Classic Park Unit 1

City Plan Commission — July 31, 2025



CASE MANAGER: Myrna Aguilar, (915) 212-1584, AguilarMP@elpasotexas.gov

PROPERTY OWNER: Direct Home Sales, Inc.

REPRESENTATIVE: Conde, Inc.

LOCATION: East of Mesquite Hill Dr. and North of Dyer St. (District 4)

PROPERTY AREA: 5.12 acres
VESTED RIGHTS STATUS: Not Vested
PARK FEES: \$34,250.00

EXCEPTIONS/MODIFICATIONS: Yes, see following section

ZONING DISTRICT(S): R-5 (Residential)

PUBLIC INPUT: One inquiring email received as of 07/24/2025

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends **APPROVAL** of Classic Park Unit 1 on a Resubdivision Preliminary basis and **APPROVAL** of the exception requests from the City Plan Commission:

- To allow a connectivity index to be 0.75 instead of the required 1.4 for the subdivision.
- To waive the construction of two feet (2') of planter strip on each side of Copper Gem St. for a total of four feet (4').

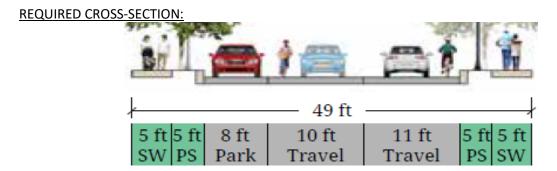




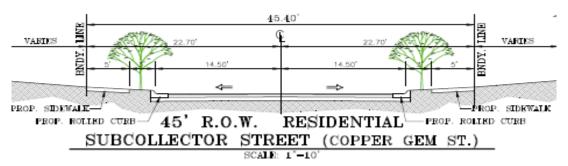
DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: The applicant is proposing to resubdivide 5.13 acres of land to create a residential subdivision consisting of twenty-five (25) single-family lots. The subdivision is including 5.01 acres of unplatted land and 0.12 acres of platted land from the Mesquite Hills Unit Four Subdivision. The residential lots will range in size from approximately 5,988 to 7,428 square feet. Drainage will be provided through surface runoff directed to the existing drainage pond adjacent to the subdivision. Primary access to the subdivision will be provided via Copper Hill Place. The subdivision was reviewed under the standards of the current subdivision code.

EXCEPTIONS, MODIFICATIONS, OR WAIVER REQUESTS: The applicant is requesting the following exception requests pursuant to El Paso City Code Section 19.48.030 (A) — Criteria for approval of the applicable code. The exceptions include the following:

- 1. To allow the connectivity index to be 0.75 instead of the required 1.4 for the subdivision.
- 2. To waive the construction of two feet (2') of planter strip on each side of Copper Gem St. for a total of four feet (4').



PROPOSED CROSS-SECTION:



EVALUATION OF EXCEPTION REQUEST: The exception request to waive right-of-way improvements meets the criteria set forth in El Paso City Code 19.48.030(A), which allows for exceptions under special circumstances arising from the physical surroundings, shape, topography, or other features affecting the land, such that the strict application of the code would create an unnecessary hardship or inequity for the applicant. In this case, the exception is requested due to a lot being resubdivided and converted into a local street, resulting in only one point of access to the proposed subdivision. Additionally, surrounding developments constrain the ability to construct a full planter strip without reducing the width of the roadway.

The proposed connectivity of 0.75 is deemed acceptable for this project due to the unique physical constraints of the site. In this case the adjacent developed parcels limit the feasibility of achieving a higher level of connectivity. While the proposed index falls below the minimum standard, the layout still provides reasonable internal access and connectivity to the surrounding street network to support circulation and public access.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER: Surrounding neighborhood characteristics are identified in the following table.

Surrounding Zoning and Use				
North	R-5 (Residential) / Residential development			
South	R-F (Ranch Farm) / El Paso Water Easement			
East	R-5 (Residential) / Residential development and Pond			
West	R-5 (Residential) / Residential development			
Nearest Public Facility and Distance				
Park	North Skies Park (0.15 mi.)			
School	Barron Elementary (4.1 mi.)			
Plan El Paso Designation				
G-4, Suburban (Walkable)				
Impact Fee Service Area				
Northeast				

PUBLIC COMMENT: Notices of the proposed replat were sent on July 11, 2025 to all property owners within 200 feet of the subject property and within the original subdivision. As of July 24, 2025 staff has received 1 email of inquiry regarding this request.

