

Provo City Planning Commission

Report of Action

November 12, 2025

ITEM 5 Jared Morgan requests Concept Plan approval for a 26-unit townhome development over 1.32 acres in a proposed MDR (Medium Density Residential) Zone, located at 113 and 191 N Geneva Road. Fort Utah Neighborhood. Dustin Wright (801) 852-6414 dwright@provo.gov PLCP20250293

The following action was taken by the Planning Commission on the above described item at its regular meeting of November 12, 2025:

DENIED

On a vote of 6:2, the Planning Commission denied the above noted application.

Motion By: Lisa Jensen

Second By: Anne Allen

Votes in Favor of Motion: Lisa Jensen, Anne Allen, Melissa Kendall, Joel Temple, Matt Wheelwright, Jon Lyons

Votes Against the Motion: Jonathon Hill, Daniel Gonzales

Jonathon Hill was present as Chair.

- Includes facts of the case, analysis, conclusions and recommendations outlined in the Staff Report, with any changes noted; Planning Commission determination is generally consistent with the Staff analysis and determination.

RELATED ACTIONS

Planning Commission - November 12, 2025 - Item 6 - Rezone – PLRC20250200 - This item was recommended for denial.

STAFF PRESENTATION

The Staff Report to the Planning Commission provides details of the facts of the case and the Staff's analysis, conclusions, and recommendations.

CITY DEPARTMENTAL ISSUES

- The Coordinator Review Committee (CRC) has reviewed the application.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING DATE

- A neighborhood meeting was held on 08/20/2025.

NEIGHBORHOOD AND PUBLIC COMMENT

- The Neighborhood District Chair was not present or did not address the Planning Commission during the hearing.
- Neighbors or other interested parties were present or addressed the Planning Commission.

CONCERNS RAISED BY PUBLIC

Any comments received prior to completion of the Staff Report are addressed in the Staff Report to the Planning Commission. Key issues raised in written comments received subsequent to the Staff Report or public comment during the public hearing included the following:

- The traffic along Geneva Rd. is too fast.
- The commercial property to the south didn't want to sell.
- With a three-story residential building development, there would be less privacy for the surrounding residents.
- There is already a lot of MDR across the street being built now.
- The part of the city west of I-15 needs more commercial development.
- The applicant needs to investigate affordable housing options.

APPLICANT RESPONSE

Key points addressed in the applicant's presentation to the Planning Commission included the following:

- Infill development is challenging, and they have been working to find a way to make this work.
- The thing that makes mixed-use challenging is the requirement to have ten thousand square foot sites.
- The live-work units would allow for things like small office use, salons, or insurance office.
- The owner would like to control how the property is used and not leave it up to adjacent property owners to join in development. The adjacent property owners did not want to sell the property to this property owner.
- The market for commercial development is not there and that is a reason that residential is the best use for them.

PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Key points discussed by the Planning Commission included the following:

- There is vacant commercial space in this area already. There is growth coming in just across the street, and there will be more in the future. If the commercial is lost now, it would be very difficult to bring it back later once the residential uses are in place.
- Adding rooftops can help encourage commercial, but multi-family doesn't always meet the discretionary income thresholds retailers are looking for.
- There has been a focus on developing centers to better serve communities. The General Plan identified this area as a type of center. Thought has gone into the General Plan, and it identifies how areas should develop in the future.
- Looking at the whole corner that is currently zoned commercial, it would be wise to look at either finding a way to have it developed together or if that is not a possibility, to have this site develop in a way that would be able to tie into the other property in the future. The access to all of that area would be better the further away it is from the busy intersection.
- The 200' lot depth is ideal for commercial development.
- Home ownership is an important goal, but there needs to be more commitment here towards that goal.
- More parking that is not tandem would be nice to see.
- If it is a change from the General Plan, it would need to be something better.



Planning Commission Chair



Director of Development Services

See Key Land Use Policies of the Provo City General Plan, applicable Titles of the Provo City Code, and the Staff Report to the Planning Commission for further detailed information. The Staff Report is a part of the record of the decision of this item. Where findings of the Planning Commission differ from findings of Staff, those will be noted in this Report of Action.

Legislative items are noted with an asterisk (*) and require legislative action by the Municipal Council following a public hearing; the Planning Commission provides an advisory recommendation to the Municipal Council following a public hearing.

Administrative decisions of the Planning Commission (items not marked with an asterisk) **may be appealed** by submitting an application/notice of appeal, with the required application and noticing fees to the Development Services Department, 445 W Center Street, Provo, Utah, **within fourteen (14) calendar days of the Planning Commission's decision** (Provo City office hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.).

BUILDING PERMITS MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS