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ZONING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION October 27, 2010

REQUEST	Current Zoning: R-4, single family residential Proposed Zoning: O-1(CD), office, conditional
LOCATION	Approximately 0.512 acres located along the north side of Monroe Road between Ashmore Drive and Glendora Drive.
SUMMARY OF PETITION	The petition proposes reuse of an existing residential structure to allow all uses permitted in the office district.
Property Owner Petitioner Agent/Representative	Richard Latorre Richard Latorre Howard Neumann, Pease Associates, Inc.
Community Meeting	Meeting is required and has been held. Report available online.
ZONING COMMITTEE	The Zoning Committee voted unanimously to recommend <b>APPROVAL</b> of this petition with the following modifications:
	<ol> <li>A note has been added to state that the existing structure is to remain.</li> <li>Note 4 has been amended to state that expansions and exterior revisions to the current structure will be compatible with the residential scale and character of the neighborhood.</li> <li>Note 4 has been amended to delete reference to other recent office, commercial and institutional development in the area.</li> <li>Note 6 has been amended to indicate that the any expansion of the existing structure will not exceed two stories and a maximum of 45 feet. The reference to "above the current finished floor elevation" was removed from this note.</li> </ol>
VOTE	Motion/Second: Dodson /Fallon Yeas: Dodson, Fallon, Firestone, Lipton, Phipps, Rosenburgh, and Walker Nays: None
	Absent:NoneRecused:None
ZONING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION	Staff reviewed the modifications made since the public hearing and noted that all outstanding site plan issues have been addressed. A Commissioner expressed concern that consistency is based on a draft plan as opposed to the existing adopted land use plan. Staff explained that a draft plan is staff's recommendation on what the land use should be and is consistent with what staff would support.
STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY	This petition is found to be inconsistent with the <i>East District Plan</i> but to be reasonable and in the public interest, by a unanimous vote of the Zoning Committee (motion by Commissioner Lipton seconded by Commissioner Firestone).
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:

- Reuse of an existing 1,496 square foot structure for office uses.
- Maximum square footage with proposed additions not to exceed 3,300 square feet.
- Maximum building height not to exceed 45 feet or two stories.
- A 12-foot Class C buffer abutting residential zoning or land use.

## • Public Plans and Policies

- The *East District Plan* (1990) recommends single family residential uses up to four dwelling units per acre. The *Independence Boulevard Area Plan (draft)* recommends office and retail uses for this site and encourages retention of the existing residential structure to maintain the residential character of this portion of Monroe Road.
- The petition is inconsistent with the East District Plan. However, it is consistent with the draft *Independence Boulevard Area Plan.*

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION (Updated)

• Staff agrees with the recommendation of the Zoning Committee.

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

- Charlotte Area Transit System: No issues.
- Charlotte Department of Neighborhood & Business Services: No issues.
- Charlotte Department of 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: No comments received.

## **ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE SITE DESIGN** (see full department reports online)

• Site Design: No issues.

#### OUTSTANDING ISSUES

No issues.

#### Attachments Online at www.rezoning.org

- Community Meeting Report
- Charlotte Area Transit System Review
- Charlotte Department of Neighborhood & Business Services Review
- Charlotte Department of 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
- Application
- Pre-Hearing Staff Analysis
- Site Plan

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