, easement will be vacated or altered. A public utility easement that runs along the shared lot lines will be removed and the other will be relocated along the new lot line boundaries.

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