PLAT EXPIRATION: This application will expire on <u>July 31, 2028</u>, pursuant to El Paso City Code Section 19.03.060 (Expiration). If subdivision improvement plans and a final plat application have not been approved within the specified date, the preliminary plat application, unless extended in accordance with El Paso City Code Chapter 19.41 (Expiration, extension and reinstatement), shall expire and the preliminary plat shall be null and void.

CITY PLAN COMMISSION OPTIONS:

Subdivision

City Plan Commission (CPC) has sole and final authority on subdivision matters. Subdivision applications in conformance with all applicable code provisions shall be approved by the CPC. When a plat is brought forward to the CPC for review, the Commission may take any of the following actions:

- 1. **Approval:** The CPC finds that the proposed plat is in conformance with all applicable requirements of Title 19 of the El Paso City Code. (Staff Recommendation)
- 2. **Approval with Conditions:** The CPC may impose conditions that bring the proposed plat into conformance with all applicable requirements of Title 19 of the El Paso City Code.
- 3. **Denial:** The CPC finds that the proposed plat is not in conformance with all applicable requirements of Title 19 of the El Paso City Code.

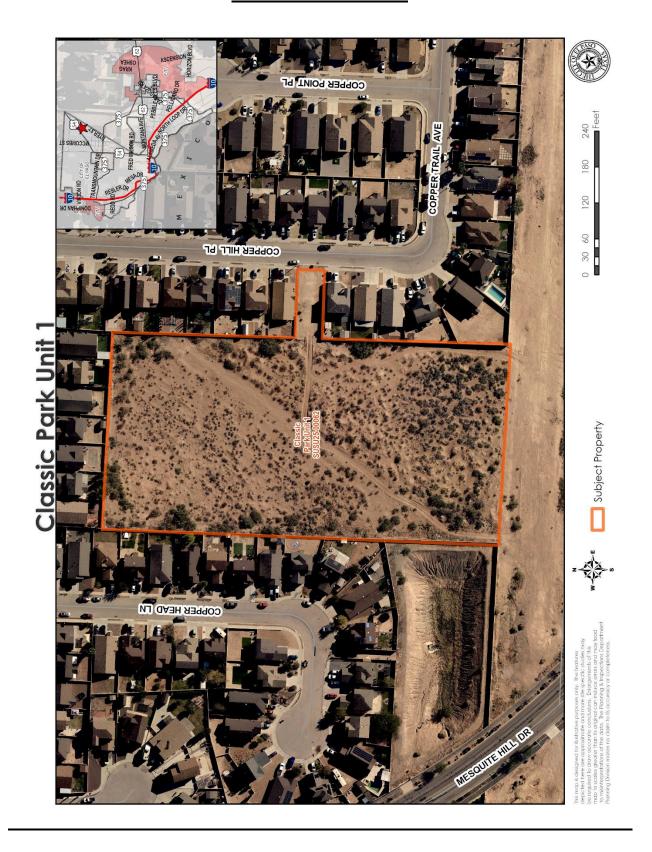
Waiver, Exception, Modification Request(s)

