# **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

## HENDERSONCOUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### MEETING DATE: Monday August 5, 2019

- **SUBJECT:** Set Public Hearing for Conditional Rezoning Application #R-2019-03-C, Blue Ridge Gemstone Mine Educational Park
- **PRESENTER:** Eric Warren, Planner
- ATTACHMENTS: 1. Current Aerial Map 2. Site Plan

## **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Rezoning request R-2019-03-C was initiated on May 13, 2019 by Meyer Banz. The application requests Henderson County to rezone approximately 5.82 acres from Residential Two Rural (R2R) to Local Commercial Condition District (LC-CD). The acreage is contained in one parcel (PIN: 9588-07-2064). The property owners are Philip & Ann Botnick.

The applicant is proposing a Gem Mining and Educational Park facility with a 6,336 sqft. Office/showroom and two recreational gem mining flumes. The attached site plan shows the building, parking lot, walking trails, flumes, and other amenities proposed. Conditional rezonings allow for the Board of Commissioners to place conditions on the property to address community concerns and make the proposed development compatible with adjacent uses.

The Technical Review Committee (TRC) reviewed the application on July 2, 2019 and forward the rezoning request to the Planning Board with conditions listed in the staff report.

The Planning Board reviewed the rezoning request at its July 18, 2019 meeting. At that meeting the Planning Board recommended conditions addressing hours of operation, buffering, dumpster location, acknowledgment of farmland protection, lighting mitigation, and concerns for adjacent property owner. After discussion, a motion to forward a favorable recommendation with conditions was passed with a 6-1 vote. The applicant is in the process of revising the site plan to show the conditions mentioned at Planning Board.

# **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

Before taking action on the rezoning request, the Board of Commissioners must hold a public hearing. Planning Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners schedule the public hearing.

#### **Suggested Motion:**

I move that the Board schedule a public hearing for conditional rezoning application #R-2019-03-C, Blue Ridge Gemstone Mine Educational Park for Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at 5:30 PM.



