ZONING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION February 27, 2008

Rezoning Petition No. 2008-14

Property Owner: APS Investments, LLC

Petitioner: Edwin Thomas – Rocky River Road Associates, LLC

Location: Approximately 72.4 acres on the northeastern quadrant of the I-485/

Rocky River Road interchange

Center, Corridor,

or Wedge: Wedge

Request: R-3, single family residential, to R-8MF(CD), conditional multi-family

residential, R-12MF(CD), conditional multi-family residential, and

O-2(CD), conditional office district

Action: The Zoning Committee voted unanimously to recommend

APPROVAL of this petition, based upon the following modifications:

• The ability to substitute 60 multi-family units for the office

space has been removed.

 Notes have been added providing details of the buildings to be constructed, including design details and exterior materials.

Vote: Yeas: Howard, Johnson, Lipton, Loflin, Rosenburgh, and Sheild

Nays: None

Absent: Randolph

Summary of Petition

This petition seeks approval for 646 multi-family units and 30,000 square feet of office space. About one-half the units are developed in townhouse style at eight units per acre and the other half as apartments at 12 units per acre.

Zoning Committee Discussion/Rationale

Staff reviewed the petition, noting that the proposal was exactly what the *Rocky River Road Area Plan* called for in this location. Staff also noted the modifications described above and that discussions were continuing with Harrisburg. One Committee member noted that she was comfortable with this petition because Harrisburg had been able to participate during the development of the land use plan. Another sought assurances that the water quality and tree save issues had been addressed. Staff replied that those items had been satisfactorily addressed, including the improvements recommended in the Traffic Impact Study. Another Committee member responded that construction of the minor thoroughfare by the petitioner is a major needed improvement for this area.

Statement of Consistency

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Sheild and seconded by Commissioner Loflin the Zoning Committee unanimously found this petition to be consistent with the *Rocky River Road Area Plan* and to be reasonable and in the public interest.

Vote

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Lipton and seconded by Commissioner Sheild the Zoning Committee voted unanimously to recommend APPROVAL of this petition as modified.

Staff Opinion

Staff agrees with the recommendation of the Zoning Committee.