

#### LARAMIE COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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#### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Laramie County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Marissa Pomerleau, Planning Technician

**DATE:** June 16th, 2020

TITLE: PUBLIC HEARING regarding a Zone Change from A2 – Agricultural to P -

Public for the E1/2 E1/2, Section 35, T.14N., R.66W., of the 6th P.M., Laramie

County, WY

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The City of Cheyenne has submitted a Zone Change application for the E1/2 E1/2, Section 35, T.14N., R.66W., located southwest of the intersection of E. Pershing Blvd and Whitney Rd. The purpose of the application is to change the zone district from A2 – Agricultural to P - Public to allow for the use of a public park. Upon approval of the zone change request, submittal of a Site Plan application will be required for the proposed operation.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The subject property is 105.48 acres and is currently undeveloped. With the property being either adjacent to or near city boundaries, any future development of the property shall require coordination with the appropriate governmental agencies.

#### **Pertinent Regulations**

**Section 1-2-103(b)** of the Laramie County Land Use Regulations governing the criteria for a zone map amendment.

**Section 4-2-110** of the Laramie County Land Use Regulations governing the P - Public zone district.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The Laramie County Comprehensive Plan identifies the area as Urban Rural Interface (URI). Properties with uses directed towards community services are encouraged here. The URI land use designation is designed to allow for more intensive land uses as well as a higher level of vehicular access.

PlanCheyenne contemplates a Mixed-use Residential Emphasis and Open Space and Parks for this property. Uses for these categories include single and multi-family residences, retail stores, public and private parks, and country clubs. PlanCheyenne notes that non-residential developments are important improvements for developing neighborhoods.

The property is currently zoned A2 – Agricultural with the AR – Agricultural Residential zone district to the north and east and A2 – Agricultural and MR – Medium Density Residential zone districts to the west and south

The FEMA 100 Floodplain covers most of the property. Any development or disturbance within the floodplain area would be subject to all floodplain regulations administered through the Laramie County Land Use Regulations.

Public notice was published, and neighbor notice letters were sent via certified mail. Staff received no comments from adjacent landowners. On May 28<sup>th</sup>, the Planning Office received an email from an adjacent landowner – the letter is attached. A Site Plan application was submitted on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The Site Plan approval will be dependent upon the approval of this Zone Change request.

A public hearing of this application was held on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 by the Laramie County Planning Commission. This hearing was available to the public online to view and provide comment. No public comment was received.

Section 1-2-103 (b) states that in order for Planning Commission to recommend approval, one of the following must be found:

- i. That the zoning district map amendments or regulations are consistent with plans and policies of Laramie County; *or*
- ii. That the original zoning classification given to the property was inappropriate or improper; *or*
- iii. That there have been changes of an economic, physical or social nature within the area involved which altered the basic character of such area, and that the amendment will not detrimentally affect the area involved.

Criteria i. is met by the conformance with the Laramie County Comprehensive Plan and PlanCheyenne with type of development.

#### **RECOMMENDATION and FINDINGS**

Based on evidence provided, staff recommends the Board find that:

- **a.** This application does meets the criteria for a zone map amendment pursuant to section 1-2-103 (b) i. and iii. of the Laramie County Land Use Regulations
- **b.** The proposed change in zone district is in conformance with the requirements of section 4-2-110 of the Laramie County Land Use Regulations.

and that the Board approve the Zone Change from A2 - Agricultural to P – Public the Laramie County Board of Commissioners for a portion of the E1/2 E1/2, Section 35, T.14N., R.66W., of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Laramie County, WY with no conditions.

#### PROPOSED MOTION

I move to approve the Zone Change from A2 - Agricultural to P – Public to the Laramie County Board of Commissioners for a portion of the E1/2 E1/2, Section 35, T.14N., R.66W., of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Laramie County, WY, with no conditions and adopt the findings of facts a and b of the staff report.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