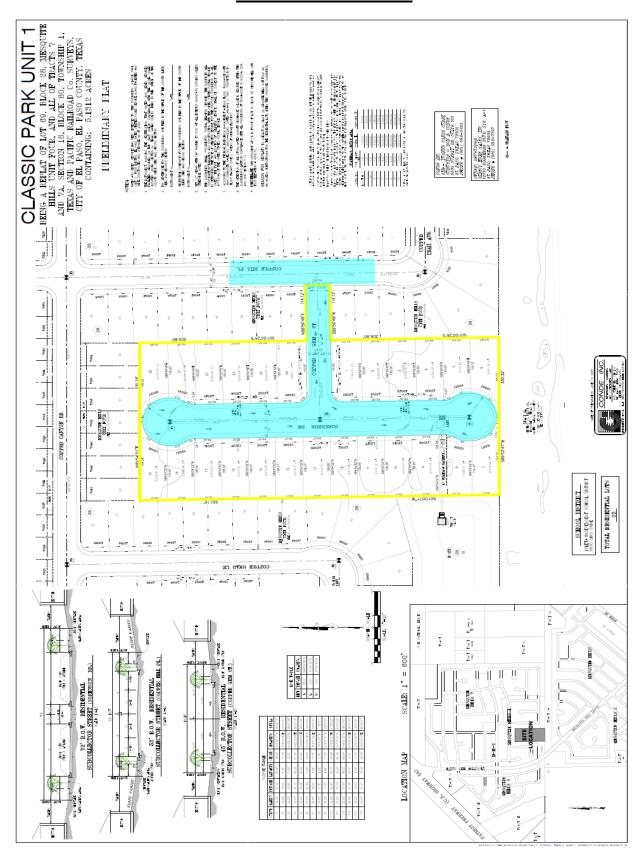
The approval of waivers from, or exceptions or modifications to any applicable code provision is at the discretion of the CPC, in consideration of any criteria provided by the El Paso City Code for the review of such waivers, exceptions, or modifications. In evaluating the request(s), the CPC may take any of the following actions:

- 1. **Approval** of the waiver, exception, or modification request(s), finding that the request(s) is in conformance with the relevant review criteria provided by the El Paso City Code, as reflected in the Staff Report. (Staff Recommendation)
- 2. **Partial approval of the waiver, exception, or modification request(s)**, finding that the request(s) is partially in conformance with the relevant review criteria provided by the El Paso City Code.
- 3. **Denial** of the waiver, exception, or modification request(s), finding that the request(s) does not conform to the review criteria provided by the El Paso City Code, as reflected in the Staff Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Aerial Map
- 2. Preliminary Plat
- 3. Exception Request
- 4. Application
- 5. Department Comments







July 24, 2025

City of El Paso Planning & Inspections – Planning Division 801 Texas Avenue City of El Paso, Texas 79901

Attention: Jose Chavez

Re: CLASSIC PARK UNIT ONE

Dear Jose,

As per your request, we are submitting a Request for Exception per Section 19.48 due to the requirements listed in:

- El Paso Street Design Manual To allow for a modified Cul-de-Sac Street cross-section due to width constrain (45'wide ROW).
- To allow for a Connectively Index of less than 1.4 due to site access constraints (1 point of access).
- To allow to waive the construction of two feet (2') of planter strip on each side of Copper Gem Street for a total of four (4').
- The circumstances causing the hardship do not similarly affect all or most properties in the vicinity of the applicants.
- 2. The wavier or exception is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the applicant;
- Granting the waiver or exception will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare, or injurious to other property within the area;
- Granting the waiver or exception will not have the effect of preventing the orderly use and enjoyment of other land within the area in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, or adversely affect the rights of owners or residents of surrounding property;
- 5. The hardship or inequity is not caused wholly or in substantial part by the applicant;
- The request for a waiver or exception is not based exclusively on the applicant's desire for increased financial hardship; and
- The degree of variation requested is the minimum amount necessary to meet the needs of applicant and to satisfy the standards in this section.

If you have any questions or comments on the above please let me know. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely.

Conrad Conde CONDE, INC.

