



Giddings Planning and Zoning Commission Board Members

Chairman Gina Reat
Vice Chairman Kevin Schkade

Tony Raiford
Jenny Ashely
Kenneth Campbell

Giddings Planning and Zoning Commission- Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gina Reat at 6:05 p.m. with the following present:
Members Present: Kevin Schkade, Gina Reat, Tony Raiford, Jenny Ashely. Not present Kenneth Campbell.
City Staff Present: Interim City Manager/Finance Director Heather Garner, City Attorney Tyler Steven
Code Compliance Official Eric Cupit and City Secretary Andrea Ray, Mayor Joel Lopez,
City Council member Kevin Rinn.

2. Approval of minutes from Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held on Thursday, September 11, 2025.

A motion was made by Planning and Zoning Commission Vice Chairman Kevin Schkade and seconded by
Planning and Zoning Commission Board Member Tony Raiford to approve the minutes from the meeting held
on Thursday, September 11, 2025.

The motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: P&Z Board Members Reat, Schkade, Raiford, Ashley
Nays: None

3. Consider public testimony regarding, and a recommendation concerning the request filed by Escalante-Orocio Ventures LLC for the original zoning of 8.849 acres to the Single-Family Residential (R-1) district, generally located east of the Whispering Oaks Subdivision, near the intersection of Acorn Street and Sunrise Avenue.

Chairperson Gina Reat opened the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.

Mr. Floyd Kasper spoke first, stating he has 5 parcels of land where the subdivision would back up to his land. Floyd stated this would impact the drainage of water in the neighborhood of Whispering Oaks. The traffic in the area would increase. Mr. Kasper presented a petition to the Planning & Zoning Commission and noted that it was in the packet for, please look this over and see how many residents do not want this in the Whispering Oaks Subdivision. Floyd stated he is asking the Planning & Zoning Commission to consider to Zone the area A/R (Agricultural/Residential).

Rex Crocker spoke second and stated Whispering oaks is very peaceful with limited traffic. I have concerns with the flooding. Rex Stated I don't think we should go through with this and don't foresee any good coming out of this.

Ornell Dunk spoke third and stated this would disrupt the quietness of the neighborhood and children could not play outside. This one reason I bought this property and this would change the atmosphere and I would have to look for another place to live.

Steven Ahsan, the gate to enter is adjacent to his property and this would not allow for privacy.

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Zane Pruitt had questions about the property and asked to see a map of the subdivision at this time.

Chris Orocio spoke at this time and stated change is all around us and our engineer did a really good job of meeting all the standards. This is the city no the country. I don't see how this is something negative for Giddings. It will bring tax dollars to the city and jobs for maintenance workers. Giddings is growing, This is the second subdivision in the last 50 years.

Chairperson Gina Reat closed the public hearing at 6:23 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission Vice Chairman Kevin Schkade stated the rezone request was for R1 which precludes anything but single homes. We are a city and we need to keep in mind that cities do expand. The streets here in Giddings were actually built with the intention of adding in this neighborhood. Chairperson Gina Reat stated I do agree with Kevin, growth is going to happen whether we like it or not. We have to guide better growth and be smart how and where we grow.

Commissioner Jenny Ahsley stated many of the surrounding properties are zoned Agricultural Residential. The proposed subdivision would have a negative impact on the public infrastructure.

A motion was made Planning and Zoning Commission Board Member Jenny Ashley deny the Single-Family Residential (R-1) from Escalante- Orocio Ventures LLC for the original zoning of 8.849 acres and seconded by Planning and Zoning Commission Board Member Tony Raiford and recommend Agricultural Residential (AR) to be zoned.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: P&Z Board Members Reat, Raiford, Ashley

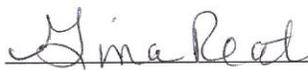
Nays: Schkade

4. **Adjournment-** Chairperson Gina Reat adjourned at 6:58 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2025.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary




Gina Reat, Chairperson