

Rezoning Petition 2014-043 Zoning Committee Recommendation

December 1, 2014

REQUEST Current Zoning: R-3 (single family residential)

Proposed Zoning: Inst (CD) (institutional, conditional)

LOCATION Approximately 2.71 acres located on the west side of Prosperity

Church Road between Prosperity Point Lane and Pinewood Lane.

(Council District 4 - Phipps)

SUMMARY OF PETITION The petition proposes to reuse an existing single family home to

establish a daycare center.

PROPERTY OWNER

PETITIONER
AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE

COMMUNITY MEETING

North End Homes, LLC

Mark Patterson

ESENTATIVE N/A

Meeting is required and has been held. Report available online.

Number of people attending the Community Meeting: 8

STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY

This petition is found to be inconsistent with the *Northeast District Plan*, based on information from the staff analysis and the public hearing, and because:

• The Plan recommends single family residential up to four dwelling units per acre for this site.

However, this petition is found to be reasonable and in the public interest based on information from the staff analysis and the public hearing, and because:

- Area plans typically do not specify locations for institutional uses; and
- The site has frontage along a major thoroughfare; and
- The proposed use would serve the needs of the surrounding neighborhoods;

By a 7-0 vote of the Zoning Committee (motion by Commissioner Walker seconded by Commissioner Nelson).

ZONING COMMITTEE ACTION

The Zoning Committee voted 7-0 to recommend **APPROVAL** of this petition with the following modifications:

- Reduced the length of the new internal walkway by eliminating the
 portion that runs along the inside of the driveway and instead
 locating it along the guest parking area to connect to the sidewalk
 along Prosperity Church Road. This walkway may meander to
 preserve any existing trees.
- 2. Removed the sign from the site plan.
- 3. Added the heading "Signage" and a note stating that signage is permitted per the ordinance.

VOTE

Motion/Second: Nelson/Eschert

Yeas: Dodson, Eschert, Labovitz, Nelson, Ryan,

Sullivan and Walker

Nays: None Absent: None Recused: None

ZONING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Staff provided an update of the petition, noting that the petition is inconsistent with the Northeast District Plan's recommendation for residential uses up to four units per acre. However, area plans typically do not specify locations for institutional uses. In addition, the site has frontage along a major thoroughfare and the proposed use would serve the needs of the surrounding neighborhoods.

A committee member asked if an additional turn lane could be provided into the site. CDOT staff responded that this would not be possible due to a lack of adequate distance to provide a turn lane. A committee member commented that the issue raised at the public hearing regarding other child care centers in the area is a market issue, and added that such uses do not deter the value of the neighborhood.

STAFF OPINION

Staff agrees with the recommendation of the Zoning Committee.

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

PLANNING STAFF REVIEW

Proposed Request Details

The site plan accompanying this petition contains the following provisions:

- Reuse of an existing 2,114-square foot single family home to allow a commercial child care center with up to 60 children and seven employees.
- Parking areas for employees and quests, with drop-off area proposed in front of building.
- Extension of existing driveway and installation of new curb cut to allow one-way vehicular access onto Prosperity Church Road (site entrance will be right-in movement only).
- A 22-foot Class "C" buffer along all property lines abutting residential uses and/or zoning.
- A five-foot wide sidewalk connecting from the site to the existing five-foot wide sidewalk along Prosperity Church Road.
- Any future additions will be located to the rear, will be residential in character and scale, and will not exceed 25% of the square footage of the existing building.
- All lighting will be full cut-off light fixtures.
- Freestanding lighting will be limited to 25 feet in height.

Public Plans and Policies

- The *Northeast District Plan* (1996) recommends single family residential up to four dwelling units per acre for the rezoning site.
- The petition is inconsistent with the *Northeast District Plan*. However, area plans do not typically recommend locations for institutional uses. The site has frontage along a major thoroughfare and the proposed use would serve the needs of the nearby neighborhoods.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS (see full department reports online)

- Charlotte Area Transit System: No issues.
- Charlotte Department of Neighborhood & Business Services: No issues.
- Transportation: 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 environment by reuse of an existing structure.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

No issues.

Attachments Online at www.rezoning.org

- Application
- Pre-Hearing Staff Analysis
- Locator Map
- Site Plan
- Community Meeting Report
- Charlotte Area Transit System Review
- Charlotte Department of Neighborhood & Business Services Review
- Charlotte Department of Solid Waste Services 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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