ENGINEERING/PLANNING/SLIRVEYING

6080 SURETY DR., SUITE 100 / EL PASO, TEXAS 78905 / (815) 592-0283 / FAX (815) 592-0288



RESUBDIVISION PRELIMINARY APPLICATION

	DATE: June 19, 2025		FILE NO. SUSU25-00062			
	SUBDIVISION NAME: CLASSIC	C PARK UNIT	ONE			
1.	Legal description for the area include BEING LOT 89, BLOCK 28, ME BLOCK 80, TOWNSHIP 1, TEX EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS	SOUITE HILLS U	NIT FOUR, AND TRA	CTS 7 AND 7A, SECTION 16, - VEYS, CITY OF EL PASO,		
2.	Property Land Uses:	S SITES		ACRES SITES		
	Single-family 4.1050		Office			
	Duplex		Street & Alley	1.0262 1 .		
	Apartment		Ponding & Drainage	<u>.</u>		
	Mobile Home		Institutional			
	P.U.D		Other (specify below)		
	Park					
	School Commercial		The state of the s			
	Industrial		Total No. Sites Total (Gross) Acreag	26		
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3.	What is existing zoning of the above described property? R-5 Proposed zoning? N/A					
4.	Will the residential sites, as proposed, permit development in full compliance with all zoning requirements of the existing residential zone(s)? Yes No					
5.	What type of utility easements are proposed: Underground Overhead Combination of Both X					
6.	What type of drainage is proposed? (If applicable, list more than one)					
	Lots to street to ponding					
7.	Are special public improvements proposed in connection with development? YesNo					
8.	Is a modification or exception of any	portion of the Subdiv	vision Ordinance proposed	? Yes X No		
	If answer is "Yes", please explain the					
	To allow for a modified entrance	street cross-section	n due to width constrair	15.		
9.	Remarks and/or explanation of special circumstances:					
10.	Improvement Plans submitted?	Yes	No X			
11.	Will the proposed subdivision require in effect prior to the effective date of t	the city to review an the current applicabl	nd decide whether this apple standards? Yes	lication is subject to the standards No		
	If yes, please submit a vested rights pe	etition in accordance	with Title I (General Prov	visions) Chapter 1.04 - Vested Rights		

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12.	Owner of record DIRECT HOMES SALES, INC., 12770 Edgemere Blvd., Ste. A-1, El Paso, TX							
	(Name & Address) (Zip) (Phone)							
13.	Developer DIRECT HOMES SALES, 12770 Edgemere Blvd., Ste. A-1, El Paso, TX 79938							
	(Name & Address) (Zip) (Phoce) /9938							
14.	Engineer Conde, Inc., 6080 Surety Dr., Ste. 100 El Paso, TX 79905 (915) 592-0283							
	(Name & Address) (Zip) (Phone)							
OWNER SIGNATURE: SCULA GASTAL								
REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:								
915-592-0283								
REPRES	cconde@condeinc.com							

NOTE: SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE ACCEPTANCE FOR PROCESSING UNTIL THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT REVIEWS THE APPLICATION FOR ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS.

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Planning and Inspections Department- Planning Division

Developer / Engineer shall address the following comments:

- 1. Submit to the Planning & Inspections Department Planning Division the following prior to recording of the subdivision:
 - a. Current certificate tax certificate(s)
 - b. Current proof of ownership.
 - c. Release of access document, if applicable.
 - d. Set of restrictive covenants, if applicable.
- 2. Every subdivision shall provide for postal delivery service. The subdivider shall coordinate the installation and construction with the United States Postal Service in determining the type of delivery service for the proposed subdivision. In all cases, the type and location of delivery service shall be subject to the approval of the United States Postal Service.
- 3. Subdivision needs to show a block number.

<u>Planning and Inspections Department- Land Development Division</u>

We have reviewed subject plats and recommend Approval.

The Developer/Engineer shall address the following comments

- 1. Provide drainage plan sheet from Mesquite Hills Unit 4, to verify existing stormwater City Pond (Lot 39, Block 28) capacity for additional runoff.
- 2. The existing ponding area for subdivision shall have enough capacity to hold the developed runoff for a designated 100-yr. storm event, provide drainage calculations.
- 3. Sidewalk shall be required along R.O.W. (Cooper Gem St.) at the time of grading permit.
- 4. Provide directional ramps at the street corners.
- 5. On typical Sorenson Street cross section, label landscaping along raised median.
- 6. Subdivision Improvement plans are required.
- 7. Review and approval from Environmental Services Department will be required for median openings at time of SIP plans.
- 8. Print-out of the mathematical closure is ok.

Parks and Recreation Department

Please note that this subdivision is composed of **25 lots** zoned "R-5" and is required to comply with the parkland dedication ordinance Title 19 – Subdivision & Development Plats, **Chapter 19.20 - Parks & Open Space** in the form of "Park fees" based on requirements for residential subdivisions.

Applicant shall be required to pay "Park fees" in the amount of \$34,250.00 calculated as follows:

25 (R-5) Single-family dwelling lots @ \$1,370.00 / dwelling = **\$34,250.00**

Please allocate generated funds under Park Zone: **NE-7**

Nearest Park: North Skies Park

If density/acreage is increased /decreased or the property zoning /use changes, then "Park fees" will be reassessed based on applicable conditions.

