

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: REZ-2026-06 Val Del Mobile Home Park, ~34ac, 3910 Val Way, R-A & P-D to P-D, County Utilities

DATE OF MEETING: March 10, 2026

Work
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BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: REZ-2026-06 Val Del Mobile Home Park, ~34ac, 3910 Val Way, R-A & P-D to P-D, County Utilities

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: This case represents a change in zoning on ~34 acres property from Residential Agricultural (R-A) and Planned Development (P-D) zoning to an all Planned Development (P-D) zoning to unify a mobile home community that began in the 1970's and expanded in the 1990's. The property is within the Urban Service Area and Rural Residential Character Area per the Comprehensive Plan which recommends P-D zoning; and the development will be governed by sections 4.03.26 and 4.06.00 of the ULDC.

The original MHP along Val Way and Del Circle contained ~30 homes, then in 1997, an expansion north onto Heart Lake Drive proposed an additional 14 lots, and in 1998 revised it to 72 lots, which were never fully developed. The new P-D layout reconfigures the park into a ~155 lot layout, including recreation space and common areas in accordance with ULDC 4.03.26 and 4.06.00 standards.

The TRC analyzed the request, the standards governing the exercise of zoning power set forth in 10.01.05 of the ULDC, and factors most relevant to this application, including the neighboring land uses and lot sizes, the property's history and future development plans, the availability of County Utilities, the compliance with the supplemental standards of the ULDC, and the potential environmental impacts, and therefore generally recommends approval of the request for P-D zoning per the site plan.

At the GLPC meeting, the applicant's engineer spoke in support of the request, talking through the differences in the proposed site plan, Staff's initial comments about its conformity with the ULDC, and the GLPC questions about ingress/egress, emergency services accessibility, overall security and privacy of the property, and the landscaping and buffering requirements against the surrounding properties.

An additional citizen spoke in support of the request, praising the expansion of an affordable housing option in the area, while one neighbor spoke in opposition, mainly about buffering and density as it relates to traffic concerns in the area.

The GLPC initially motioned and voted to recommend Tabling the request until an updated site plan for their review could be provided. However, the motion failed (4-5). A second motion to recommend Denial, based on

an incomplete site plan for their review ultimately passed unanimously (9-0).

The applicant's engineer provided an updated site plan for the TRC to review that addressed the GLPC's concerns through layout and noted conditions on the site plan.

- OPTIONS: 1) Approve
2) Approve with Conditions
3) Table
4) Deny

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Planning/Zoning

DEPARTMENT HEAD: JD Dillard

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: