



ZONING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

January 6, 2010

REQUEST Current Zoning: R-3, single-family residential

Proposed Zoning: INST(CD), institutional, conditional

LOCATION Approximately 7.23 acres located on the west side of Weddington Road

between Simfield Church Road and Portstewart Lane.

CENTER, CORRIDOR OR

WEDGE

Wedge

SUMMARY OF PETITION This petition proposes the development of a childcare center serving a

maximum of 425 children located in two buildings. One building will be a maximum of 13,000 square feet and the other building will be a

maximum of 16,000 square feet in size.

Property Owner

Petitioner Agent/Representative D.K. Pressley Development, Inc.

Parks Hunter John Carmichael

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

ZONING COMMITTEE ACTION

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

1. A note has been added that storm water detention will be located underground.

2. The total square footage allowed has been amended to 29,000 square feet.

3. A photograph of the proposed wall has been provided along with a note that prohibits chain link fences.

4. A note has been added that play area, and play equipment will not be allowed in required buffer or setback.

VOTE Motion/Second: Walker/Griffith

Yeas: Allen, Dodson, Griffith, Randolph and Walker

Nays: None

Absent: Rosenburgh and Simmons

Recused: None

ZONING COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION

Staff reviewed the petition, noting that all outstanding issues had been addressed and staff was recommending approval of the petition.

STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY

This petition is found to be inconsistent with the *South District Plan* and but reasonable and in the public interest, by a 5-0 vote of the Zoning

Committee (motion by Commissioner Dodson seconded by

Commissioner Griffith).

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 childcare center with a maximum of 425 children.
- One building with a maximum of 15,000 square feet and one building with a maximum of 12,500 square feet.

- Buildings that are residential in character with pitched roofs.
- Maximum height of structure not to exceed 40 feet.
- Eight-foot planting strip and six-foot sidewalk along Weddington Road.
- A proposed 35-foot class "C" buffer around the site, which may be reduced by 25 percent with a wall, fence, or berm.
- Detail of decorative wall that may be used to reduce required buffer.
- Dedication of additional right-of-way measured 50 feet from centerline along Weddington Road prior to issuance of any building permit.
- 150-foot left turn lane to be installed on Weddington Road.

Public Plans and Policies

- The South District Plan (1993) recommends single family residential up to three units per acre.
- This petition is inconsistent with *South District Plan*. However, area plans frequently do not specify locations for institutional uses.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION (Updated)

• Staff agrees with the recommendation of the Zoning Committee.

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES (see full department reports online)

- CDOT: No issues.
- Charlotte Fire Department: No issues.
- CATS: No issues.
- Connectivity: No issues
- Neighborhood and Business Services: No comments received.
- Schools: CMS does not comment on non-residential petitions.
- Park and Recreation: No comments received.

ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE SITE DESIGN (see full department reports online)

- Storm Water: No issues.
- LUESA: No issues.
- **Site Design:** The following explains how the petition addresses the environmentally sensitive site design guidance in the *General Development Policies*.
 - Protects/restores environmentally sensitive areas and minimizes impacts to the natural environment by preserving substantial areas of existing vegetation beyond minimum requirements.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

No issues.

Attachments Online at www.rezoning.org

- Application Form
- CATS Review
- CDOT Review
- Charlotte Fire Department Review
- Community Meeting Report
- LUESA Review
- Pre-Hearing Staff Analysis
- Site Plan
- Storm Water Review

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