Streets and Maintenance Department

Traffic Engineering

No objections to application.

Street Lights Department

Do not object to this request.

For the development of a subdivision a complete set of plans shall be submitted to Street Lights Department for review showing the minimum requirements for street illumination proposals**. The submission shall contain but shall not necessarily be limited to plans indicating the location on the premises of all lighting fixtures, both proposed and existing on the site***. The description of all lighting fixtures, both proposed and existing. Photometric data. Plans shall show street illumination design and details. El Paso city code is applicable to this process, Street Design Manual (SDM)* and any other applicable standards or requirements of the city.

Street Lights Department requires that all projects that involves a roadway is to be evaluated for lighting requirements based on the City of El Paso Street Design Manual (SDM) and the Design Standards for Construction (DSC) according to City of El Paso Codes (cited below). While developing a project or construction area the existing street illumination system shall be protected and preserved. Complete survey for street illumination system shall be shown on plans. Any change on existing street illumination systems shall be coordinated with Street Lights Department.

City of El Paso Codes to be followed:

- *Title 19 19.16.010 Streetlighting.
- **18.18.190 Submission contents.
- *** 19.02.040 Criteria for approval.

Contract Management

- Indicate when placing Sidewalks the municipal Code Chapter 19.21 of Sidewalks shall be followed, and Chapter 13.04.020 Sidewalk Specifications.
- Indicate that for driveways the municipal code chapter 13.12 shall be followed.
- Indicate that new asphalt or any new concrete structures must be compliant before acceptance and any type of damages must be restored before doing the final walkthrough.
- Incorporate that any manhole, water valve or gas valve shall be raised to the new paving level and added an apron.

Environmental Services

Will the raised medians on Sorenson Drive have landscaping, or will they be filled in with concrete? Will this area be a gated community or an HOA?

El Paso Water

Engineering

Do not object to this request.

The subject property is located within the City of El Paso Northeast Impact Fee Service Area. Impact fees will be collected after the El Paso Water receives an application for water and/or sanitary sewer services.

Water:

There is an existing 8-inch diameter water main extending along Copper Hill PI. The water main is located 18 feet west of the eastern right-of-way line. This main can be extended to provide service.

Previous water pressure from fire hydrant #010607, located at 12028 Copper Hill Pl., has yielded a static pressure of 60 (psi), a residual pressure of 40 (psi) and a discharge of 1,006 gallons per minute (gpm).

Sanitary Sewer:

There is an existing 8-inch diameter sewer main extending along Copper Hill Pl. The sewer main is located 21 feet east of the western right-of-way line. This main can be extended to provide service.

General:

A water and sanitary sewer main extension is required to provide service. Water main shall be extended creating a looped system. The water and sanitary sewer main extension costs are the responsibility of the owner.

EPWater-PSB anticipates providing water and sanitary sewer service by on-site main extensions. EPWater-PSB requests that site be graded so that sanitary sewer may be provided by gravity.

EPWater requires a new service application to provide service to the property. New service applications are available at 1154 Hawkins, 3rd floor and should be made 6 to 8 weeks in advance of construction to ensure water for construction work. A site plan, utility plan, grading and drainage plans, landscaping plan, the legal description of the right-of-way and a certificate-of-compliance are required at the time of application. Service will be provided in accordance with the current EPWater – PSB Rules and Regulations. The applicant is responsible for the costs of any necessary on-site and off-site extensions, relocations or adjustments of water and sanitary sewer lines and appurtenances.

El Paso Central Appraisal

Need Block #.

El Paso Electric

Please change the Restricted Easement to 10' Wide Utility Easement, along Copper Gem St, for future access for electrical services.

Texas Department of Transportation

No TXDOT comments as there appears to be no work affecting the ROW.

El Paso County Water Improvement District #1

The above-mentioned item is not within the boundaries of EPCWID.

Texas Gas

Do not have any comments.

Sun Metro

No comments received.

Fire Department

No comments received.

El Paso County 911 District

No comments received.

El Paso County

No comments received.

Capital Improvement Department

No comments received.