

Rezoning Petition 2013-022

ZONING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION March 27, 2013

REQUEST Current Zoning: R-5 HD-O, single family residential, historic district

overlay (Wesley Heights)

Proposed Zoning: UR-2(CD) HD-O, urban residential, conditional,

historic district overlay (Wesley Heights)

LOCATION Approximately 0.82 acres located on the west side of South Summit

Avenue near the intersection of West Morehead Street and South

Summit Avenue. (Council District 2 – Mitchell)

SUMMARY OF PETITION The petition proposes a 35-unit multi-family development at a density

of 43 units per acre.

PROPERTY OWNER

PETITIONER

AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE

E.C. Griffith Company Mission Properties, LLC

Tony Miller, Miller Architecture

COMMUNITY MEETING

STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY

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

This petition is found to be inconsistent with the *Central District Plan* but found the proposed residential density consistent with the *General Development Policies* and to be reasonable and in the public interest,

by a unanimous vote of the Zoning Committee (motion by Commissioner Walker seconded by Commissioner Eschert).

ZONING COMMITTEE ACTION

The Zoning Committee voted unanimously to recommend **APPROVAL** of this petition with the following modifications:

- 1. Modified the "Number of Residential Units" to read: "Up to 35 Multi-Family Units Apartments (as allowed by parking)".
- 2. Indicated "Residential Density" as "43 dwelling units per acre".
- 3. Deleted Note 1g "Square footage of Non-Residential Uses".
- 4. Modified "Maximum Building Height" to indicate a limit of three stories and 50 feet in addition to the UR-2 height requirements.
- 5. Indicated outdoor amenities will be provided for the residents.
- 6. Modified Note 4a as follows: "Multi-Family Residential & Uses Accessory to Residential, Street Level Retail & Parking".
- 7. Rewrote Note 5d as follows: "Parking Location: Parking will be provide on-site to the side and rear of the proposed building and on-street along South Summit Avenue as permitted by CDOT".
- 8. Modified Note 12a to indicate freestanding lighting will be limited to 20' in height and all lighting shall utilize full cut-off type lighting fixtures.
- 9. Deleted sheet Z103.
- 10. Addressed the Transportation comment by removing the pavement marking for on-street parking along South Summit Avenue from the site plan.

VOTE Motion/Second: Walker/Nealon

Yeas: Allen, Eschert, Labovitz, Nealon, and Walker

Nays: None Absent: Lathrop Recused: Johnson **ZONING COMMITTEE** Staff presented the petition and indicated a second community

DISCUSSION meeting was held to address concerns regarding the first community

meeting being held on a holiday. The Zoning Committee had no

further discussion.

STAFF OPINION Staff agrees with the recommendation of the Zoning Committee.

FINAL STAFF ANALYSIS (Pre-Hearing Analysis online at www.rezoning.org)

PLANNING STAFF REVIEW

Proposed Request Details

The site plan accompanying this petition contains the following provisions:

- A 35-unit multi-family development limited to one building.
- A building envelope that steps back from South Summit Avenue along the northern portion of the site to transition the building façade to the established setback within the Wesley Heights neighborhood.
- · Building elevations are provided.
- · Maximum building height of three stories.
- Minimum six-foot sidewalk along South Summit Street that may meander to preserve existing street trees.
- Ten and a half foot wide class "C" buffer abutting the R-5 zoned parcels along the rear property line to include plantings and an opaque wooden fence.
- Detached lighting will be limited to 20 feet in height and shall utilize full cut-off type lighting fixtures.

Public Plans and Policies

- The Central District Plan (1993) recommends single family residential and references the residential location criteria of the General Development Policies for areas of higher density development.
- The *General Development Policies* (GDP) (2003) support residential densities in excess of 17 units per acre. The GDPs require 14 points to qualify for densities in excess of 17 dwelling units per acre. The land use and density proposed is appropriate due to the development meeting the design guidelines of the GDPs. In addition, the development will be required to comply with the Historic District Commission's design requirements and approvals.

Assessment Criteria	Density Category - Over 17 dua
Meeting with Staff	1 (Yes)
Sewer and Water Availability	2 (CMUD)
Land Use Accessibility	2 (Medium)
Connectivity Analysis	5 (High)
Road Network Evaluation	0 (No)
Design Guidelines	4 (Yes)
Other Opportunities or Constraints	NA
Minimum Points Needed: 14	Total Points: 14

• The petition is inconsistent with the Central District Plan; however, the density is supported by the General Development Policies.

• Staff Recommendation (Updated)

• Staff agrees with the recommendation of the Zoning Committee.

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.
- Charlotte Fire Department: No issues.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools: No issues.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services: No issues.
- Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency: No issues.
- 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 ISSUES

No issues.

Attachments Online at www.rezoning.org

- Application
- Pre-Hearing Staff Analysis
- Site Plan
- Community Meeting Report
- Charlotte Department of Neighborhood & Business Services Review
- Transportation Review
- Charlotte Fire Department Review
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Review
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services Review
- Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency Review
- Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Review
- Urban Forestry Review

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