### COMMUNITY MEETING REPORT FOR REZONING PETITION NO. 2014-116

Spectrum Properties Residential, Inc.

Petitioner: Spectrum Properties Residential, Inc.

Rezoning

**Petition No.: 2014-116** 

Property: 9.07 acres located on the north and south side of Abbey Place just west of Park

Road

This Community Meeting Report is being filed with the Office of the City Clerk and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission pursuant to Section 6.203 of the Charlotte Zoning Ordinance.

## PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS CONTACTED WITH DATES AND EXPLANATIONS OF HOW CONTACTED:

The required Community Meeting was held on November 13, 2014; a representative of the Petitioner mailed a written notice of the date, time and location of the Community Meeting to the individuals and organizations set out on **Exhibit A** by depositing the Community Meeting Notice in the U.S. mail on October 31, 2014. A copy of the written notice is attached as **Exhibit B**.

### TIME AND LOCATION OF MEETING:

The Community Meeting required by the Ordinance was held on November 13, 2014 at 7:00 PM, at Park Road Baptist Church, 3900 Park Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209.

### PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE AT MEETING:

The sign-in sheet from the required Community Meeting is attached as **Exhibit C**.

The Petitioner's representatives at the required Community Meeting were Steve McClure, Jason Fish and Ian Wagoner with Spectrum Properties Residential. Also in attendance representing the Petitioner were Roger Manley and Brian Bunce with BB&M Architecture; Nate Doolittle and Allison Merriman with LandDesign and Keith MacVean with Moore & Van Allen. District 6 City Councilmember Kenny Smith also attended the meeting.

### SUMMARY OF ISSUES DISCUSSED AT MEETING:

### I. Overview of Petitioner's Presentation.

### Introduction.

Steve McClure of Spectrum Properties opened the meeting by introducing the development team. He also introduced City Council member Kenny Smith to the attendees. He provided an overview of the history of Spectrum Properties and discussed several developments Spectrum has recently completed in the Charlotte Area. Spectrum Properties is headquarter in Charlotte for more than 32 years, Spectrum Properties is one the leading full-service real estate firm in the Southeast and has been active developer in the Charlotte market since its inception.

Keith MacVean then described the conditional rezoning process and identified the upcoming dates for the public hearing before the City Council as well as the date of the Zoning Committee meeting and the date the City Council would make a decision on the Rezoning Petition. Mr. McClure also indicated that he had been to several of the Madison Park HOA meetings to discuss and respond to questions about the Petition.

### Overview of Development Plan.

Mr. McClure provided the attendees and overview of the existing development on the Site. The nine acres that make up the Site are currently developed with 128 dwelling units, in 22 two and three story buildings; that were constructed in 1966. The majority of the existing units are two and three bedroom units. The Site is currently zoned R-17MF. Some of the existing buildings are as close as 24 feet from the exterior property line.

Mr. McClure then described the proposed plans for the Site. The rezoning petition is requesting that the Site be rezoned to the UR-2(CD) zoning district to allow the Site to be redeveloped with up to 265 residential dwellings units. No non-residential uses are planned for the Site. The new units will be located in three new four story buildings, pulled toward the middle of the Site creating a substantially larger buffer to the surrounding property owners as well as increased green space. Existing Abbey Place will be improved with parallel on-street parking with new six foot sidewalks and eight foot planting strips. The buffer at the perimeter of the Site abutting the existing single-family homes will be supplemented with a solid six foot decorative fence. The location of the proposed compactor for the Site was identified.

The proposed development will create a transition from the commercial uses located along Park Road to the single-family neighborhood.

An image of the proposed building architecture was shared with the participants. The proposed architecture is a transitional look – not overly modern or traditional - to blend with the fabric of the existing neighborhood. The materials that will be used on the buildings will be a combination of fiber cement siding and masonry veneer.

Steve McClure also mentioned that the Petitioner would be working to extend a sidewalk along Abbey Place to connect to Park Road. The Petitioner will also be working with the City to see if cross-walks and possibly a speed table could be constructed along Abbey Place to facilitate the crossing of Abbey Place by the residents of the community.

### II. Summary of Questions and Responses

The meeting was then opened up to questions and answers and comments from those individuals in attendance at the meeting. These items are summarized generally as follows:

— A number of questions were asked about the proposed residential units and the proposed site plan. The proposed complex would be managed by a professional management company like Greystar. The mix of units would consist of one and two bedroom units. The average size of the units is expected to be around 865 square feet, with one-bed room units having about 750 square feet and two bedroom units having about 1,100 to 1,200 square feet. Units are expected to rent between \$1,100 and \$1,300 a month. One of the attendees wanted to know if the height of the fence located along the perimeter of the Site could be increased to eight feet. Another attendee wanted to know if the existing Duke Energy power lines located along the perimeter of the Site could be buried. It was explained that if the power lines were buried, the existing homes connected to the power lines would have to relocate their meters and add new wiring. A question about the timing of the development was asked. If the rezoning petition is approved it is anticipated that ground breaking would occur in July of next year, with the completion of the first units occurring the following summer. Construction traffic from the Site would be directed to not use neighborhood streets to access the Site.

