



## Rezoning for proposed Patriot Plaza in Cape Coral approved

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A rezoning needed for the development of the proposed Patriot Plaza project slipped through the Cape Coral Planning and Zoning Commission this morning without opposition.

The vote was 8-0.

The proposed project involves 10 properties split by Diplomat Parkway near Corbett Road, according to city planner Wyatt Daltry. The proposed project proposed by JCM Contracting will create 220,000 square feet of business space, including a hotel with as many as 110 rooms; retail space, and medical and health care space that would tie in with the federal Veterans Affairs clinic expected to be completed by the end of the year.

No specific projects or construction schedules have been announced.

Bonnie Allen, general manager of Six Lakes Country Club, urged the commission to consider the traffic impact on Littleton

Road, which provides a shortcut from Diplomat Parkway to U.S. 41. Residents are concerned about traffic safety, she said.

Lee County also is considering rezonings in the area for a health care facility, Allen said.

“With the two lanes there is no room for any mistake,” Allen said. “As the area develops the traffic flow in that area is going to be greatly impacted,” Allen said.

The city and county should consider making Littleton a three-lane road, Allen said. Developers along Diplomat whose projects create more traffic could contribute to the cost, she said.

The city, county and the state are studying intersections and roads within a two-mile radius of the clinic area for possible improvements to handle the traffic as the area develops, said Derek Burr manager of planning and growth management for the city.

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