

# Central board approves 185-acre neighborhood site

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The Central Planning Commission approved subdivision plans Thursday for the Village at Magnolia Square, a 185-acre traditional neighborhood development.

The plans, which were approved unanimously, call for 510 units, with a mix of retail, apartments, townhouses and single-family homes.

Earlier this week, the Central City Council approved rezoning the land from rural to traditional neighborhood development.

Developer Jimmy Nunnally said he hoped workers would begin installing the sewer system and other infrastructure by early summer.

The property is on the south side of Lovett Road, east of Prairie Drive and the Comite Hills subdivision and west of the Woods Edge subdivision.

At Thursday's meeting, audience members again raised questions about connectivity between the new subdivision and existing ones.

While there will be no connectivity between the Village

at Magnolia Square and Comite Hills, Planning and Zoning Chairman David Barrow said, the law governing traditional neighborhood developments requires connectivity to Oak Trail Avenue, which is part of Oak Shadows subdivision.

The developers and project engineer also addressed concerns about drainage and traffic.

In other action, the planning commission deferred a decision on a rezoning request for a senior citizens development.

The property where the Senior Residences of Central is proposed is on the north side of Hooper Road, between Joor and Glen Watts roads.

The item will be discussed at the Planning Commission's March 29 meeting.