

# Rezoning Petition 2010 - 029 PRE-HEARING STAFF ANALYSIS

March 18, 2010

**REQUEST** 

Proposed Zoning: UMUD-O, SPA, uptown mixed use district, optional,

site plan amendment

LOCATION Approximately 0.54 acres located on the northern corner at the

intersection of South Caldwell Street and East Third Street.

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**SUMMARY OF PETITION** This petition proposes a site plan amendment to allow all uses in UMUD.

**STAFF** Staff recommends approval this petition upon resolution of the RECOMMENDATION

outstanding issues. This petition is consistent with the Center City 2010

Vision Plan.

Small Brothers Charlotte, LLC **Property Owner** 

Petitioner James Small Agent/Representative Charles M. McClure

**Community Meeting** Meeting is required and has been held. Report available online.

#### **PLANNING STAFF REVIEW**

#### **Background**

This property was rezoned on January 22, 2002 to allow the construction of 127 residential condominium units on top of a 308-space parking deck, and a minimum of 1,600 square feet of ground floor office/retail space. The following optional provisions were approved as part of this

- Encroachment into the required 12-foot setback along Caldwell and East Third Streets (no less than 70 feet above the sidewalk to prevent conflicts with the required street trees).
- Maneuvering of service vehicles into the right-of-way at the loading/service areas along Caldwell Street between the hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

## **Proposed Request Details**

The site plan accompanying this petition contains the following provisions:

- Retention of the originally approved optional provisions from Petition 2001-135.
- Expansion of uses to allow all uses within the UMUD district will be permitted.
- Re-installation of street trees removed by previous developer.
- Restrictions related to location and time of loading and unloading associated with the building.
- Requirement that any use requiring check-in will occur on the second floor (first parking level) of the parking deck.
- Limitation on the location and size of service vehicles.
- Commitment to work with CDOT during construction plan approval process to resolve ingress/egress driveway circulation issues and pedestrian site issues.

#### **Existing Zoning and Land Use**

The subject site contains an unfinished high-rise residential condominium development. All adjacent properties are zoned UMUD and UMUD-O and developed with office, retail, institutional and cultural uses.

#### Rezoning History in Area

Recent rezonings in the area include: Petition 2007-120 approved a UMUD-O request to allow additional signs and allow the required street trees to be relocated into the plaza area of the Nascar Hall of Fame complex. Petition 2008-096 established UMUD zoning on right-of-way that was released due to the realignment of the I-277/South Boulevard Interchange. Petition 2008-129 approved a UMUD-O site plan amendment to allow the option to add signage for the City of Charlotte Arena.

#### Public Plans and Policies

- The Center City 2010 Vision Plan (2000) envisions the Uptown as having a variety of living, entertainment, and cultural activities.
- This petition is consistent with the *Center City 2010 Vision Plan*.

### PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE (see full department reports online)

Vehicle Trip Generation:

Current Zoning: 635 trips per day. Proposed Zoning: 2,000 trips per day.

- **CDOT:** CDOT has submitted the following requirement that must be satisfied prior to driveway permit approval and should be shown on the site plan as appropriate:
  - 1. Reservation of adequate sight triangles at the existing /proposed East Third and Caldwell Streets entrances and where public sidewalks are affected by vehicles exiting the site.
- Charlotte Fire Department: No comments received.
- CATS: No issues.
- Connectivity: No issues.
- Neighborhood and Business Services: No issues.
- Schools: CMS does not comment on UMUD rezoning petitions because of the wide range of uses permitted.
- Park and Recreation: No comments received.
- Urban Forestry: No issues.

## ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE SITE DESIGN (see full department reports online)

- Storm Water: No issues.
- LUESA: No issues.
- **Site Design:** The following explains how the petition addresses the environmentally sensitive site design guidance in the *General Development Policies*.
  - Minimizes impacts to the natural environment by building on an infill lot.

#### **OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

- The petitioner should:
  - 1. The petitioner should show on site plan reservation of adequate sight triangles at the existing /proposed East Third and Caldwell Streets entrances, along with provision of 10' x 10' pedestrian sight triangles where public sidewalks are affected by vehicles exiting the site.

#### Attachments Online at www.rezoning.org

- Application
- CATS Review
- CDOT Review
- Community Meeting Report
- LUESA Review
- Neighborhood and Business Services Review
- Site Plan
- Storm Water Review
- Urban Forestry

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