— A number of the residents wanted to know how the redevelopment of the Site might impact the traffic on the existing neighborhood streets. A number of the streets in the adjoining Madison Park neighborhood experience higher traffic volumes due to the nature of the street pattern. It is expected that most of the residents of the Site will use Park Road to come and go from the complex; as the intersection of Abbey Place and Park Road is a signalized intersection. In addition it is expected that most of the residents of the complex will be will be working uptown or in southpark and would use Abbey Place to access Park Road to travel to these destinations. The Petitioner did agree to meet with CDOT and study the existing traffic calming measures that have been implemented throughout the neighborhood, to see if opportunities exist to enhance or improve what has already been done.

— A number of the attendees at the meeting were residents of the existing apartment complex. They expressed a number of concerns with the proposed redevelopment plans for the Site. Questions about why the existing units could not be renovated, as well as why was the Site being redeveloped, and why the new building would not have three bedroom units were asked. The existing buildings are old and in need of updating, the cost of updating or renovating the buildings is not financially feasible. The market study of the area revealed that a majority of the target demographic of possible residents are looking for one and two bedroom units.

A number of the existing residents of the complex wanted to know about the timing of the redevelopment of the Site and how much time would they be given to relocate. They also indicated that many of the existing residents had not heard about the Community Meeting and that many of the existing residents did not read or speak English well. The Petitioner is working with the current owner of the property to develop a transition plan for the current residents of the apartments, the transition plan would be provided in Spanish as well as English. The transition plan would spell out for the current residents of the apartments the proposed schedule for the redevelopment of the Site. The aim of the transition plan is to give the existing residents clear and accurate information on what will happen and what the Petitioner and the existing property owner are willing to do to make their move to a new home as easy as possible. It is the Petitioner's expectation to deliver to the residents of the existing apartments copies of the transition plan prior to the Public Hearing on the Petition.

The existing residents also asked that the Petitioner and the current property owner do a better job of communicating with them about the plans for the Site. The Petitioner committed to work with current property owner to improve the communications with the current residents.

### CHANGES MADE TO PETITION AS A RESULT OF THE MEETING:

The Petitioner increased the height of the proposed decorative fence located within the buffers from six (6) feet to eight (8) feet. No other specific changes were made to the rezoning plan as a result of the input received at the meeting, but overall awareness of desires and input were well-received.

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## NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES OF A REZONING PETITION PETITION # 2014-116 – Spectrum Properties Residential, Inc.

Subject: Rezoning Petition No. 2014-116

Petitioner/Developer: Spectrum Properties Residential, Inc.

Property: 9.065 acres located on the north and south side of Abbey

Place just west of Park Road.

Existing Zoning: R-17MF

Rezoning Requested: UR-2(CD)

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: Park Road Baptist Church

3900 Park Road Charlotte, NC 28209

Date of Notice: Mailed on October 31, 2014

We are assisting Spectrum Properties Residential, Inc. (the "Petitioner") on a Rezoning Petition it recently filed regarding a zoning change for approximately 9.065 acres (the "Site") located at on the north and south side of Abbey Place just west of Park Road. We take this opportunity to furnish you with basic information concerning the Petition and to invite you to attend a Community Meeting to discuss it.

### **Background and Summary of Request:**

This Petition involves a request to rezone a 9.065 acre Site from R-17MF (multi-family, residential) to UR-2(CD) (Urban Residential Conditional District) to allow the Site to be redeveloped with a new high quality residential community.

The site plan that accompanies this conditional rezoning petition proposes to locate the new residential buildings along Abbey Place and away from the adjoining single-family homes on Halstead Drive, Mockingbird Lane and Montford Drive. In addition, a landscaped buffer together with a solid six (6) foot fence is proposed along the perimeter of the Site adjoining the existing single-family homes on Halstead Drive, Mockingbird Lane and Montford Drive.

Both sides of Abbey Place as it passes through the Site will be improved to include parallel on-street parking, a six foot sidewalk and an eight foot planting strip. Access to the Site will be from Abbey Place.

### **Community Meeting Date and Location**

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission's records indicate that you are either a representative of a registered neighborhood organization or an owner of property near the Site. Accordingly, we are extending an invitation to attend the upcoming Community Meeting to be held on Thursday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Park Road Baptist Church at 3900 Park Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209. Representatives of the Petitioner look forward to discussing this exciting rezoning proposal with you at the Community Meeting.

In the meantime, should you have questions about this matter, you may call Jeff Brown (704-331-1144) or Keith MacVean (704-331-3531). Thank you.

cc: Mayor Dan Clodfelter and Members of Charlotte City Council John Kinley, Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission Tammie Keplinger, Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission Mike Davis, Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT) Dennis Rorie, Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT) Stephen McClure, Spectrum Properties Residential Jason Fish, Spectrum Properties Residential Nate Doolittle, LandDesign, Inc.
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