

# Rezoning Petition 2012-088 PRE-HEARING STAFF ANALYSIS October 15, 2012

**REQUEST** Current Zoning: NS, neighborhood services

Proposed Zoning: NS(SPA), neighborhood services, site plan

amendment

**LOCATION** Approximately 5.09 acres located on the north side of Nolley Court

near the intersection of Nolley Court and Galleria Boulevard.

**SUMMARY OF PETITION** The petition proposes a site plan amendment to Tract C to allow the

construction of an 80-unit senior independent living apartment community, and to remove a development note prohibiting the

construction of rental apartments.

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

**RECOMMENDATION** outstanding issue. This petition is consistent with the *Independence* 

Boulevard Area Plan.

PROPERTY OWNER Trotter Properties, LLC
PETITIONER PIRHL Developers, LLC

AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE Peter Tatge/ESP Associates, PA

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

#### PLANNING STAFF REVIEW

## Background

The site in question is part of a larger 17.38-acre parcel that was rezoned in 2005 (rezoning petition 2004-022) in order to allow the construction of a multi-use, pedestrian-friendly development consisting of up to 30,000 square feet of commercial uses (Tracts A and D), up to 54,000 square feet of office uses (Tracts A, B, and D), and up to 93 multi-family residential units (Tract C). The approved site plan allows any use permitted in the R-17MF zoning classification (that is also permitted in the NS zoning classification), prohibits a hotel, drive through facilities, or convenience or gas sales facility on certain tracts within the development, and prohibits rental apartments on Tract C.

## Proposed Request Details

The site plan amendment contains the following changes:

- Removes development note prohibiting a rental apartment community.
- Retains note that allows any use permitted in the R-17MF zoning district that is also allowed in the NS zoning district.
- Permits the construction of an independent senior living apartment community with up to 80 units.
- Redesigns layout to accommodate independent senior living apartment community, including buildings and parking area.
- Allows a maximum building height of 45 feet and up to three stories in association with the
  proposed independent senior living apartment community. Retains note from rezoning petition
  2004-022 requiring that the height of any building conform to the development standards of the
  R-17MF zoning district, but in no event shall exceed 45 feet in height. The height of any
  building within 40 feet of the exterior property line shall not exceed 30 feet in height or contain
  more than three stories.
- Site amenities to include covered picnic area, gazebo with sidewalk access to main entry of the building, and seating areas.
- On-site parking proposed at one space per dwelling unit in accordance with NS district requirements.

- Elect to install a fence, berm or wall in designated areas along the western property line to supplement the 20-foot landscape area.
- The following transportation improvements are proposed:
  - Completion of Nolley Court to connect to Sardis Road North with proposed street stub connection to the property to the west. This includes installation of 6-foot sidewalks and eight-foot planting strips along both sides of the street.
  - Proposed vehicular and pedestrian access easement to abutting property.
  - Construction of a right turn lane improvement at Nolley Court and Sardis Road North, with language seeking relief in the event additional right-of-way is required and the petitioner is unsuccessful in acquiring the necessary right-of-way.
  - Dedication via plat of additional right-of-way along the westernmost property line, adjacent to the proposed extension of Nolley Court.
  - Installation of an approved traffic calming device within the proposed extension of Nolley Court, with its design approved by CDOT.
  - Provision of an approximate 40' x 8' wide raised pedestrian island near the intersection of Sardis Road North and Maple Shade Lane (east of Maple Shade Lane) intended to enhance pedestrian crossing of Sardis Road North.
- Reduces the percentage of brick materials required for buildings on Tract C from 75 percent as previously approved to 50 percent.
- All buildings throughout site will contain windows or faux window treatments as replacement for windows which face the internal public street and any large expanses of uninterrupted walls for these buildings will be avoided through the introduction of articulated facades and/or other specially designed architectural elements.
- Building elevations to portray the basic character of structures approved with rezoning petition 2004-022.

### Existing Zoning and Land Use

• The site is currently undeveloped and is surrounded by a mix of single family and multi-family, retail, commercial and industrial uses, and undeveloped acreage on properties zoned NS, R-3, R-17MF, B-1(CD), B-2, O-1(CD), MUDD-O, MUDD(CD), I-1, and I-1(CD). Properties located further to the south are within the Town of Matthews.

## Rezoning History in Area

Approval of rezoning petition 2009-046 rezoned approximately 1.56 acres located along
Monroe Road near Sardis Road North from O-15(CD) to NS to allow the redevelopment of a
former child care site with up 23,800 square feet of office and limited commercial uses.
Approval of rezoning petition 2008-006 rezoned approximately 1.96 acres located on the
northwest corner of Galleria Boulevard and Galleria Club Lane from CC to UR-2(CD) in order to
accommodate the construction of a 48-apartment unit, three-story building.

#### Public Plans and Policies

- The *Independence Boulevard Area Plan* (2011) recognizes the residential component approved with rezoning petition 2004-022 and recommends residential up to 17 dwelling units per acre.
- This petition is consistent with the *Independence Boulevard Area* Plan.

#### **DEPARTMENT COMMENTS** (see full department reports online)

- Charlotte Area Transit System: No comments received.
- Charlotte Department of Neighborhood & Business Services: No issues.
- Transportation: No issues.
  - Vehicle Trip Generation:

Current Zoning: 610 trips per day. Proposed Zoning: 300 trips per day.

- Connectivity: No issues.
- Charlotte Fire Department: No issues.

- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools: This site plan amendment will not impact the number of students attending local schools.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services: No issues.
- Engineering and Property Management: No issues.
- Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency: No comments received.
- Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Department: No issues.
- Urban Forestry: No issues.

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

- **Site Design:** The following explains how the petition addresses the environmentally sensitive site design guidance in the *General Development Policies-Environment*.
  - Minimizes impacts to the natural environment by building on an infill lot.

## **OUTSTANDING ISSUE**

- The petitioner should:
  - 1. Correctly label "Sardis Road North" on the site plan.

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

- Application
- Site Plan
- Charlotte Department of Neighborhood & Business Services Review
- Transportation Review
- Charlotte Fire Department Review
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services Review
- Engineering and Property Management Review
- Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Review
- Urban Forestry Review

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