

KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION USE ON REVIEW REPORT

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AGENDA DATE: 12/13/2012

► APPLICANT: 908 CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT, LLC

OWNER(S): 908 Campus Development, LLC

TAX ID NUMBER: 94 O D 014

JURISDICTION: City Council District 1

► LOCATION: West end of Forest Av., west side of S. Twenty Third St.

► APPX. SIZE OF TRACT: 5.56 acres

SECTOR PLAN: Central City

GROWTH POLICY PLAN: Urban Growth Area (Inside City Limits)

ACCESSIBILITY: Access is via S. Twenty Third St., a local street with a pavement width of 18'

to 25' within a right-of-way that is 40' to 50' wide

UTILITIES: Water Source: Knoxville Utilities Board

Sewer Source: Knoxville Utilities Board

WATERSHED: Third Creek

► ZONING: RP-3 (Planned Residential)

EXISTING LAND USE: Wholesale business

► PROPOSED USE: Apartments

31.78 du/ac

HISTORY OF ZONING: The site was recently rezoned to RP-3 at 24-60 du/ac (9-E-12-RZ)

SURROUNDING LAND North: Railroad & Dow Chemical / 1-2 & 1-4 industrial

USE AND ZONING: South: Apartments / R-2 residential

East: Apartments / RP-3 residential
West: Railroad & vacant / I-2 industrial

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT: The site is located in the northwest corner of the Fort Sanders neighborhood

in an area that is in the process of transitioning from wholesale trade to student oriented apartment development. Zoning in the area consists of RP-3 and R-2 residential with C-6 commercial and I-2 and I-4 industrial to the

west and north of the adjoining railroad tracks.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

- ► APPROVE the request for up 177 apartments at this location as shown on the site plan subject to 11conditions
 - 1. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knoxville Zoning Ordinance.
 - 2. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knoxville Department of Engineering.
 - 3. Resubdivision of the property to consolidate the site
 - 4. Provision of at least two entrances to the site that meet the requirements of the Knoxville Department of Engineering
 - 5. Increasing the pavement width and designating the alley on the south side of the site for two-way traffic as

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required by the Knoxville Department of Engineering

- 6. Submitting a detailed storm water control plan that meets the requirements of the Knoxville Department of Engineering
- 7. Connecting to sanitary sewer, and meeting any other applicable requirements of the Knox County Health Department.
- 8. Installing all landscaping, as shown on the revised landscaping plan, within six months of issuance of occupancy permits for the project.
- 9. Obtaining all required setback variances from the Knoxville Board of Zoning Appeals.
- 10. Meeting all applicable requirements and obtaining any required permits from the Tennessee Dept. of Environment and Conservation
- 11. Submitting a revised site plan reflecting the conditions of approval to MPC staff for review and certification prior to obtaining any required permits

With the conditions noted above, this request meets all requirements for approval in the RP-3 zoning district, as well as other criteria for approval of a use on review.

COMMENTS:

The applicant is proposing to construct 177apartment units, intended for use by University of Tennessee students. The breakdown of the 177 total units is as follows: 60 4 BR/4BA units, 46 3 BR/2 BA units, 59 2BR/2BA units and 12 1BR/1BA units, for a total of 508 beds. A total of 329 parking spaces will be provided in the development. The project will consist of 3 four story apartment buildings, amenties and parking. This development will be located in an area which is now developed with warehousing and wholesaling uses.

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

- 1. The proposed development should have no impact on public schools. It is anticipated that most of the future residents will be University of Tennessee students. A traffic study was provided to MPC staff by the applicant No off-site road improvements are called for in the traffic impact study. Public water and sewer utilities are in place to serve this site.
- 2. The proposed development will add a great deal of traffic to the area and will have an impact on surrounding properties. In the opinion of staff, the redevelopment of this site will be an improvement over its current use. Some of the existing buildings on the site are in disrepair, and much of the space is not being utilized. The development plans show building elevations that are compatible with other apartment development and residential development in the Ft. Sanders area. Substantial landscaping is proposed around every building, along every street and within every parking lot.

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

1. This request is consistent with the general standards for uses permitted on review: The proposed development 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 area 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 proposal is consistent with the City of Knoxville One Year Plan, which proposes high density residential uses for this site.

ESTIMATED TRAFFIC IMPACT 1594 (average daily vehicle trips)

Average Daily Vehicle Trips are computed using national average trip rates reported in the latest edition of "Trip Generation," published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers. Average Daily Vehicle Trips represent the total number of trips that a particular land use can be expected to generate during a 24-hour day (Monday through Friday), with a "trip" counted each time a vehicle enters or exits a proposed development.

ESTIMATED STUDENT YIELD: 70 (public and private school children, ages 5-18 years)

Schools affected by this proposal: Sequoyah Elementary, Bearden Middle, and West High.

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- School-age population (ages 5–18) is estimated by MPC using data from a variety of sources.
- While most children will attend public schools, the estimate includes population that may be home-schooled, attend private schools at various stages of enrollment, or drop out of the public system.
- Students are assigned to schools based on current attendance zones as determined by Knox County Schools. Zone boundaries are subject to change.
- Estimates presume full build-out of the proposed development. Build-out is subject to market forces, and timing varies widely from proposal to proposal.
- Student yields from new development do not reflect a net addition of children in schools. Additions occur incrementally over the build-out period. New students may replace current population that ages through the system or moves from the attendance zone.
- School capacities are subject to change by Knox County Schools through building additions, curriculum or scheduling changes, or amendments to attendance zone boundaries.

MPC's approval or denial of this request is final, unless the action is appealed to the Knoxville City Council. The date of the Knoxville City Council hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed. Appellants have 15 days to appeal an MPC decision in the City.

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