

# Rezoning Petition 2017-107 Zoning Committee Recommendation

October 3, 2017

**REQUEST** Current Zoning: I-1 (light industrial)

Proposed Zoning: MUDD-O (mixed use development, optional)

**LOCATION** Approximately 1.25 acres located on the east side of South Tryon

Street between Fairwood Avenue and Remount Road.

(Council District 3 - Mayfield)

**SUMMARY OF PETITION** The petition proposes to allow the infill redevelopment of a site at the

edge of the of New Bern Transit Station area with up to 105,000 square feet for warehousing within an enclosed building and 3,000

square feet of office and retail.

PROPERTY OWNER
PETITIONER
AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE

The Grant Girls, LLC CIP Construction Company

Keith MacVean & Jeff Brown / Moore & Van Allen, PLLC

COMMUNITY MEETING

Meeting is required and has been held. Report available online. Number of people attending the Community Meeting: 6

STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY

- The Zoning Committee found this petition to be consistent with the *New Bern Transit Station Area Plan*, based on information from the staff analysis and the public hearing, and because:
  - The plan recommends transit oriented development for the subject site.
- 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 within ½ mile walk of the New Bern Transit Station on the LYNX Blue Line; and
  - The proposal allows for all indoor warehouse storage and ground floor active uses in the MUDD (mixed use development) district except convenience stores, check cashing establishments, EDEE Type 1 and 2, and residential uses; and
  - The proposal provides a use to support residential development in the transit station area; and
  - A substantial portion of the property will be used for indoor selfstorage. The MUDD zoning district is necessary to accommodate the indoor storage use, which will provide pedestrian activity and an appropriate building form on South Tryon Street, the western edge of the station area; and
  - The proposal also commits to the appropriate ground-floor activation and streetscape standards to support the pedestrian-oriented environment envisioned for transit supportive development; and
  - The maximum allowed building height will be five stories not to exceed 65 feet and a 40-foot buffer is provided adjacent to the residential development. The development will be in scale with the buildings in the surrounding area;

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

# ZONING COMMITTEE ACTION

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

# Site and Building Design

- 1. The façade has been updated with additional windows and details to comply with the MUDD standards.
- 2. A 40-foot buffer with 30 evergreen trees has been provided adjacent to the residential townhomes.

### Transportation

- 3. The plan has been revised and the site plan shows new curb and gutter (with bike lanes and recessed parking).
- 4. A note has been added specifying dedication and fee simple conveyance of all rights-of-way to the City before the site's first building certificate of occupancy is issued. CDOT requests right-of-way set at back of sidewalk/building face or the petitioner should revise the site plan to add a conditional note specifying the area outside the 40-foot from centerline right-of-way line and building setback line will be designated as a Sidewalk Utility Easement (SUE).
- 5. A note has been added specifying all transportation improvements will be approved and constructed before the site's first building certificate of occupancy is issued or phased per the site's development plan.
- 6. The northern site driveway will align properly with an existing driveway on the west side of South Tryon Street as shown on the revised site plan.

VOTE Motion/Second: Majeed / McClung

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

> > Spencer, and Sullivan

Nays: None Absent: None Recused: None

ZONING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Staff reviewed the petition and noted that all the outstanding issues had been addressed. Staff also stated that this petition is consistent with the New Bern Transit Station Area Plan. There was no further

discussion of this petition.

Staff agrees with the recommendation of the Zoning Committee. STAFF OPINION

# 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:

- Allows up to 105,000 square feet for warehousing within an enclosed building for self-storage
- Also allows 3,000 square feet on the ground floor for other non-residential uses as permitted in the MUDD (mixed use development) district. Excludes eating/drinking/entertainment establishments type 1 and 2, convenience stores, and check cashing uses.
- 16-foot setback along South Tryon Street with sidewalk/ hardscape with trees in grates.
- Building height limited to 65 feet and five stories.
- Building elevations with details.
- Building materials to be a combination of brick, stone, precast stone, precast concrete, synthetic stone, cementitious fiber board, stucco, EIFS, wood, architectural concrete, decorative metal panels, decorative block and/or wood. Vinyl as a building material may only be used on windows, soffits and handrails/railings.
- 40-foot buffer with 30 evergreen trees adjacent to the residential property along the eastern property line.
- Attached lighting limited to 16 feet in height and detached lighting limited to 15 feet.
- Commitment that parking will not be leased for special events.
- Requested optional provisions:
  - To allow a 16-foot setback from the future back of curb along South Tryon Street. The adopted area plan calls for a 24 foot setback.
  - To allow two wall signs limited to 10 percent or 200 square feet. The normal requirements are 10 percent of wall area or 100 square feet.
  - To require only 20 spaces for the proposed use. The normal MUDD standards require one space per 600 square feet of building area.

#### Public Plans and Policies

• The New Bern Transit Station Area Plan (2008) recommends transit oriented development for this site.

#### TRANSPORTATION CONSIDERATIONS

- The site is located on a major thoroughfare near a signalized intersection with another major thoroughfare. The site plan commits to the future curbline and hardscape as envisioned by the area plan.
- Vehicle Trip Generation:

**Current Zoning:** 

Existing Use: 910 trips per day (4,542 square feet based on industrial uses). Entitlement: 910 trips per day (4,542 square feet based on industrial uses).

Proposed Zoning: 280 trips per day (105,000 square feet based on warehousing in an enclosed building).

### **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 issues.
- **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools:** Non-residential petitions do not impact the number of students attending local schools.
- Charlotte Water: The site has water system availability for the rezoning boundary via an existing eight-inch water main located along South Tryon Street and sewer via an existing eight-inch gravity sewer main located along South Tryon Street.
- Engineering and Property Management:
  - Arborist: No issues.
  - Erosion Control: No issues.
  - Land Development: No issues.
  - Storm Water Services: No issues.
  - Urban Forestry: No issues.
- Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency: No issues.
- Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Department: 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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