**Attachment 1: Location Map** 

**Attachment 2: Aerial Map** 

**Attachment 3: Comprehensive Plan Map** 

**Attachment 4: PlanCheyenne Map** 

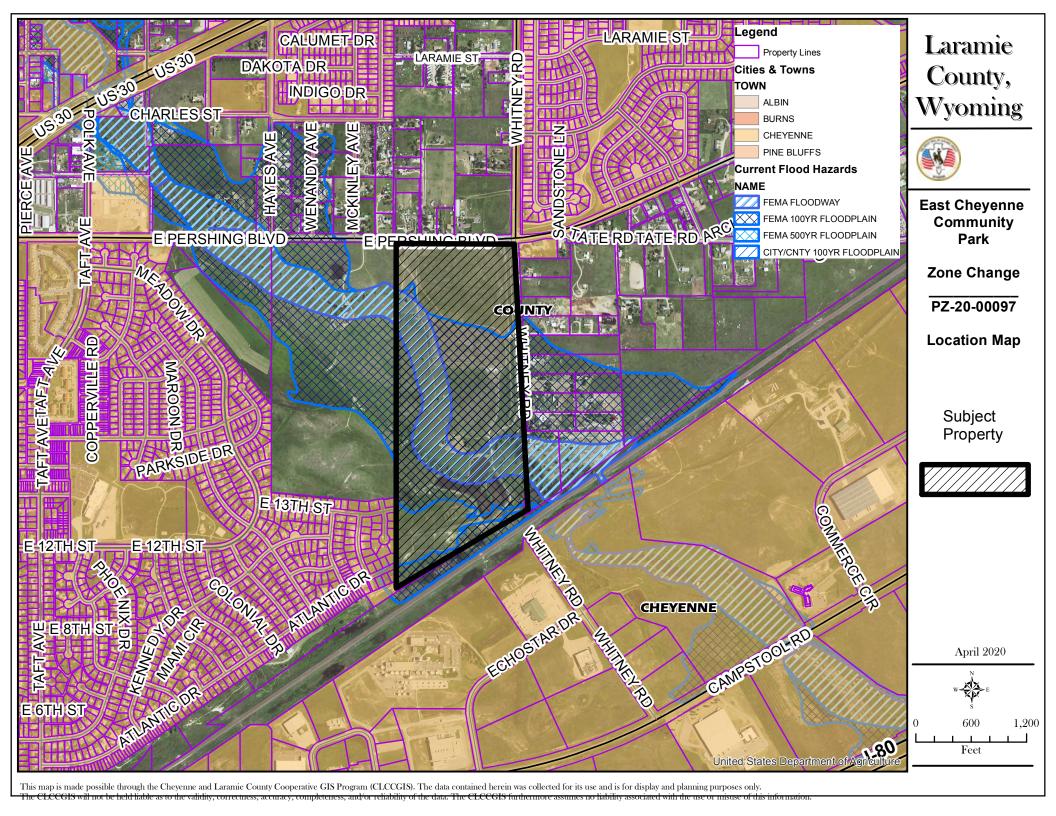
**Attachment 5: Current Zoning Map** 

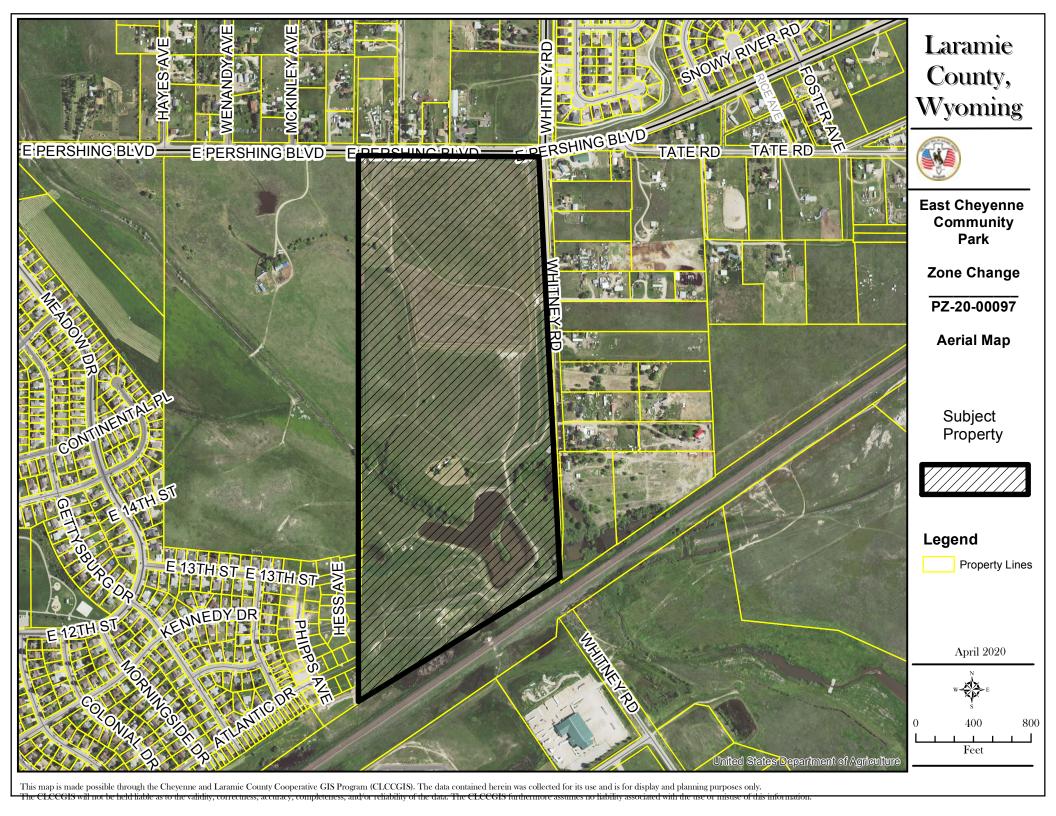
Attachment 6: Agency Review Comments

