

June 16, 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.

STAFF Staff recommends approval of this petition upon the resolution of the

RECOMMENDATION outstanding issue. The petition is consistent with the *Blue Line*

Extension Station Area Plan.

PROPERTY OWNER G.W. McCullough, III
PETITIONER John M. Meyer

PETITIONER AGENT/REPRESENTATIVEJohn 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

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 3,100 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.
 - Existing sidewalk to remain with landscaped island added between the sidewalk and exterior seating.

Existing Zoning and Land Use

The property is currently used for automotive repair. Surrounding properties on either side of North Davidson Street are zoned NS (neighborhood services), B-1 (neighborhood business), I-2 (general industrial), and MUDD-O (mixed use development, optional) and developed with office, commercial/retail, restaurant, warehouse, residential uses and a fire station.

· Rezoning History in Area

- Petition 2009-055 rezoned 0.072 acres at 3213 North Davidson, located two properties south of the subject rezoning, from I-1(CD) (light industrial, conditional) to MUDD-O (mixed use development – optional) to allow for MUDD (mixed use development) uses including bars, nightclubs or lounges.
- Petition 2012-01 located at the southeast corner of 36th Avenue and North Davidson rezoned 3.87 acres from MUDD-O (mixed use development, optional) to MUDD-O SPA (mixed use development, optional, site plan amendment) to allow for 250 residential units and 22,500 square feet of nonresidential in a transit supportive development.
- Petition 2012-07 rezoned 0.628 acres located at the northeast corner of 35th Avenue and Yakin from R-5 (single family residential) and 0-2 (office) to MUDD-O (mixed use development, optional) to allow 15 townhomes with an option to modify the streetscape in order to preserve existing trees.
- Petition 2012-042 located at the northeast corner of 36th Avenue and North Davidson rezoned 10.30 acres from UR-3(CD) (urban residential, conditional) and I-2 (general industrial) to TOD-R (transit oriented development residential) to allow for transit supportive development.

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.
 - Vehicle Trip Generation:

Current Zoning: 200 trips per day. Proposed Zoning: 800 trips per day.

- Connectivity: No issues.
- Charlotte Fire Department: No comments received.
- **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools:** Non-residential petitions do not impact the number of students attending local schools.
- 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

- The petitioner should:
 - 1. Specify the width of the existing sidewalk to remain and clarify if a proposed sidewalk of eight feet is to be provided as shown on the site plan.
 - 2. Decrease the amount of exterior seating to reduce the area of expansion.

Attachments Online at www.rezoning.org

- Application
- Site Plan
- Locator Map
- 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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