

Rezoning Petition 2014-108 Zoning Committee Recommendation

January 5, 2015

REQUEST Current Zoning: B-2, general business

Proposed Zoning: B-D(CD), distributive business, conditional

LOCATION Approximately 1.4 acres generally located at the southwest corner of

the intersection between Albemarle Road and Farm Pond Lane.

(Council District 5 - Autry)

SUMMARY OF PETITION The petition proposes the reuse of an existing 42,010-square foot

building for a self-storage facility, truck rental facility and accessory

office space.

PROPERTY OWNER PETITIONER

AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE

U-Haul Real Estate Company U-Haul Company of Charlotte Peter Tatge / ESP Associates P.A.

COMMUNITY MEETING

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

Number of people attending the Community Meeting: $\ 2$

STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY

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

• The plan recommends retail for this area.

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

- The proposed use will be within existing building; and
- The proposed change supports reinvestment in the Albemarle Road corridor;

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

ZONING COMMITTEE ACTION

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

- Removed the commitment to dedicate land to Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation for greenway, since this area is not located on the property to be rezoned.
- 2. Removed the commitment for the screening fence, as it is not located on the property to be rezoned.
- 3. Note 2 under Architectural Standards has been removed from the site plan.

VOTE Motion/Second: Labovitz/Sullivan

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

Sullivan, and Walker

Nays: None Absent: None Recused: None

ZONING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

STAFF OPINION

Staff reviewed the petition and noted that all the outstanding issues had been addressed. There was no further discussion on this petition.

Staff agrees with the recommendation of the Zoning Committee.

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

PLANNING STAFF REVIEW

Background

• The subject property is a former United States Post Office warehouse building that is currently used for a truck rental facility. The request will allow the majority of the building to be used for self-storage along with offices and the existing truck rental use.

Proposed Request Details

The site plan accompanying this petition contains the following provisions:

- Allows a maximum of 42,010 square feet for reuse of an existing building as a self-storage and truck rental facility, and related accessory office uses.
- Vehicular access provided via existing driveways along Farm Pond Lane and Albemarle Road.
- New facade elevations.
- 12-foot Class "C" buffer along a portion of the southern property edge.
- Proposed six-foot high screening fence along a portion of the southern property boundary.
- Proposed screening fence detail.
- Rooftop mechanical equipment will be screened from the view of the public right-of-way.
- Detail of the proposed screening for rooftop mechanical equipment.
- Maximum building height of 40 feet.
- Detached lighting will be limited to 25 feet in height. Any new detached or attached lighting will be decorative, capped and downwardly directed.

Public Plans and Policies

- The Eastland Area plan 2003 recommends retail and greenway/park/open space for the subject property.
- This petition is inconsistent with the *Eastland Area Plan* as the proposed storage facility is considered an industrial use and not a retail use.

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: Not applicable.
- 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*.
 - This site meets minimum ordinance standards.

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
- Transportation Review
- Charlotte-Douglas International Airport 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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