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Feature Photo (above): An airplane being fueled up at Weiser Airpark. Image: Google Streets.

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Houston (Harris County) — **Trammell Crow Company** was able to sort out several traffic related issues affecting its plans for a business park that will eventually have more than 1.7 million square feet of industrial space.

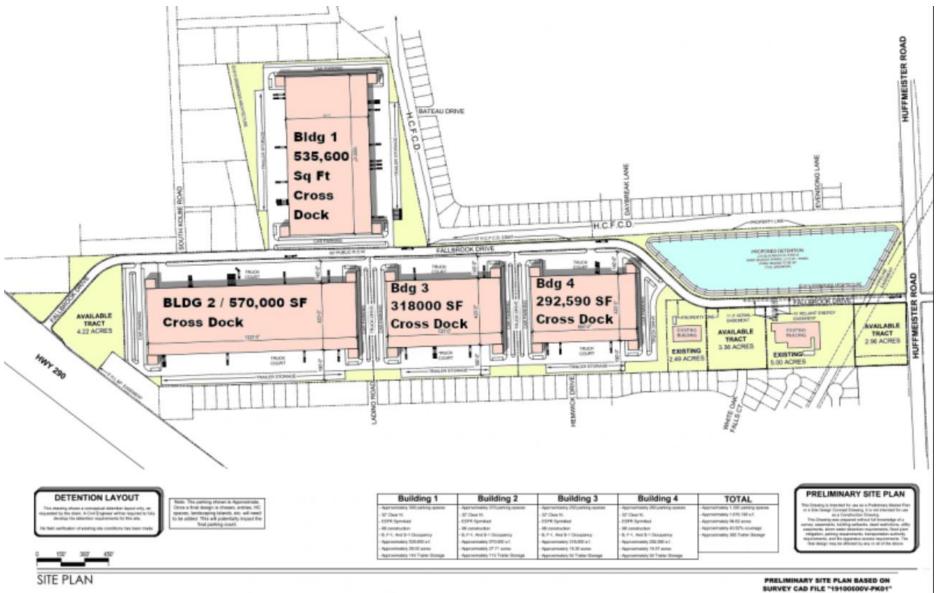
Late last year, the family-owned **Weiser Airpark** near Cypress was put on the market. The private airfield had been in operation from approximately 1945 to 2018. It was originally known as the F.H. Jackson Airport and was renamed Weiser Airpark in 1963. The airfield was a popular with local aviation enthusiasts and the home of a flying school.

TCC purchased the property and now controls almost 132 acres of which 94.62 acres will be developed, according to the case report. TCC has drawn up plans to convert it into a business park. The official plat name is **Weiser Business Park GP**, but a preliminary site plan prepared by **Seeberger Architecture** also refers to it as **Weiser Air Park**, 21904 Northwest Freeway.

The issues before the Planning Commission at the June 20 regular session were:

- Exceed the maximum 1,400-foot intersection spacing along a proposed Fallbrook Drive by not extending Bateau Drive, Daybreak Lane or Evenson Lane.
- Exceed the maximum 1,400-foot intersection spacing along a proposed Fallbrook Drive and the southern GP boundary line by not extending White Oak Falls Court, Hemwick Drive and Ladino Road into the business park.

TCC proposes the construction of a 60-foot-wide, east-west connector, Fallbrook Drive, that will cut through its property and connect Huffmeister Road to the frontage road of U.S. Highway 290. But TCC wants to avoid connecting the residential streets the run north-south on either side of its northern and southern property lines.



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Preliminary site plan for Weiser Air Park. Courtesy: TCC.

Bateau, Daybreak and Evensong dead-end into a 100-foot wide Harris County Flood Control District active drainage channel and bridges would have to be constructed to extend them into the business park.

"Such access is unneeded by the Bonaire Subdivision since multiple connections to both Cypress North Houston Road and Huffmeister Road already exist," the case report states. "Traffic generated by light industrial or warehouse/distribution uses as are planned for this tract would be out of character with the existing residences."

The other streets in question do not have a storm channel barrier, but staff deemed any connections incompatible because this would mix tractor-trailer traffic with residential traffic. Both requests were granted, but with two exceptions.

TCC agreed to staff's mark-up to provide connections to Fallbrook at Kolbe Drive and Daybreak Lane.

"Requiring dedication of the short stub street Daybreak would provide opportunity in the future for a more connected local street network in the area if/when a bridge is constructed," staff said.

The preliminary site plan provides these specifications on the four proposed industrial buildings:

- Building 1: Approximately 300 parking spaces; 32-foot clear height; ESFR sprinkled; IIB Construction; B, F-1, and S-1 occupancy; approximately 535,600 SF; approximately 28.05 acres; approximately 145 trailer storage.
- Building 2: Approximately 370 parking spaces; 32-foot clear height; ESFR sprinkled; IIB Construction; B, F-1, and S-1 occupancy; approximately 570,000 SF; approximately 27.71 acres; approximately 115 trailer storage.
- Building 3: Approximately 250 parking spaces; 32-foot clear height; ESFR sprinkled; IIB Construction; B, F-1, and S-1 occupancy; approximately 318,000 SF; approximately 16.30 acres; approximately 55 trailer storage.
- Building 4: Approximately 260 parking spaces; 32-foot clear height; ESFR sprinkled; IIB Construction; B, F-1, and S-1 occupancy; approximately 292,590 SF; approximately 16.57 acres; approximately 50 trailer storage.





(Above): Aerial view of a Weiser Airpark hangar. (Below): Airplanes parked in the airfield. (Left) Google Earth view of the property.



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