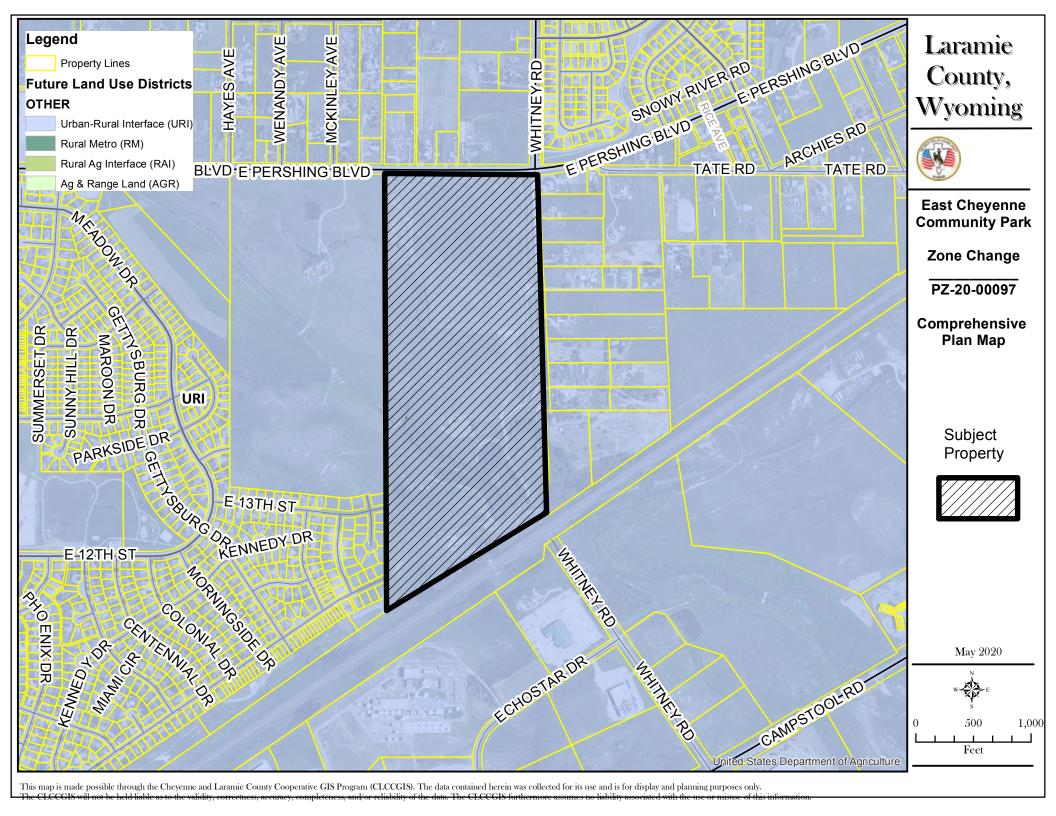
Attachment 7: Adjacent Landowner Email

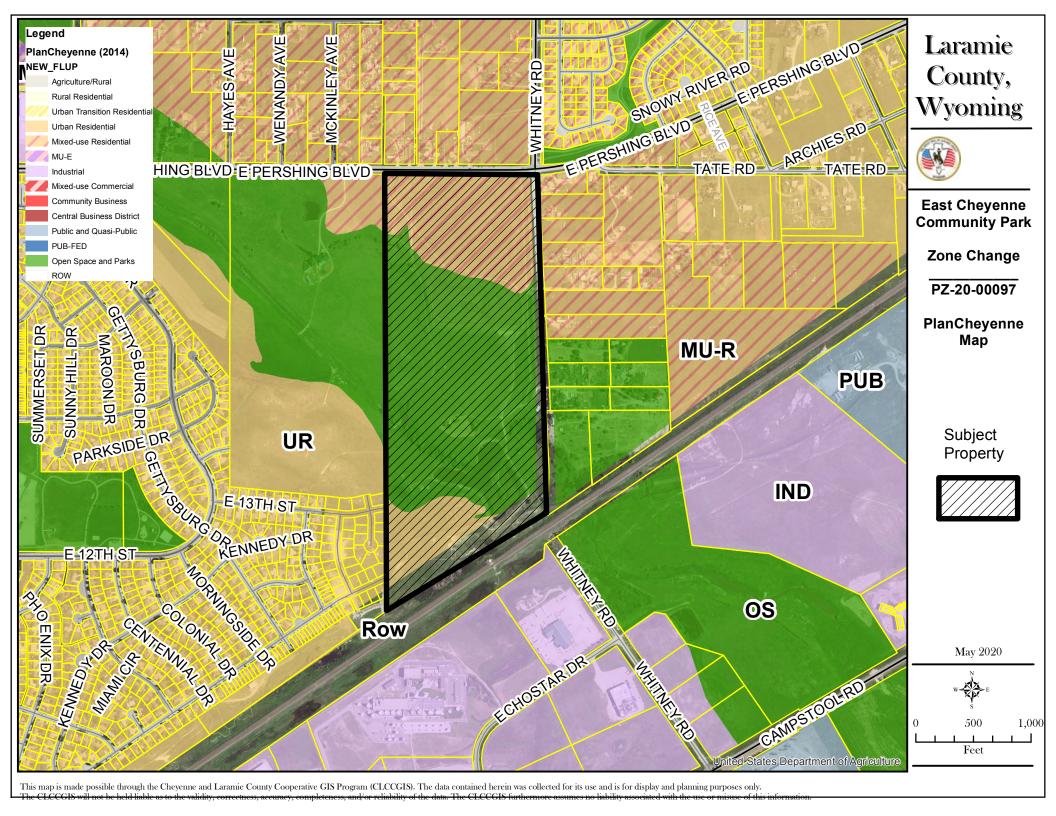
Attachment 8: Resolution Exhibit 'A' - Zone Change Map

