## Rezoning Petition 2015-057 Pre-Hearing Staff Analysis



June 15, 2015

REQUEST	Current Zoning: B-1 (neighborhood business) Proposed Zoning: NS (neighborhood services)
LOCATION	Approximately 1.14 acres located on the north side of East Woodlawn Road between Park Road and Brandywine Road. (Council District 6 - Smith)
SUMMARY OF PETITION	The petition proposes a maximum of 14,000 square feet of commercial uses allowed in NS (neighborhood services) district, with one accessory drive-through service window.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Staff recommends approval of this petition upon resolution of outstanding issues. This petition is consistent with the <i>Park Woodlawn Area Plan</i> .
PROPERTY OWNER PETITIONER AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE	PRSC Holdings (Edens), LLC PRSC Holdings (Edens), LLC Jeff Brown and Keith MacVean, Moore & Van Allen
COMMUNITY MEETING	Meeting is required and has been held. Report available online. Number of people attending the Community Meeting: 6

## PLANNING STAFF REVIEW

#### • Proposed Request Details

The site plan accompanying this petition contains the following provisions:

- Up to 14,000 square feet of commercial uses, with one accessory drive-through service window.
- Maximum of three principal structures.
- Access to the site is provided along East Woodlawn Road and from internal connections to the existing shopping center.
- Elevations of the proposed structure identified as Space 515 and 520 as viewed from East Woodlawn Road.
- Proposed eight-foot planting strip and eight-foot sidewalk along East Woodlawn Road.
- Proposed pedestrian refuge for East Woodlawn Road.
- Large expanses of wall exceeding 20 feet in length will be avoided through articulation, architectural features and building materials.
- Service side of buildings will not be allowed to front East Woodlawn Road.
- Building materials will be a combination of brick, stone, precast stone, precast concrete, synthetic stone, stucco, cementitious siding, EIFS, decorative block, architectural metal panels and/or wood. Vinyl as a building material will not be allowed except on windows, handrails/railings and soffits.
- Proposed accessory drive-through window will not be allowed to face the public right-of-way.
- Detached lighting will be limited to 30 feet in height.
- Prohibition of automobile service stations with or without convenience stores, and eating drinking and entertainment establishments with accessory service windows.

## • Existing Zoning and Land Use

• The subject property is part of the existing Park Road Shopping Center and is currently developed with a vacant commercial building. Properties on both sides of East Woodlawn Road are zoned B-1 (neighborhood business) and developed with various commercial/retail uses. Properties on the west side of Park Road are zoned O-2 (office), B-1(CD) (neighborhood business, conditional), MUDD-O (mixed use development- optional) and MUDD(CD) (mixed use development, conditional) and developed with office uses and a gas station/convenience store.

## • Rezoning History in Area

Petition 2012-56 rezoned 1.13 acres located on the southwest corner at the intersection of Park Road and Drexel Place to MUDD-O (mixed use development- optional) to allow 4,200 square feet of nonresidential uses that include retail, general and medical office and business service uses and up to 42 residential dwelling units.

# • Public Plans and Policies

- The Park Woodlawn Area Plan (2013) recommends office and retail for the subject parcel.
- This petition is consistent with the Park Woodlawn Area Plan.

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

- Charlotte Area Transit System: No issues.
- Charlotte Department of Neighborhood & Business Services: No issues.
- **Transportation:** Petitioner should modify the proposed street-cross section as identified in the adopted area plan.
  - Vehicle Trip Generation: Current Zoning: 2,800 trips per day. Proposed Zoning: 1,900 trips per day.
- Charlotte Fire Department: No comments received.
- **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools:** Non-residential petitions do 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 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 infill lot that scores high on GDP for accessibility and connectivity.

## **OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

- The petitioner should:
  - 1. Add a note limiting the site to one accessory drive through window.
  - 2. Label the width of the proposed planting strip along the internal drive.
  - 3. Provide elevations for the proposed structure identified as Space 525.
  - 4. Amend and clarify the proposed outdoor dining area along Woodlawn Road. It appears to conflict with the proposed sidewalk.
  - 5. Address Transportations comments.

#### Attachments Online at <u>www.rezoning.org</u>

- Application
- Site Plan
- Locator Map
- Community Meeting Report
- Charlotte Área Transit System Review
- Charlotte Department of Neighborhood & Business Services Review
- Transportation Review
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services Review
- Engineering and Property Management Review
- Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency Review
- Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Review
- Urban Forestry Review

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