Rezoning Petition 2014-094 Pre-Hearing Staff Analysis

REQUEST	Current Zoning: B-1SCD (business shopping center district) and B-D(CD) (distributive business, conditional) Proposed Zoning: B-D(CD) (distributive business, conditional) and B-D(CD) SPA (distributive business, conditional, site plan amendment)
LOCATION	Approximately 3.05 acres located on the west side of Eastway Drive at the intersection of Eastway Drive and Biscayne Drive. (Council District 1 - Kinsey)
SUMMARY OF PETITION	The petition proposes reuse of a portion of an existing building to allow expansion of a self-storage facility.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Staff recommends approval of this petition upon resolution of outstanding issues. Most of the area covered by the petition is consistent with the <i>Central District Plan</i> , as amended by a previous rezoning on the site. The remaining portion is inconsistent with the adopted plan, which recommends retail land uses. However, the proposed rezoning will expand the area available for a self-storage facility that is adaptively reusing a formerly vacant big box.
PROPERTY OWNER PETITIONER AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE	Eastway II Holdings, LLC Eastway II Holdings, LLC Kevin Ammons
COMMUNITY MEETING	Meeting is required and has been held. Report available online. Number of people attending the Community Meeting: 0

PLANNING STAFF REVIEW

Background

- The subject property was included in the overall 30.5-acre Eastway Crossing Shopping Center rezoned under Petition 1989-096 to R-9(CD) (single family residential, conditional), and B-1SCD (business shopping center district), to allow a maximum of 293,847 square feet of retail uses.
- Petition 2013-073 rezoned 3.74 acres of an existing building vacated by Walmart from B-1SCD (business shopping center district) to B-D(CD) (distributive business, conditional) to allow reuse of 46,892 square feet of the overall 128,314-square foot building for a self-storage facility, rental management offices and accessory uses.
- Current petition proposes to add 2,850 square feet of building area for the self-storage facility and related accessory uses.

• Proposed Request Details

The site plan amendment contains the following changes:

• Allows a maximum of 49,742 square feet of the existing building for use as a self-storage facility. This will include the 46,892 square feet approved by petition 2013-073 and an additional 2,850 square feet.

The proposed petition contains the following provisions for the entire site:

• Reuse of an additional 2,850 square feet of an overall 128,314-square foot building to allow expansion of an existing self-storage facility.

• Existing Zoning and Land Use

- The subject property is part of an existing shopping center that consists of retail, office, distributive business and restaurant uses. Properties to the west and south are zoned R-4 (single family residential) and R-17MF (multi-family residential) and developed with single family dwellings. Properties across Eastway Drive are developed with single family and multi-family dwelling units, a strip shopping center containing retail and restaurant uses, and office uses in R-4 (single family residential), R-22MF (multi-family residential), B-1SCD (business shopping center district) and O-2 (office) zoning.
- Rezoning History in Area

- Pending petition 2012-102 proposes a B-1SCD site plan amendment to a 10.4-acre portion of the overall 30-acre site to allow an existing 20,830-square foot retail building to be removed and replaced with a 15,000-square foot building for a drug store and a new 3,300-square foot restaurant.
- Public Plans and Policies
 - The Central District Plan (1993) recognizes the existing retail land use on the site.
 - The existing B-D(CD) (distributive business, conditional) zoned portion of the site is consistent with the *Central District Plan*, as amended by a previous petition. The remaining portion is inconsistent with the recommendation of the *Central District Plan*. However, adaptive reuse of a partially vacant big box building will help to maintain an active retail center.

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: 125 trips per day. Proposed Zoning: 140 trips per day.
 - Connectivity: No issues.
- **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 comments received.
- 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 comments received.

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. Amend proposed zoning to reflect B-D(CD) and B-D(CD) SPA.

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

- Application
- Site Plan
- Locator Map
- Community Meeting Report
- 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 Land Use and Environmental Services Agency Review
- Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Review