MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE "MDNS"

FILE NO(S): Z20-039PPLT

PROPOONENT: Whipple Consulting Engineers/Tanglewood LLC

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: Whipple Consulting Engineers Inc, on behalf of Tanglewood LLC, has requested a Preliminary Plat to divide approximately 12.15 acres into forty-five (45) single family residential lots.

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL, INCLUDING STREET ADDRESS, IF ANY: The proposal is located on parcel number 34071.0040, unassigned address, east of Tangle Heights Drive, utilizing Boulder Ridge Drive. Section 7 – Township 24N – Range 43.

LEAD AGENCY: CITY OF SPOKANE

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment if mitigated as stipulated below. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

( X ) There is no comment period for this MDNS; pursuant to WAC 197-11-350 (1).

(     ) This MDNS is issued under WAC 197-11-350 (2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for at least 15 days from the date issued (below).

MITIGATING MEASURES:

1. Vehicular traffic from this project is expected to deteriorate the level-of-service and negatively impact safety at the intersection of US 195/Meadowlane. Tangle Ridge may not final plat any lots until a financial commitment is in place (secured by a letter of credit or bond), which has been approved by the City, providing for the construction of the J-turn improvement at US195/Meadowlane. This commitment may be defined as an agreement between several developers to fund and construct the J-turn within a specified time frame, not to exceed six years, as agreed upon by city staff and WSDOT. The J-turn project will consist of removing the eastbound left from the US 195/Meadowlane intersection and provide a J-turn opportunity south of the intersection. The applicant’s contributions to funding the design and construction of the Meadowlane/US 195 J-turn project will qualify for a credit against transportation impact fees per SMC 17D.075.070.

2. Vehicular traffic from this project is expected to add 6 AM trips and 4 PM trips to the NB US 195 to EB I-90 ramp. WSDOT has commented that no additional peak hour trips may be added to the ramp due to safety concerns. Tangle Ridge is required to complete an improvement to the US 195 corridor that will reduce the impact of its traffic on NB US 195 to EB I-90 ramp ("Mitigation Project"). Tangle Ridge may not final plat any lots until a financial commitment is in place (secured by a letter of credit or bond), which has been approved by the City, providing for the design and construction for the Mitigation Project, which shall be under contract for construction within one year from recording of the final plat. The details of the mitigation project will be agreed upon by the developers, City and WSDOT. The applicant’s contributions to funding the design and construction of the mitigation project will qualify for a credit against transportation impact fees per SMC 17D.075.070.
Responsible Official: Louis Muller
Position/Title: Acting Planning Director          Phone: (509) 625-6392
Address: 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201
Date Issued: February 19, 2021    Signature: Louis Muller

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APPEAL OF THIS DETERMINATION, after it becomes final, may be made to the City of Spokane Hearing Examiner, 808 West Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201. The appeal deadline is fourteen (14) calendar days after the signing of the MDNS. This appeal must be on forms provided by the Responsible Official, make specific factual objections and be accompanied by the appeal fee. Contact the Responsible Official for assistance with the specifics of a SEPA appeal.

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