

Hill Center Brentwood Passes First Hurdle

BRENTWOOD – A mixed-use project that would bring 600,000 square feet of office, retail and restaurant space to the heart of Brentwood will advance to the next stage.

In a unanimous vote Monday, Brentwood city commissioners granted approval of H.G. Hill Realty's proposal to rezone the southwest corner of Maryland Way and Franklin Road to a commercial retail classification during a first reading.

The developer wants to build a mixed-use development there known as the Hill Center Brentwood. Some residents voiced concerns that a hotel could also be constructed, but H.G. Hill Realty CEO Jimmy Granbery said one isn't in the plans at the moment although he couldn't rule out that possibility further in the future.

The C-2 zoning that the developer is seeking doesn't allow for residential living units.

The site once housed the Tennessee Baptist Convention Center and the now-demolished Murray Ohio headquarters. Last year, H.G. Hill and development partner GBT Realty withdrew their plans for the proposed Streets of Brentwood, a 950,000-square-foot mixed-use project that would have featured offices, a hotel, condominium units, retail space, restaurants and a CineBistro movie theater on the same piece of property. H.G. Hill has since bought GBT's interest.

Only offices are allowed on the site now.

The rezoning proposal will continue on to a community meeting at 6 p.m. June 26 in the Brentwood Library followed by a recommendation from the Planning Commission during a July 7 meeting with a public hearing set for July 14 and a final reading scheduled for July 28.

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