

Rezoning Petition 2012-091 PRE-HEARING STAFF ANALYSIS November 12, 2012

REQUEST Current Zoning: MX-2, mixed use located within both the Lake

Wylie Protected Area and Lake Wylie Critical Area

Proposed Zoning: R-12MF(CD), multi-family, conditional, located within both the Lake Wylie Protected Area and Lake Wylie Critical

Area

LOCATION Approximately 20.0 acres located on the north side of Garron Point

Drive between Mt. Holly-Huntersville Road and Pointer Ridge Drive.

(Outside City Limits)

SUMMARY OF PETITION The petition proposes a 240-unit multi-family development at a

density of 12 dwelling units per acre.

STAFF Staff recommends approval of this petition upon resolution of

RECOMMENDATION outstanding issues. The petition is consistent with the *Northwest*

District Plan.

PROPERTY OWNER C River, LLC

PETITIONER Anthony W. Packer **AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE** Anthony W. Packer

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

PLANNING STAFF REVIEW

Background

- The subject site was originally part of a larger rezoning approved in 1999 (rezoning petition 1998-064C) known as the Catawba River Plantation. This rezoning allowed up to 295 multifamily units on the subject property at a density of 14.6 dwelling units per acre.
- A small portion of the site was then involved in a rezoning site plan amendment in 2001 (rezoning petition 2000-139) to shift the location of an internal street and reallocate dwelling units. The use on the subject site remained multi-family.
- Following an administrative amendment in 2002 and another in 2008 to the conditional rezoning plan, the majority of the subject site was converted from multi-family dwellings to single family dwellings. The amended conditional plan indicates 81 single family dwelling units, an amenity lot, and then approximately 2.8 acres of the subject site remained multi-family at the original base density of 14.6 dwelling units per acre.
- This rezoning is requesting to allow multi-family dwelling units on the subject property as originally allowed by the 1999 rezoning.

Proposed Request Details

The site plan accompanying this petition contains the following provisions:

- A 240-unit multi-family development.
- A 75-foot wide Class C buffer abutting single family with the exterior 50 feet to remain undisturbed.
- An eight-foot wide bike/pedestrian path extending from Garron Point Drive to Ruxton Court.
- Building elevations are provided for the residential buildings, the clubhouse, and the detached garages. Building materials include brick veneer and hardy plank siding.
- Building height not to exceed three stories and 48 feet.
- Residential buildings along Garron Point Drive orient towards the street and direct pedestrian connections are provided to the existing public sidewalk.
- A private street connection is provided to the abutting townhome development southeast of the subject property.

- Interconnected open space areas are provided throughout the development. Open space areas include, but are not limited to, walking trails, benches, and an arbor.
- Detached lighting will be limited to 25 feet in height and utilize full cut-off type lighting fixtures.
- No "wall-pak" type lighting will be allowed.

Existing Zoning and Land Use

The subject site is currently vacant. The properties north and east of the site are zoned MX-2 and are developed with single family homes. Properties west of the site are also zoned MX-2 and contain an amenity area. Across Garron Point Drive the property is vacant. Commercial uses are south of the subject property and are zoned B-1(CD) and B-2(CD).

Rezoning History in Area

Petition 2011-028 rezoned property approximately 0.6 miles east of the subject site located on the north side of Mount Holly Road at Chattaroy Drive from R-17MF and R-3 to R-8. This was a corrective rezoning associated with the *Catawba Area Plan*.

Public Plans and Policies

- The Northwest District Plan (1990), as amended by rezoning petition number 1998-64(c), recommends a mix of single family, multi-family, office and retail land uses for the Catawba River Plantation development. The plan more specifically indicates multi-family dwellings on the subject site with a base density of up to 14.6 dwelling units per acre.
- The petition is consistent with the Northwest District Plan.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS (see full department reports online)

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

Current Zoning: 775 trips per day. Proposed Zoning: 1,580 trips per day.

- Connectivity: No issues.
- Charlotte Fire Department: No issues.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools: The proposed development would generate 72 students. The net change in the number of students generated from existing zoning to the proposed zoning is four students.
- 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*.
 - Facilitates the use of alternative modes of transportation by providing an eight-foot wide bike/pedestrian path connecting Garron Point Drive to Ruxton Court.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- The petitioner should:
 - 1. Modify the tree preservation calculations under the "Site Information" table to indicate the development will comply with the minimum 15 percent tree save requirements.

Attachments Online at www.rezoning.org

- Application
- Site Plan
- Community Meeting Report
- Charlotte Area Transit System Review
- Charlotte Department of Neighborhood & Business Services Review
- Transportation Review
- Charlotte Fire Department Review
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools 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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