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Notes from open house meetings and neighbor's questions about the site:

During the first meeting at 9136 Wilkinson Blvd, there were basically 3 pairs of individuals that showed up and asked some good specific questions. Four were neighborhood residents and two ladies were from the medical office on site that wanted to see what we were doing. No one objected to our use but they all had questions. The questions that were raised:

First of all the sign that was placed in error in front of our site that was confusing everyone has been moved. This sign left everyone wondering what we were doing versus the medical building that was pictured on the sign. We have clarified that everything to the right of our property line will be torn down and a medical office building will be built there.

Everyone wanted to see what we were going to build. It would be in our best interest to come up with a comparable existing site that we could reference to, and provide a rendering and proposed sight plan for any future meetings. I don't believe we would want to attend another public hearing or council meeting without this.

Are we tearing Lowe's down and rebuilding it or are we upfitting? Are we repaving the entire parking lot?

Will we have trucks parked outside? How many?

Will we offer 24 hour access to anyone, including equipment drop offs?

Will people be allowed in the back of the building at night?

Will we eliminate the homeless gathering around the building?

Will we install a privacy fence? Will there be any noise?

How much additional traffic will this add to the neighborhood behind the property on Tuckaseegee?

The attendees were excited to see something positive finally being done with the site. Some at the same time expressed their desire for retail to go into the strip mall. Again, at this time we did not know that the strip mall was being torn down.

Will this site on Freedom replace the existing U-Haul center on Ashley Rd (780059), or will it be closed. How much of the parking lot inventory be relocated to Freedom Dr versus Ashley Rd.

The second meeting was held at 1530 Ashley Rd on 03/05/19:

The concerns of the attendees were the same as above with the following additions:

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The first person there who was Tracie Bennett, had negative comments about the site being used as a U-Haul center. She was upset that we did not have completed drawings for her to review, and was confused about the medical building like the others. The next attendee who's name was Gay McKeown? was more positive about the use of the site. Kay Church and Gay spoke at length to Tracie and reviewed the positive aspects of our site use.

The last person to arrive was the city council representative for Charlotte district 3, LaWanna Mayfield. She had many questions and concerns about the sight that are listed above. Plus, she made a very general negative statement that she did not see any benefit to the community by adding a U-Haul Center at this location. She also did not agree with the medical building that was being built next door. She voiced regrets that the developers that were building the medical office building did not have to go through the same review process that we did. She objected to both uses.

Overall I would say the biggest obstacle to approval at these meetings was a lack of having more specific information on our part. Of course the concerns on any site can never be anticipated completely, but now we know most of ours. That and Lawanna and Tracie's objections.

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\*Note 04/04/19:

Owner of Subway came over and introduced himself as, Rohit Patel. He was in favor of U-Haul being there. He only asks that he gets to keep his driveway open and easement.



