

Rezoning Petition 2017-079 Zoning Committee Recommendation

October 3, 2017

REQUEST Current Zoning: B-2(CD) (general business, conditional)

Proposed Zoning: TOD-M(CD) (transit oriented development -

mixed-use, conditional)

LOCATION Approximately 14 acres located at the northeast intersection of North

Tryon Street and Sandy Avenue. (Council District 4 - Phipps)

SUMMARY OF PETITION The petition proposes to rezone the vacant property abutting the

Newell South neighborhood to allow all uses in the TOD-M (transit oriented development – mixed-use) zoning district. Uses allowed in the

TOD-M district include office, residential, retail, and civic uses.

PROPERTY OWNER
PETITIONER
AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE

McKinney Holdings NC II, LLC McKinney Holdings NC II, LLC

GENT/REPRESENTATIVE David J. McKinney

COMMUNITY MEETINGMeeting is required and has been held. Report available online.

Number of people attending the Community Meeting: 3

STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY

- The Zoning Committee found this petition to be consistent with the *University City Area Plan*, based on information from the staff analysis and the public hearing, and because:
 - The plan recommends transit oriented development organized on a new network of streets and blocks designed to maximize access to the station, support walkability, and interconnect to adjacent surrounding development.
- Therefore, this petition was found to be reasonable and in the public interest, based on information from the staff analysis and the public hearing, and because:
 - The subject site is located within a ½ mile walk of the University City Boulevard Transit Station on the LYNX Blue Line Extension: and
 - The University City Area Plan recommends transit oriented development for the site. A mix of residential and office uses are appropriate and retail could be considered within a vertically mixed use building; and
 - The TOD-M (transit oriented mixed-use) zoning will allow these uses: and
 - The University City Area Plan also recommends a new network
 of streets and blocks to support transit oriented development
 around the station including the alignment and design of a new
 "Avenue" and "Local" streets parallel to North Tryon Street; and
 - These streets represent critical infrastructure necessary for the successful development of this unique station area which includes significant tracts of undeveloped land with no street connectivity; and
 - The request shows the recommended street network and commits to dedicate the streets as public right-of-way;

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

ZONING COMMITTEE ACTION

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

1. Amended Note 2 to add "and public access easement."

VOTE Motion/Second: Nelson/ Spencer

Yeas: Fryday, Majeed, McClung, McMillan, Nelson, Spencer

and Sullivan

Nays: None Absent: None Recused: None

ZONING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Staff provided an overview of the petition, indicating that the petition is consistent with the *University City Area Plan*, explained that there are no outstanding issues, and pointed out one minor addition made after

the public hearing. There was no further discussion.

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:

- Shows an internal street network to be constructed and general locations where the internal streets will connect to existing or future streets, as envisioned in the *University City Area Plan*. Proposed roadway connection points are as follows:
 - Connection Point A: one connection to Sandy Avenue within approximately 117 feet of property frontage along Sandy Avenue;
 - Connection Point B: one connection to the portion of tax parcel 04914120, which is not included in this rezoning petition. The alignment of this stub will be configured to provide future continuation through tax parcels 04914120 and 04918104, and allow for the completion of the Avenue approved via Petition 2016-074;
 - Connection Point C: continuation to the public street created with the approved land development plans for tax parcel 04914170; and
 - Connection Point D: one connection to the portion of tax parcel 04914120, which itself is not a part of the subject property. The location of this connection will be determined through the subdivision process when a site specific development plan is created, but will be located southeast of the creek that runs through the property. The owner/developer of the parcel will have reasonable discretion to select the location of Connection Point D.
- All new proposed roadways will be dedicated as public streets.
- Additional right-of-way intended to be used at the time of future intersection improvements at Sandy Avenue and Glenbrown Road will be dedicated with the site-specific development plan, and at the time of subdivision platting.

Public Plans and Policies

- The *University City Area Plan* (2015) recommends transit oriented development for this site, located within a ½ mile walk distance from the University City Boulevard Transit Station on the LYNX Blue Line Extension.
- Specific mobility policies for this site include:
 - Policy 1a (11): Provide a new street parallel to North Tryon Street (between Interstate 85 connector and Rocky River Road West). This street provides parallel connectivity along the North Tryon Street corridor and supports new development opportunities. It should be designed as an "Avenue" and should include bike lanes, wide sidewalks and on-street parking where warranted by adjacent land uses.
 - Policy 1a (12): Provide an additional new street parallel to North Tryon Street between Periwinkle Hill Avenue and Rocky River Road West as an extension of Twitter Lane. It should be designed as a "Local" street including wide sidewalks and on-street parking where warranted by adjacent land uses.
 - Policy 1a (13): Develop an interconnected network of local streets, with typical block lengths of 400 feet to supplement the new streets described above.

TRANSPORTATION CONSIDERATIONS

• This site is on the east side of North Tryon Street, a major thoroughfare that carries the LYNX Blue Line Extension. The site plan shows the connections and parallel routes of the future transportation network, as envisioned in the *University City Boulevard Transit Station Area Plan* that must be in place to support transit oriented development. Additionally, the current site plan commits to dedication of right-of-way for an ultimate intersection configuration upon development of adjacent parcels.

Vehicle Trip Generation:

Current Zoning:

Existing Use: N/A trips per day (based on vacant property).

Entitlement: 11,000 trips per day (based on 210,000 square feet of retail uses).

Proposed Zoning: Too many uses to determine trips per day.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS (see full department reports online)

- Charlotte Area Transit System: No issues.
- Charlotte Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services: No issues.
- Charlotte Fire Department: No on-street parking on roads less than 26 feet clear width.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools: The district allows a variety of uses; therefore, the impact on local schools cannot be determined.

- Charlotte Water: Charlotte Water has water system availability for the rezoning boundary via an existing six-inch water distribution main located along Sandy Avenue, and sewer system availability via an existing eight-inch gravity sewer main located within the rezoning boundary.
- Engineering and Property Management:
 - **Arborist:** No trees can be removed or planted in the right of way of North Tryon Street without permission of NC Department of Transportation and the City Arborist's office. Trees must be planted to meet NCDOT planting guidelines. The petitioner must submit a tree survey for all trees two inches or larger located in the rights-of-way and eight-inches or larger in the setback.
 - Erosion Control: No issues.
 - Land Development: No issues.
 - Storm Water Services: No issues.
 - **Urban Forestry:** Site must comply with Tree Ordinance.
- Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency: No issues.

Attachments Online at www.rezoning.org

- Application
- Pre-Hearing Staff Analysis
- Locator Map
- Site Plan
- Community Meeting Report
- Department Comments
 - Charlotte Area Transit System Review
 - Charlotte Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services Review
 - Charlotte Fire Department Review
 - Charlotte Water Review
 - Engineering and Property Management Review
 - City Arborist
 - Erosion Control
 - Land Development
 - Storm Water
 - Urban Forestry
 - Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency Review
 - · Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Review
 - Transportation Review

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