STAFF CASE REPORT TO PLANNING COMMISSION

| Subdivision Case Number: Subdivision Name: | 2016-061 Teresa Burrow 8664 Snow Hill Rd Variance Request-Minimum Lot Size on Private Easement | PC Meeting Date: 11-14-16 |
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| Applicant Request: | Variance-Section 402.1 Required Access for Hamilton County Subdivision Regulations-M | |
| | Lots Accessed by Private Easement and Wic | Ith of Easement |
| Property Location: | 8664 Snow Hill Road | |
| Property Owner: | Teresa Burrow | |
| Applicant: | Cornerstone Surveying | |
| Total Acreage: | 4.4 Acres | |
| Proposed Density: | 0.45 Dwelling Units Per Acre | |
| Tax Map Number: | 095-034.01 | |
| Zoning: | R-5 Single-Wide Manufactured Home Distri | ct. |
| Staff Recommendation: | APPROVE | |

PROJECT ANALYSIS

RPA Comments

Applicant Request

The applicant has submitted a subdivision plat to subdivide 8664 Snow Hill Road into two (2) lots with access by a 25' wide flag stem, as well as, a proposed 25' wide private easement to serve as access to the second lot. The 25' wide private access easement will provide access for the lot to a public road, which is Snow Hill Road.

Currently, the site is one existing lot that is approximately 4.4 acres in size. As part of this subdivision process the applicant has submitted a variance request to Section 402.1 Required Access for Residential Lots of the Hamilton County Subdivision Regulations.

Section 402.1 requires a minimum lot size of 5 acres for lots to be accessed by a private easement. Section 402.1 also requires a minimum width of 15' for each lot served by the private access easement.

The applicant has proposed the following lot sizes:

Lot 1: 1.37 Acres (200' X 300')

Lot 2: 3.03 Acres

Lot 2 is a flag lot in compliance with the provision of the minimum development standards for flag lots.

The width of the proposed private access easement to serve Lot 1 is 25'.

Site Description

The property is zoned R-5 Single-Wide Manufactured Home District. The property currently is one (1) existing flag lot approximately 4.4 acres in size. The lot has access by way of existing 25' wide flag stem to Snow Hill Road.

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Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends to approve the applicant's request for the variance.

Section 309 of the Hamilton County Subdivision Regulations provides the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission with the authority to grant variances for the minimum development standards required within the Hamilton County Subdivision Regulations.

The variance request is submitted to RPA following the requirements of Section 309.1 and 309.2 of the Hamilton County Subdivision Regulations.

- 1. Unusual physical or other conditions exist which would cause practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship if these regulations are adhered to.
 - The applicant does not own property on either side so as to increase the lot size to comply with the minimum 5 acre requirement for lots served by private access easement.
- 2. The variance will not be in conflict with the intent and purpose of the Hamilton County Subdivision Regulations.
 - Approving the variance would not be in conflict with the intent and purpose of the Hamilton County Subdivision Regulations.
 - Approving the variance request would create a situation that does not currently exist.
- 3. The granting of the variance will not be detrimental to the public interest.
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- 4. Hamilton County Engineering Department and other members of the Subdivision Review Committee do not object to this variance request.



