

Rezoning Petition 2014-039 Zoning Committee Recommendation

July 7, 2014

REQUEST Current Zoning: B-1 (neighborhood business)

Proposed Zoning: MUDD-O (mixed use development – optional)

LOCATION Approximately 0.145 acres located along North Davidson Street

between East 35th Street and East 36th Street.

(Council District 1 - Kinsey)

SUMMARY OF PETITION The petition proposes to renovate the existing building for use as a

restaurant with outdoor seating.

PROPERTY OWNER

PETITIONER

AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE

G.W. McCullough, III

John M. Meyer Robert Hess

COMMUNITY MEETING Meeting is required and has been held. Report available online.

Number of people attending the Community Meeting: 1st meeting 51

2nd meeting 46

STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY

This petition is found to be consistent with the *Blue Line Extension Station Area Plan* and to be reasonable and in the public interest, based on information from the staff analysis and the public hearing by a 6–0 vote of the Zoning Committee (motion by Commissioner Ryan seconded by Commissioner Nelson).

ZONING COMMITTEE ACTION

The Zoning Committee voted 6–0 to recommend **APPROVAL** of this petition with the following modifications:

- 1. Specified that an eight-foot sidewalk is to be provided as shown on the site plan.
- 2. Decreased the amount of exterior seating from 3,100- square feet to 1,578-square feet, thus reducing the area of expansion.
- 3. Amended the wording for note III a. 2. to say "14' setback reduced from 16' setback as specified in the MUDD district."
- 4. Removed the label and line for the existing 20-foot setback from sheet 2 Site Layout.

VOTE Motion/Second: Allen/Eschert

Yeas: Allen, Dodson, Eschert, Nelson, Ryan, and Sullivan

Nays: None

Absent: Labovitz and Walker

Recused: None

ZONING COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION

Staff presented the petition to the Zoning Committee noting that all outstanding issues had been addressed and that the petition is consistent with the *Blue Line Extension Station Area Plan*. There was

no further discussion.

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:

- Permitted use as a restaurant/bar.
- Total 6,300 square feet consisting of renovation of the existing 3,200-square foot building and creation of 1,578 square feet of open space in the form of exterior seating and landscaped area in the front and rear.

- Maximum building height of 40 feet.
- Creation of a curb at the former drive along the street frontage in order to restrict parking on the sidewalk.
- Construction of a permanent overhang along the front to cover exterior seating. Overhead doors provided at the front and rear to open up the interior to the exterior as weather permits.
- Construction of a landscape island with a combination of evergreens, shrubs, annuals and possible local artwork between the sidewalk and front seating area.
- Garbage and recycling area located to the rear and limited to roll-out service.
- Limits exterior lighting to full cut-off, downwardly shielded fixtures and freestanding lighting that is a maximum of 25 feet in height.
- Optional requests include:
 - Waive the six required spaces and provide no parking.
 - Provide a 14-foot setback as opposed to the 16-foot setback as specified in the adopted area plan.
 - 8-foot sidewalk at the back of curb with landscaped island added between the sidewalk and exterior seating.

Public Plans and Policies

- The Blue Line Extension Station Area Plan (2013) recommends transit supportive uses. The site is located within a ¼ mile walk of the proposed 36th Street Station.
- The petition is consistent with the Blue Line Extension Station Area Plan.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS (see full department reports online)

- Charlotte Area Transit System: No issues.
- Charlotte Department of Neighborhood & Business Services: No comments received.
- Transportation: No issues.
- Charlotte Fire Department: No comments received.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools: No issues.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services: No issues.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities: 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 reusing the existing building.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

No issues.

Attachments Online at www.rezoning.org

- Application
- Pre-Hearing Staff Analysis
- Locator Map
- Site Plan

- Community Meeting Report
- Charlotte Area Transit System Review
- Transportation Review
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services Review
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities 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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