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Staff Report to the Plan Commission

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TITLE & SUMMARY

Project: 2024-0389 – Saratoga Park – 9720 W. 161st Place - Rezoning

Petitioner: George Koczwara, Village Manager

Purpose: The petitioner seeks approval for the rezoning of 1 Village owned parcel from COR Mixed Use to Open Space.

Location: 9720 W. 161st Place

P.I.N.: 27-21-203-049-0000;

Parcel Size: 1.3 acre site

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND

Petitioner seeks approval of a zoning map amendment (“rezoning”) of a 1.3 acre parcel located at 9720 W. 161st Place. The petitioner intends to rezone the subject site from COR Mixed Use to OS Open Space. Currently, the site is used as a park. Features include a playground, a walking path, a gazebo, and benches.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Planning District	Regional Core Planning District
Planning Land Use Designation	Open Space, Parks and Recreation

ZONING DISTRICT

Existing	COR Mixed Use District
Proposed	OS Open Space District

LAND USE

Existing	Open Space
Proposed	Open Space

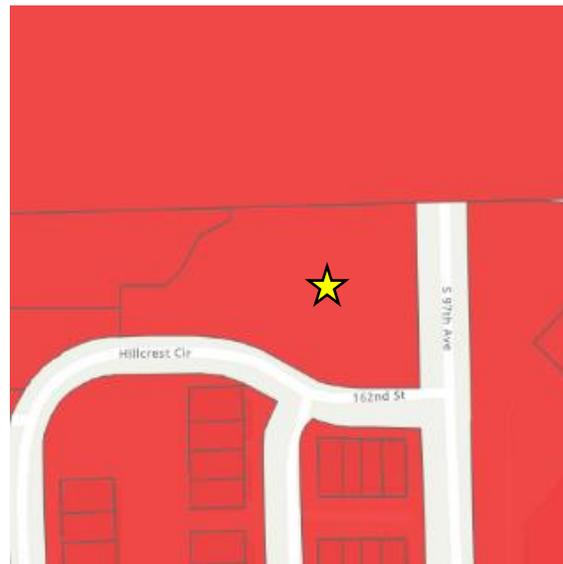
ADJACENT PROPERTIES

	Zoning District	Land Use
North	COR – Mixed Use	Vacant Land
East	COR – Mixed Use	Pond
South	COR – Mixed Use	Townhouses
West	COR – Mixed Use	Pond

Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map



Zoning District Map



PLANNING DISCUSSION

The petitioner seeks approval of a zoning map amendment from COR Mixed Use Zoning District to OS Open Space Zoning District for the parcel located at 9720 W. 161st Place. The OS Open Space Zoning will align with the majority of the parks within the Village. The zoning map amendment will allow the Village to make future improvements to this property that follow the OS regulations instead of residential regulations.

The Village of Orland Park places a high value on open spaces, parks, and recreational opportunities, recognizing them as essential contributors to the well-being of our community. The Comprehensive Plan identifies the Regional Core Planning District uniquely by smaller parks being an open space gathering area for shoppers and residents. The rezoning of the parcel located at 9720 W. 161st Place will continue to enhance the open and green character of the district.

The purpose of the Open Space District is to protect the Village's parks, natural areas, retention ponds, detention basins, civic and fraternal non-profit organizations, and open space corridor connections. It is also to ensure permanent access to outdoor recreation, and natural areas, and other recreational opportunities for residents in all neighborhoods and to enhance the value of nearby properties. The proposed zoning amendment will promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the public by ensuring the land is preserved with open space uses and not private development.

Permitted uses in the Open Space zoning district include public recreational facilities, natural areas and passive parks, agricultural uses, retention ponds and detention basins, ComEd towers and lines, cemeteries, and commuter rail stations. Prohibited uses would

include any public facilities unrelated to the operation or protection of parks, natural areas, civic and fraternal non-profit organizations for the benefit of the public, and retention and detention facilities. Also, prohibited is any private development of structures or facilities, with the exception of ComEd and cemeteries.

Overall, the proposed rezoning conforms to the Village's Land Development Code and policies for this area.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Regarding Case Number 2024-0389, also known as Saratoga Park Rezoning, staff recommends to accept and make findings of fact as discussed at this Plan Commission meeting and within the Staff Report dated May 14, 2024;

And

Staff recommends that the Plan Commission approve a zoning map amendment.

Recommended Motion

Regarding Case Number 2024-0389, also known as Saratoga Park Rezoning, I move to approve the Staff Recommended Action as presented in the Staff Report to the Plan Commission for this case.