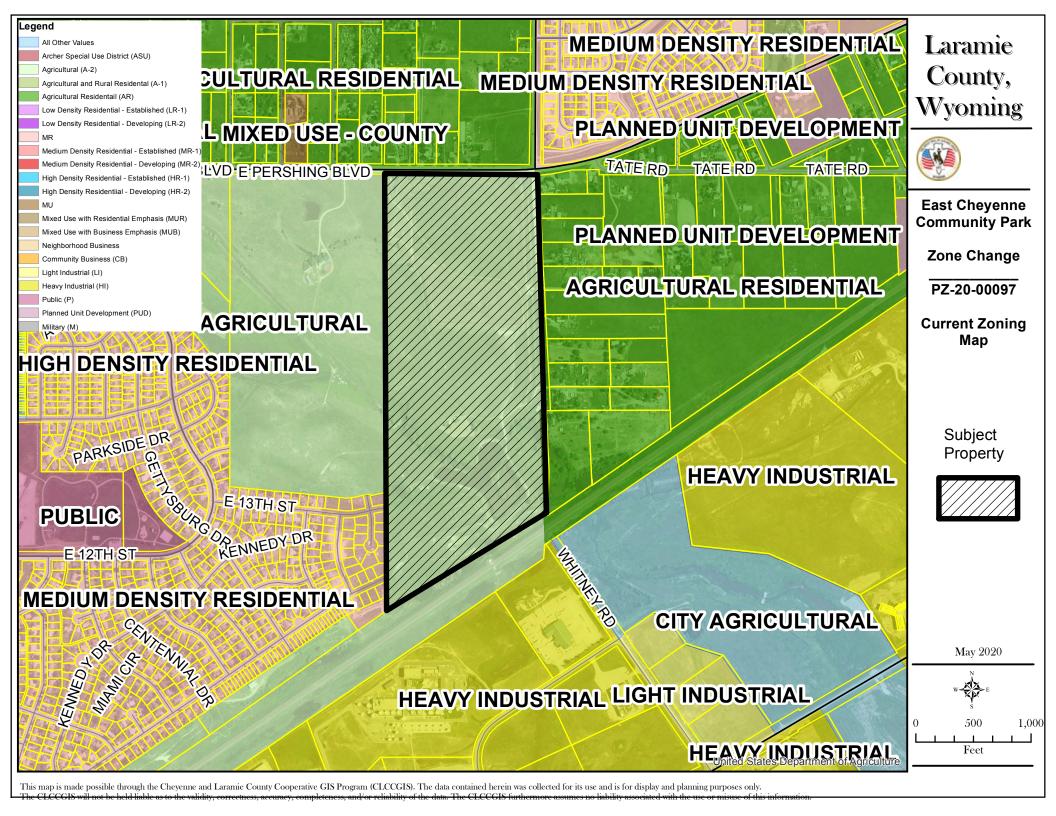
**Attachment 9: Resolution** 











<u>SunCor Pipeline:</u> SunCor Energy USA Pipeline, Dillon Ohrt Comments Attached 04/29/2020

Suncor has reviewed the plans and has found no conflict with Suncor's assets. Please be advised that should further development occur on the property within 50' of Suncor's pipeline, that a development agreement will need to be entered into at that time.

<u>Intraoffice:</u> Planners, Marissa Pomerleau No Response 05/12/2020 1. Under the Land Description "of the 6th P.M." is stated twice.

#### **AGENCIES WITH NO COMMENTS:**

Board of Public Utilities
County Assessor
County Engineer
County Public Works Department
Environmental Health
WYDOT
Combined Communications Center
Sheriff's Office
Fire District No 2
Plains All American Pipeline
Cheyenne Planning
Intraoffice: Planners, Cambia McCollom

#### **AGENCIES WITH NO RESPONSE:**

Cheyenne MPO
Cheyenne Urban Planning Office
Cheyenne Development Services
County Attorney
County Real Estate Office
County Treasurer
Emergency Management
Black Hills Energy
High West Energy
CenturyLink
Cheyenne Engineering Services

#### Rocky Lincoln, 1219 Hess Ave.: May 28th, 2020

#### ROCKY LINCOLN [rlincoln0814@yahoo.com] Actions Thursday, May 28, 2020 4:11 PM - Retention Policy: 2 Year Delete Inbox (2 Years) Expires: 5/28/2022

My name is Rocky Lincoln, I live at 1219 Hess Avenue which is an adjacent property to this proposed project.

Before we purchased this property and had our forever home built we were told by our builder that the property up for discussion is owned by the county and was designated a "natural wetlands". Now we are being told by letter that this property is to being purchased by the city of Cheyenne and being considered for development of some kind. I have many questions and concerns as follows;

- 1. Why was this land sold to the city when we were told that it would never be developed?
  2. Who is paying for this land and development? Tax payers are of course! Why were the adjacent land owners not informed before this happened?
- 3. What is going to happen in the future? As for now just a bike and walking path along with a parking area, what next?
- 4. We attempted to attend the meeting on May 28th and were told we could not attend. Is this a legal meeting? Nothing in the letter, dated April 23, 2020 mentioned anything about not being able to attend!
- 5. What happens to all of the wildlife present? Deer, Owls, Bald Eagles, Ducks, Geese, Pelicans, Rabbits, Hawks, Frogs, and the occasional Mountain
- 6. Was it ever designated a natural wetlands or we just lied to? I need to know so I can give my attorney the information.

