

KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION USE ON REVIEW REPORT

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AGENDA DATE: 6/12/2008

► APPLICANT: INLAND WESTERN KNOXVILLE CORRIDOR PARK, LLC.

OWNER(S): FLAGSHIP KNOXVILLE ASSOC., LLC.

TAX ID NUMBER: 118 173.30

JURISDICTION: County Commission District 6

LOCATION: Southeast side of Corridor Park Blvd., southwest of Data Ln.

► APPX. SIZE OF TRACT: 1.67 acres

SECTOR PLAN: Northwest County

GROWTH POLICY PLAN: Planned Growth Area

ACCESSIBILITY: Access is via Corridor Park Blvd., a local street, with a 26' pavement width

within a 70' right-of-way.

UTILITIES: Water Source: First Knox Utility District

Sewer Source: First Knox Utility District

WATERSHED: Turkey Creek

ZONING: BP (Business and Technology) / TO (Technology Overlay)

EXISTING LAND USE: Vacant

PROPOSED USE: Parking lot expansion

HISTORY OF ZONING: The Technology Overlay was placed on the subject property in 1983.

SURROUNDING LAND USE AND ZONING:

North: Office building / BP/TO (Business & Technology Park/Technology

Overlay)

South: Office warehouses & vacant / BP/TO (Business & Technology

Park/Technology Overlay) & PC/TO (Planned

Commercial/Technology Overlay).

East: Recently approved medical facility / BP/TO (Business & Technology

Park/Technology Overlay)

West: Traveler's Building / BP/TO (Business & Technology

Park/Technology Overlay)

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT: The subject property is located in the Technology Center Park, an

established office and technology park in the Technology Corridor that

continues to develop under the BP and PC zones.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

- ► APPROVE the development plan for a parking lot in the BP/TO zoning district, subject to the following 5 conditions:
 - 1. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knox County Zoning Ordinance.
 - 2. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knox County Department of Engineering and Public Works.
 - 3. Obtaining a variance from the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals to reduce the minimum parking space size from 200 sq. ft. to 162 sq. ft.(18 ft. by 9 ft.)

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- 4. Subject to the approval and meeting all relevant conditions of the requested TTCDA Certificate of Appropriateness, file #08.022.0.
- 5. Installing all landscaping within six months of the approval of a grading permit for this project, or posting a bond with Knox County Engineering and Public Works guaranteeing such installation.

With the conditions noted, this plan meets the requirements for approval of a use-on-review in the BP/TO zoning district.

COMMENTS:

The applicant is requesting approval of a parking lot expansion (100 spaces) to serve the Traveler's Indemnity Company building. The property is located in the Technology Center Park. The Tennessee Technology Corridor Development Authority will consider this request for the approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness at their June 9, 2008 meeting (file #08.022.0). The applicant will have to obtain a variance from the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals to reduce the minimum area required for each parking space.

EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, SURROUNDING PROPERTIES AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE

- 1. The proposed parking lot will have no impact on schools and minimal impact on street traffic.
- 2. The proposed parking lot will be consistent with the development that has occurred in this business park and will provide much needed additional parking for the Traveler's building.

CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE KNOX COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

- 1. With the approved parking space variance, the proposal is consistent with all requirements of the BP zoning district, as well as other criteria for approval of the proposed use as a use on review.
- 2. The proposal is consistent with the following general standards for uses permitted on review: The proposal is consistent with the adopted plans and policies of the General Plan and Sector Plan. The use is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the zoning ordinance. The use is compatible with the character of the business park where it is proposed. The use will not significantly injure the value of adjacent property. The use will not draw additional traffic through residential areas.

CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO ADOPTED MPC PLANS

- 1. The Northwest County Sector Plan and the Technology Corridor Comprehensive Development Plan designate this property for technology park uses.
- 2. The BP/TO zone permits consideration of the proposed use, within the development guidelines of both the Knox County Zoning Ordinance and the TTCDA Design Guidelines.

ESTIMATED TRAFFIC IMPACT: Not calculated.

ESTIMATED STUDENT YIELD: Not applicable.

MPC's approval or denial of this request is final, unless the action is appealed to the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals. The date of the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed. Appellants have 30 days to appeal an MPC decision in the County.

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