


Charlotte Department of Transportation

Memorandum

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To: Tammie Keplinger & Tom Drake
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From: 
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Subject: Rezoning Petition 08-104: Located on the northeast corner of East Park Avenue and Cleveland Avenue

Consistency with Transportation Action Plan (TAP): The two goals of the TAP that most directly affected the staff's review of this petition define the integration of land use and transportation, and the provision of transportation choices.

- Goal 1 of the TAP relies on the Centers, Corridors and Wedges land use strategy to be implemented. This project site is located in a Wedge and appears to support the Centers, Corridors and Wedges land use strategy.
- Goal 2 of the TAP describes various connectivity and design features that are important for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists. Specific comments are identified below that need to be addressed for CDOT's support of the petition and to bring the site plan into compliance with the TAP and best practices for multimodal transportation.

Vehicle Trip Generation

This site could generate approximately 50 trips per day as currently zoned. Under the proposed zoning the site could generate approximately 150 trips per day. This will have a minor impact on the surrounding thoroughfare system.

We have the following specific comments that are critical to CDOT's support of the rezoning petition:

1. Parking calculations need to be provided in the plan in order to fully evaluate the variation from the MUDD Development Standards for keeping the existing driveways and the number of parking spaces. As shown in the site plan, these existing driveways located on East Park and Cleveland Avenues are substandard for the proposed use.
2. The petitioner should consider utilizing and upgrading the existing alleyway for access and providing parking between the alleyway and the building meeting minimum requirements.

We have the following general comments that are provided to aid the petitioner in planning and subsequent permitting phases:

Adequate sight triangles must be reserved at the existing/proposed street entrance(s). Two 35' x 35' sight triangles are required for the entrance(s) to meet requirements. All proposed trees, berms, walls, fences, and/or identification signs must not interfere with sight distance at the entrance(s). Such items should be identified on the site plan.

Any fence or wall constructed along or adjacent to any sidewalk or street right-of-way requires a certificate issued by CDOT.

A Right-of-Way Encroachment Agreement is required for the installation of any non-standard item(s) (irrigation systems, decorative concrete pavement, brick pavers, etc.) within a proposed/existing City maintained street right-of-way by a private individual, group, business, or homeowner's/business association. An encroachment agreement must be approved by CDOT prior to the construction/installation of the non-standard item(s). Contact CDOT for additional information concerning cost, submittal, and liability insurance coverage requirements.

To facilitate building permit/driveway permit review and approval, the site plan must be revised to include the following:

- Meet applicable Charlotte Land Development Standards (latest revision).
- Dimension width of the existing and proposed driveways.
- New/reconstructed driveways must be drop curb ramp Type II-Modified driveways.
- Indicate the locations and widths of all adjacent and opposing driveways.
- Indicate typical parking module dimensions.
- Include a parking summary with figures for the numbers of parking spaces required and provided.
- Directional wheelchair ramps (two per corner) should be provided at all intersections of public and private streets.

If we can be of further assistance, please advise.

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