Rezoning Petition 2014-041 Pre-Hearing Staff Analysis

June 16, 2014



REQUEST	Current Zoning: I-1 (light industrial) Proposed Zoning: I-2(CD) (general industrial, conditional)
LOCATION	Approximately 2.92 acres located on the north side of Pete Brown Road at the intersection of Old Statesville Road and Pete Brown Road (Council District 2 - Austin)
SUMMARY OF PETITION	The petition proposes an expansion of an existing building to allow a contractor's office and storage yard and all I-1 (light industrial) uses that are permitted in the I-2 (general industrial) district.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Staff recommends approval of this petition upon resolution of outstanding issues. This petition is consistent with the <i>Northeast District Plan</i> .
PROPERTY OWNER PETITIONER AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE	Dominion Investments Properties, LLC Dominion Investments Properties, LLC Walter Fields
COMMUNITY MEETING	Meeting is required and has been held. Report available online. Number of people attending the Community Meeting: None

PLANNING STAFF REVIEW

Proposed Request Details

The site plan accompanying this petition contains the following provisions:

- Existing 3,600-square foot, two-story commercial structure and associated parking to remain.
- Possible area for future building expansion, outdoor storage, and parking.
- Landscaping and tree plantings to screen possible outdoor storage area.
- 58-foot Class "A" buffer along the northern property line.
- Allows a contractor's office and storage yard, and all I-1 (light industrial) uses permitted in the I-2 (general industrial) district.
- Possible additional access point along the proposed Pete Brown Road realignment.
- Existing Zoning and Land Use
 - The subject property is currently zoned I-1 (light industrial) and is developed with an existing office/warehouse commercial structure. The surrounding properties are zoned B-2 (general business), MUDD-O (mixed-use development, optional), I-1(light industrial), and I-2(CD) (general industrial, conditional) and are developed with industrial and retail structures or are vacant.
- Rezoning History in Area
 - There have been no rezonings in the immediate area in recent years.
- Public Plans and Policies
 - The Northeast District Plan (1996) recommends industrial uses at this location.
 - The petition is consistent with the Northeast 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:** The petitioner should address the following comments:
 - Provide written documentation from the city staff indicating who will build or construct the proposed driveway shown as "By City" on the site plan.
 - Remove the "optional" driveway from the site plan and add a note that additional driveways will be reviewed and approved through the driveway permit process.
 - Show location of intended access to the site via the existing Pete Brown Road alignment.
 - Vehicle Trip Generation: Current Zoning: 330 trips per day. Proposed Zoning: 40 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 an existing building.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- The petitioner should:
 - 1. Add a note that all uses in the I-1 district allowed in the I-2 district shall be allowed along with contractor's office with storage.
 - 2. Modify and place all the allowed uses in one section on the site plan.
 - 3. Remove the current note under lighting and use the following language: "freestanding light will be fully shielded and downwardly directed."
 - 4. Limit detached lighting to 20 feet in height.
 - 5. Address Transportation comments.

Attachments Online at <u>www.rezoning.org</u>

- 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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