



# ZONING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION January 30, 2013

REQUEST Current Zoning: O-1(CD), office, conditional

Proposed Zoning: O-1(CD) SPA, office, conditional, site plan

amendment

Approximately 1.20 acres located on the east side of Baucom Road LOCATION

between Mallard Creek Road and Brathay Court. (Council District 2 -

Mitchell)

SUMMARY OF PETITION The petition proposes to reuse the existing 2,800 square foot single

> family residential structure for civic, social service and fraternal facilities, general office, and medical, dental and optical clinics.

PROPERTY OWNER

**PETITIONER** 

Derita American Legion Post 345 Derita American Legion Post 345

AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE Sean Reymann

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

ZONING COMMITTEE The Zoning Committee voted unanimously to **DEFER** this petition to ACTION the February 27, 2013 Zoning Committee meeting.

VOTE Motion/Second: Griffith/Allen

> Yeas: Allen, Eschert, Griffith, Johnson, Lathrop, and

> > Phipps

Nays: None Absent: Labovitz Recused: None

ZONING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

The Zoning Committee voted to defer this petition until February 27,

2013.

## **FINAL STAFF ANALYSIS** (Pre-Hearing Analysis online at www.rezoning.org)

## PLANNING STAFF REVIEW

## **Background**

The rezoning site is part of a larger 3.4-acre parcel rezoned in 2003 (rezoning petition 2003-059) to allow the construction of up 22,000 square feet of office condominiums to be used for medical, dental and/or optical clinic uses (prohibiting veterinary clinics and drive-thru windows). The approval required that the proposed buildings be designed with a residential character and scale, with a height not to exceed 40 feet or two stories. However, the property was never developed.

## **Proposed Request Details**

- The site plan amendment contains the following changes:
  - Reuse of the existing single family residential structure for civic, social service and fraternal facilities, general office, clinics, (medical, dental and optical).
  - Relocation of existing parking out of the setback and to the side of the existing structure.
  - Installation of a new driveway to access existing gravel parking area.
  - Retention of an existing ADA improved driveway that connects to a handicap parking space, new walkway and ramp.
  - Note stating that any new structures will be designed with a residential character and scale, with minimum 50 percent masonry material along each building elevation.
  - Any new structure to have a maximum 40-foot building height and up to two stories.
  - Limit height of freestanding lighting to 25 feet, with full cutoff fixtures.

### **Public Plans and Policies**

- The Northeast District Plan (1996) recommends office land uses for this parcel.
- This petition is consistent with the Northeast District Plan.

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

- Charlotte Area Transit System: No comments received.
- Charlotte Department of Neighborhood & Business Services: No issues.
- Transportation: No issues.
- Charlotte Fire Department: No issues.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services: 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 reuse of an existing building and possible redevelopment on an infill lot.

#### **OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

- The petitioner should:
  - Clarify and better organize development notes to specify scenario involving use of existing structure and scenario involving redevelopment of the site with construction of a new building and associated site improvements.
    - a. Scenario (A) involving use of existing structure should note that the existing 2,800 square foot structure will remain with a maximum 1,000 square-foot expansion permitted. The expansion should note the maximum height of lighting and indicate that the appearance of building expansion will blend with existing structure.
    - b. Scenario (B) should note that if the site is redeveloped the new building will not exceed 7,765 square feet, with a maximum 40-foot building height and no more than two stories. Redevelopment scenario should also note maximum height of lighting and appearance of building. Show a building footprint reflecting the proposed redevelopment scenario.
  - 2. The site plan is incorrectly labeled "2003-082". Amend the site plan to reflect "Rezoning Petition 2012-082".
  - 3. Follow the standard for site plan notes.

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

- Application
- Pre-Hearing Staff Analysis
- Site Plan
- Community Meeting Report
- Charlotte Department of Neighborhood & Business Services Review
- Transportation Review
- Charlotte Fire Department Review
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services Review
- Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency Review
- Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Review
- Urban Forestry Review

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