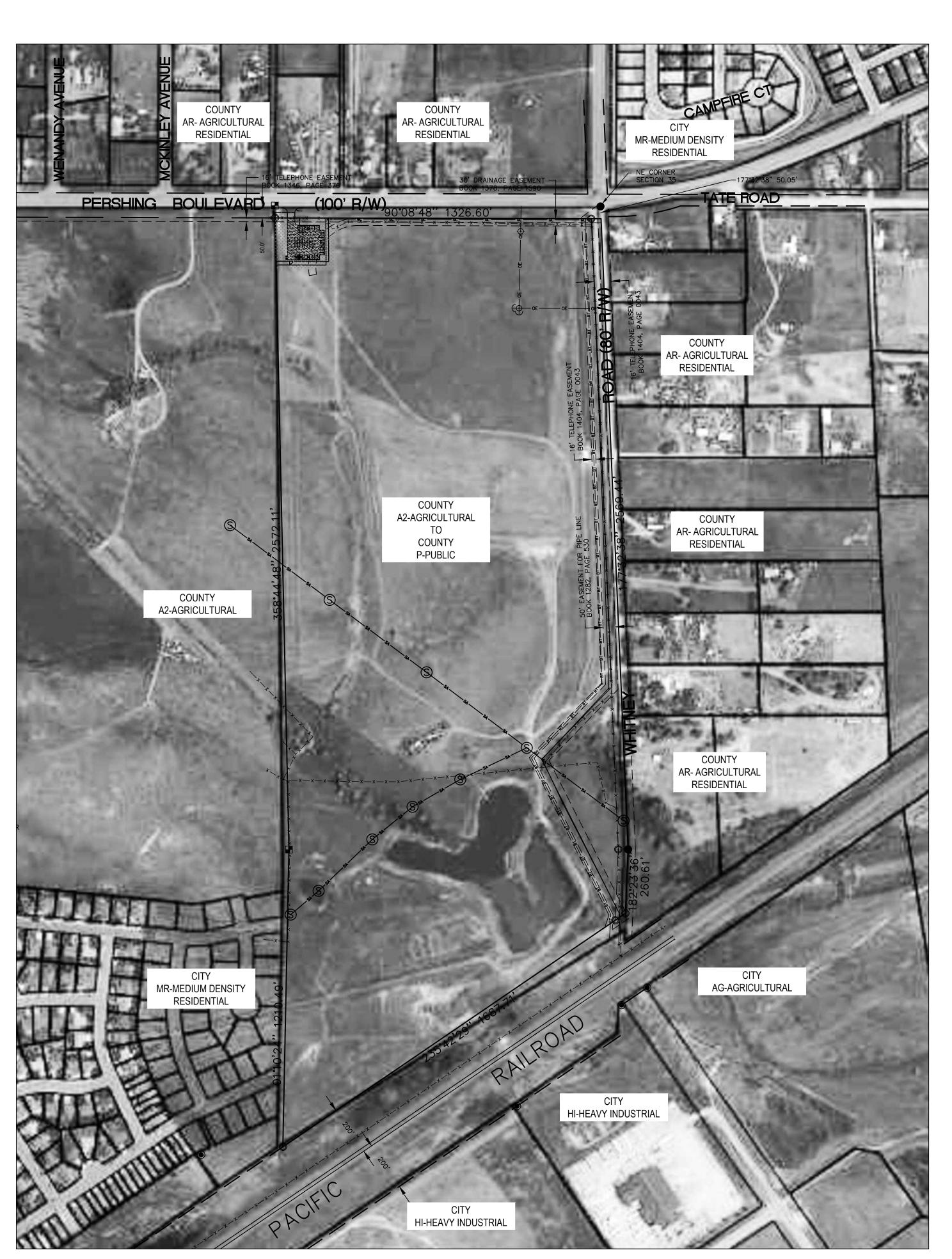
As you can tell I am very upset about this. I believe it diminishes the value of our property and surrounding areas. How can we voice our concerns other than in letter form? Not really fair to us! This was to be our forever home and one of the main reasons for building there was the undeveloped land we are

Please reconsider the project proposal and stop this. Please respond to this letter so that I know it was received and read.

Thank you,

Rocky Lincoln 1219 Hess Avenue Cheyenne, WY 82001

# Exhibit 'A'



## LAND DESCRIPTION

A portion of the East Half of the East Half (E½E½) of Section 35, Township 14 North, Range 66 West of the 6th P.M., Laramie County, Wyoming, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of said Section 35; thence 177°32'38" (grid azimuth from North, City of Cheyenne Datum), along the east line of said Section 35, a distance of 50.05 feet to the point of beginning; thence 177°32'38", along said east line, a distance of 2569.44 feet to the east quarter corner of said Section 35; thence 182°23'36", along said east line, a distance of 260.61 feet to the northerly right—of—way line of the Union Pacific Railroad; thence 235°42'29", along said northerly right—of—way line, a distance of 1687.71 feet to the west line of the E½E½ of Section 35; thence 01°10'24", along said west line, a distance of 1210.49 feet to the center—east 1/16th corner of said Section 35; thence 358°44'48", along said west line, a distance of 2572.11 feet to a point 50.00 south of the north line of said Section 35; thence 90°08'48", 50.00 feet south of and parallel with said north line, a distance of 1326.60 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 103.0573 acres more or less.

