Rezoning Petition 2014-066 Pre-Hearing Staff Analysis

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REQUEST	Current Zoning: R-5 (single family residential) Proposed Zoning: B-1(PED) (neighborhood business, pedestrian overlay)
LOCATION	Approximately 0.094 acres of existing right-of-way for St. Julien Street located between Commonwealth Avenue and Independence Boulevard. (Council District 1 - Kinsey)
SUMMARY OF PETITION	The petition proposes to rezone a portion of St. Julien Street, which is currently in the abandonment process, to allow all uses permitted in the B-1(PED) (neighborhood business, pedestrian overlay) district.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Staff recommends approval of this petition. The petition is consistent with the <i>Plaza Central Pedscape Plan</i> .
PROPERTY OWNER PETITIONER AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE	City of Charlotte (as the owner of a public street right-of-way) Levine Properties, Inc. Keith MacVean/Jeff Brown, Moore & Van Allen
COMMUNITY MEETING	Meeting is not required.

PLANNING STAFF REVIEW

Background

- Typically zoning boundaries are drawn to the center of street right-of-ways.
- St. Julien Street dead ends between Commonwealth Avenue and Independence Boulevard.
- In this dead end portion, the western half of the right-of-way is zoned B-1(PED) (neighborhood business, pedestrian overlay) and the eastern half is zoned R-5 (single family residential).
- The dead end street abuts one property to the west and one property to the east.
- The adjacent property owners have requested abandonment for the dead end portion of rightof-way according to City policies.
- Typically, when a right-of-way is abandoned, ownership of the property is divided between the property owners on either side.
- Completion of the abandonment is anticipated for the end of July 2014 and will leave one-half of the former right-of-way zoned B-1(PED) (neighborhood business, pedestrian overlay) and one half zoned R-5 (single family residential). The request will rezone the residential portion to B-1(PED) (neighborhood business, pedestrian overlay) and the full right-of-way will be developed with the adjoining property to the west.

• Proposed Request Details

This is a conventional rezoning petition with no associated site plan.

• Existing Zoning and Land Use

- The area to be rezoned is currently used as road right-of-way.
- Properties to the east are zoned R-5 (single family residential) with single family uses. Properties to the north are zoned R-5 (single family residential) and MUDD-O (mixed use development, optional) with single family uses. Properties to the west are zoned B-1(PED) and used for a warehouse and office uses. Independence Boulevard is to the south.

• Rezoning History in Area

Recent rezonings approved in the area include:

- Petition 2011-046 rezoned property located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Central Avenue and The Plaza from B-2(PED) (general business, pedestrian overlay) to B-2(PED-O) (general business, pedestrian overlay, optional) for redevelopment of a grocery store.
- Petition 2011-069 established zoning to B-2(PED) (general business, pedestrian overlay) for a
 portion of right-of-way located near the southeast corner of the intersection of Pecan Avenue
 and Commonwealth Avenue.
- Petition 2011-078 rezoned property located on the south side of Central Avenue at Westover Street from R-5 (single family residential) and B-1 (neighborhood business) to NS

(neighborhood services) for the remodeling and reconfiguring of an existing gas station/convenience store.

- Petition 2014-005, located on the north side of Central Avenue between St. Julien Street and Westover Street, rezoned property from B-1 (neighborhood business) to MUDD-O (mixed use development, optional) for the construction of a four-story building with 36 multi-family units and ground floor structured parking.
- Public Plans and Policies
 - The *Plaza Central Pedscape Plan* (2003) recommends multi-family, office, and retail uses for the parcel on the west side of the right-of-way.
 - The *Central District Plan* (1993) recommends single family residential at four dwelling units per acre for the parcel on the east side of the right-of-way.
 - The petition is consistent with the adopted land use in the *Plaza Central Pedscape Plan* for the adjoining parcel to the west, with which the site will be developed.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS (see full department reports online)

- Charlotte Area Transit System: No issues.
- Charlotte Department of Neighborhood & Business Services: No issues.
- Transportation: No issues.
 - Vehicle Trip Generation: Current Zoning: NA Proposed Zoning: NA
 - **Connectivity:** Not applicable.
- Charlotte Fire Department: No comments received.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools: No comments received.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services: No issues.
- Engineering and Property Management: 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*.
 - There is no site plan associated with this conventional rezoning request.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

No issues.

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

- Application
- Site Plan
- Locator Map
- Charlotte Area Transit System Review
- Charlotte Department of Neighborhood & Business Services Review
- Transportation Review
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services Review
- Engineering and Property Management Review
- Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Review
- Urban Forestry Review