

More business development on Coffeen?

• 100-acre annexation awaits City Council OK

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The city Planning Commission on Monday night approved a 100-acre annexation that could dramatically change the face of Coffeen Avenue.

The annexation, which still needs approval from the City Council, would zone 64 acres for business development along Coffeen Avenue.

There would also be 26 acres for residential development and 10 acres as site of the new Woodland Park School.

The land zoned for businesses would be 500 feet wide and run south of Sheridan College for a mile down the eastern side of Coffeen Avenue.

The land is owned by Whitney Benefits Inc. of Sheridan, and Whitney Board President Tom Kinnison said there are no formal plans to do anything with that land.



Tom Kinnison
Whitney Benefits Board President

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About five neighbors of the proposed annexation voiced concerns at the meeting — some about the types of businesses that may go in. Kinnison promised to meet with the residents to hear their concerns about business development.

He said Whitney Benefits is devoted to improving the community and would not hurt residents' quality of life with bad development.

In other action, the Planning Commission approved a 21-unit mobile home park northwest of Timberline Drive. Developer Brett Sayer said the project will provide affordable housing.