

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

The Barrett-Peake Heritage Foundation is seeking this rezoning because of the very specific condition that is on the property, limiting it to be used as a state headquarters for a private club. We are looking to put a community center use on the property that would function as the Headquarters for the Barrett-Peake Heritage Foundation, as well as a mini-museum and a site for educational and cultural activities. The Foundation is hoping to rezone 123 E. Pembroke Avenue to the R-4 district, and this would be an improvement to the neighborhood zoning because the Community Plan calls for the site to be residential. Because the site already has a single family home on it, and it is surrounded by an existing single family neighborhood, there are no anticipated impacts to adjacent properties or city services.

The rezoning conforms to the Hampton Community Plan in that the Barrett-Peake Educational and Cultural Center is based on the City proposal to create landings in order to more effectively connect the interconnected network of streets with the waterfront. A series of public spaces, or landings, at the points where streets meet the water is also proposed and will serve as entrances to a continuous walkway system along the waterfront. Lincoln Street Landing will also provide a gateway to Pasture Point as well as marking the beginning of the waterfront walkway. The Barrett-Peake Educational and Cultural Center will sit at the entrance of the Waterfront park at the end of Lincoln Street (Lincoln Street Landing) which will serve as an entrance to Pasture Point on Eaton Street, where the Center is located on the corner of Eaton Street and Pembroke Avenue.