Subject to easements, covenants, restrictions and encumbrances legally acquired.

### **SITE INFORMATION:**

ADDRESS: 6017 PERSHING BLVD. SITE SIZE: 105.48 acres

EXISTING ZONING: COUNTY, A2-AGRICULTURAL PROPOSED ZONING: P-PUBLIC

PROPOSED USE: OPEN SPACE/NATURAL AREA/TRIALS (LIMITED TO PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLES)

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS: PARKING LOT ADJACENT TO PERSHING BLVD. SEE CONCEPT PLAN THIS SHEET (PARKING ACCESS, DESIGN AND QUANTITY REQUIREMENTS TO BE DETERMINED VIA COUNTY SITE PLAN REVIEW)

## LEGEND

- SET %" X 24" LONG REBAR WITH 1½" ALUMINUM CAP STAMPED "SSS PLS 5910"
- FOUND %" X 24" LONG REBAR WITH 1½" ALUMINUM CAP STAMPED "SSS PLS 2500"
- FOUND 2½" ALUMINUM CAP STAMPED "PLS 2500"
- ® FOUND %" REBAR
- P FOUND SHIP SPIKE
- FOUND 3¼" ALUMINUM CAP STAMPED "PLS 2500"
- FOUND 3¼" ALUMINUM CAP STAMPED "PLS 2927"
- SET 5/8" X 24" LONG REBAR WITH 2½" ALUMINUM CAP STAMPED "SSS PLS 5910 AND W/ APPROPRIATE DATA"
- EXISTING UTILITY POLE
  - EXISTING GUY WIRE
- S EXISTING SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE
- ---OE--- EXISTING OVERHEAD ELECTRIC LINES
- ——×—— EXISTING BARBED WIRE FENCE
- GL EXISTING GAS LINE
- SA EXISTING SANITARY SEWER LINE
- —ВТ— EXISTING BURIED TELEPHONE LINE

PROPERTY LINE ADJACENT TO PERSHING

ACCESS DISTANCE
FROM PROPERTY LINE
FROM PROPERTY LINE
PARKING SPACES

WITH CONCRETE
PARKING SPACES

WITH CONCRETE
PARKING SPACES

WITH CONCRETE SURFACE

SCALE IN FEET
1" = 30'

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PARKING CONCEPT: 41 SPACES TO INCLUDE 2 EA ADA, DRIVE AISLES 30' TYPICAL PARKING SPACES: 10 FOOT X 20 FOOT TYPICAL

CITY OF CHEYENNE
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CHEYENNE, WYOMING 82001
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AST CHEYENNE COMMUNITY PARI ZONE CHANGE MAP PREPARED APRIL 2020

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SCALE IN FEET

1" = 250'

ST CHEYENNE COMMUNITY

RESOLUTION NO.	

## A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CHANGE IN ZONE DISTRICT FROM A2 – AGRICULTURAL TO P - PUBLIC FOR A PORTION OF THE E1/2 E1/2, SECTION 35, T.14N., R.66W., OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., LARAMIE COUNTY, WY.

WHEREAS, Wyoming State Statutes §18-5-201 to 18-5-208; §18-5-301 to 18-5-315 authorize Laramie County, in promoting the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the county, to regulate the use of land through zoning in unincorporated Laramie County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Laramie County Board of Commissioners previously adopted the Laramie County Land Use Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed zone change is in conformance with the requirements of section 1-2-103(b) of the Laramie County Land Use Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed zone change is in conformance with the requirements of section 4-2-110 of the Laramie County Land Use Regulations.

### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING, as follows:

The Laramie County Board of Commissioners finds that:

- a. This application meets the criteria for a zone map amendment pursuant to section 1-2-103 (b) of the Laramie County Land Use Regulations.
- **b.** The proposed change in zone district is in conformance with the requirements of section 4-2-110 of the Laramie County Land Use Regulations.

And the Board approves a Zone Change from A2 – Agricultural to P - Public for the E1/2 E1/2, Section 35, T.14N., R.66W., of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Laramie County, WY, as shown on the attached Exhibit 'A' – Zone Change Map.

PRESENTED, READ AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF	
	LARAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
	Gunnar Malm, Chairman
ATTEST:	
Debra K. Lee, Laramie County Clerk	_
Reviewed and approved as to form:	
Laramie County Attorney's Office	