

KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION USE ON REVIEW REPORT

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AGENDA DATE: 6/9/2016

► APPLICANT: CROWNE CAMPUS POINTE ASSOCIATES, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

OWNER(S): Crowne Campus Pointe Associates, Limited Partnership

TAX ID NUMBER: 94 O D 006 <u>View map on KGIS</u>

JURISDICTION: City Council District 1
STREET ADDRESS: 2055 Grand Ave

LOCATION: North side of Grand Ave., North of Twenty-First St.

► APPX. SIZE OF TRACT: 0.5 acres

SECTOR PLAN: Central City

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

ACCESSIBILITY: Access is via Grand Ave., a local street with 25' of pavement width within 60'

rights-of-way.

UTILITIES: Water Source: Knoxville Utilities Board

Sewer Source: Knoxville Utilities Board

WATERSHED: Third Creek

► ZONING: RP-3 (Planned Residential) 24-60 DU/AC

EXISTING LAND USE: Multifamily Residential

PROPOSED USE: Additional parking within railroad right-of-way

HISTORY OF ZONING: Property was rezoned RP-3 in 2003. Previously I-2 (Restricted

Manufacturing and Warehousing)

SURROUNDING LAND North: Railroad ROW, Industry / I-4 (Heavy Industrial)

USE AND ZONING: South: High Density Residential / RP-3 (Planned Residential)

East: Industry & Warehousing / I-2 (Restricted Manufacturing and

Warehousing)

West: High Density Residential / RP-3 (Planned Residential)

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

- ► APPROVE the development plan for a 31 space parking lot expansion for Crowne at Campus Pointe, subject to 4 conditions.
 - 1) Meeting all applicable requirements of the City of Knoxville Zoning Ordinance.
 - 2) Meeting all applicable requirements of the City of Knoxville Urban Forester.
 - 3) Meeting all applicable requirements of the City of Knoxville Department of Engineering.
 - 4) Meeting all applicable requirements of the City of Knoxville Tree Protection Ordinance, including planting two trees either in the easement where the new parking is to be located or in another location on the Crowne at Campus Pointe development. The species and location of trees are to be proposed by the applicant and approved by the City of Knoxville Urban Forester.

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With the conditions noted, this plan meets the requirements for approval in the RP-3 zone and the other criteria for approval of a use on review.

COMMENTS:

The applicant is proposing to add 31 parking spaces to the existing apartment complex Crowne at Campus Pointe in the Fort Sanders neighborhood. The new parking spaces will be located within an easement in the Norfolk & Southern Railroad right of way. Other improvements include extending the existing fencing around the new parking and providing landscaping.

The City's tree protection ordinance (Sec. 14-36 of the Code of Ordinances) requires 8 trees per acre of development area, half of which must be tall trees that reach a minimum height of 50 feet at maturity. This project is required to have 2 trees and proposes two trees, one on the far left and right sides of the new parking area. The applicant is concerned that the railroad will not accept trees planted within their right of way because of the potential that sometime in the future the trees could fall across the tracks. Consequently the applicant has not provided tree species on the plan and proposes that all planting selections are to be approved by the City's Urban Forester and the maximum tree height to be agreed upon by the railroad and the City (see Note #1 on the landscape plan). Staff recommends that two trees be installed as required by the tree protection ordinance, with one being a species capable of attaining a height of fifty (50) feet or more at maturity. If the railroad will not accept trees being planted within their right of way, the applicant should plant the required trees in another location on the Crowne at Campus Pointe property, preferably as close as possible to the proposed parking area.

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

- 1. The proposed parking will remain 25 feet from centerline of the nearest railroad track and an easement has been agreed upon by the railroad company to allow the parking area within their right of way.
- 2. At the location of the proposed parking area, the existing parking lot has a drive aisle that extends to the shared property line with the railroad. There is a fence immediately adjacent to the curbing with no landscaping. The proposal will provide an 8' wide vegetated strip between the new curb and fencing, and a 9' wide landscape island in the middle of the parking spaces, which will primarily be seeded with grass and will includes two trees.

CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE

1. The proposal meets all requirements of the RP-3 zoning as well as the general criteria for approval of a use on review, if the recommended conditions are met.

CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO ADOPTED MPC PLANS

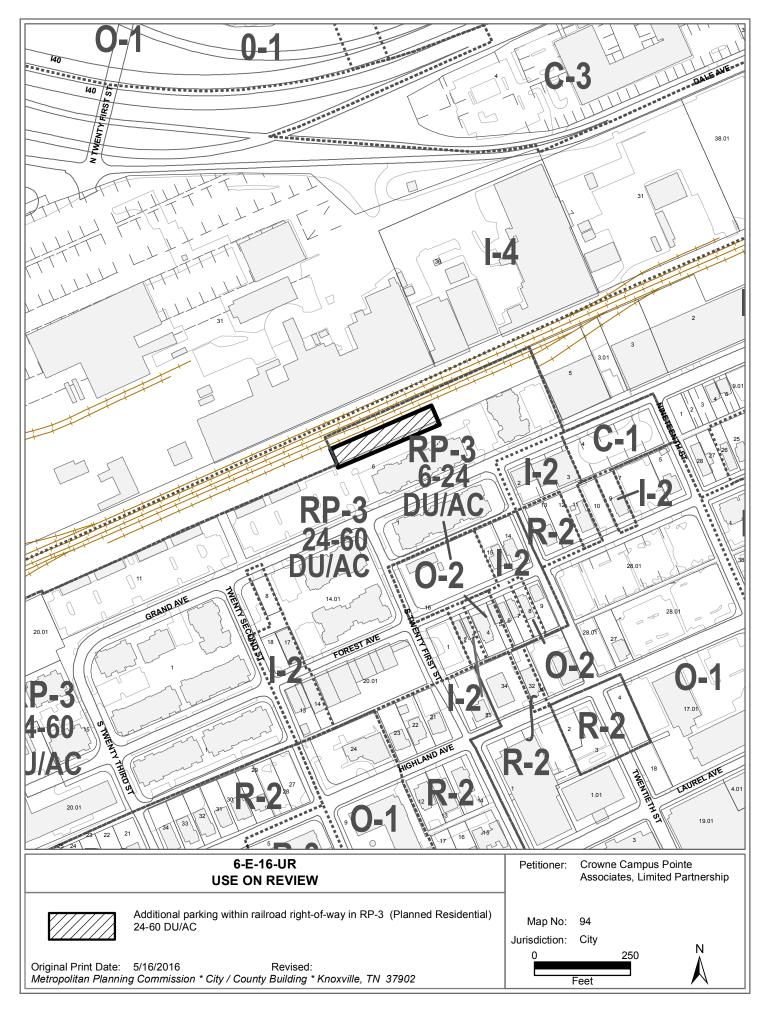
- 1. The One Year Plan and Central City Sector Plan propose a mix of residential, retail, office, wholesale and distribution uses for this area. The proposed parking lot expansion of the existing residential development is consistent with these plans.
- 2. The site is located within the City limits on the Knoxville-Knox County-Farragut Growth Policy Plan map.

ESTIMATED TRAFFIC IMPACT: Not required.

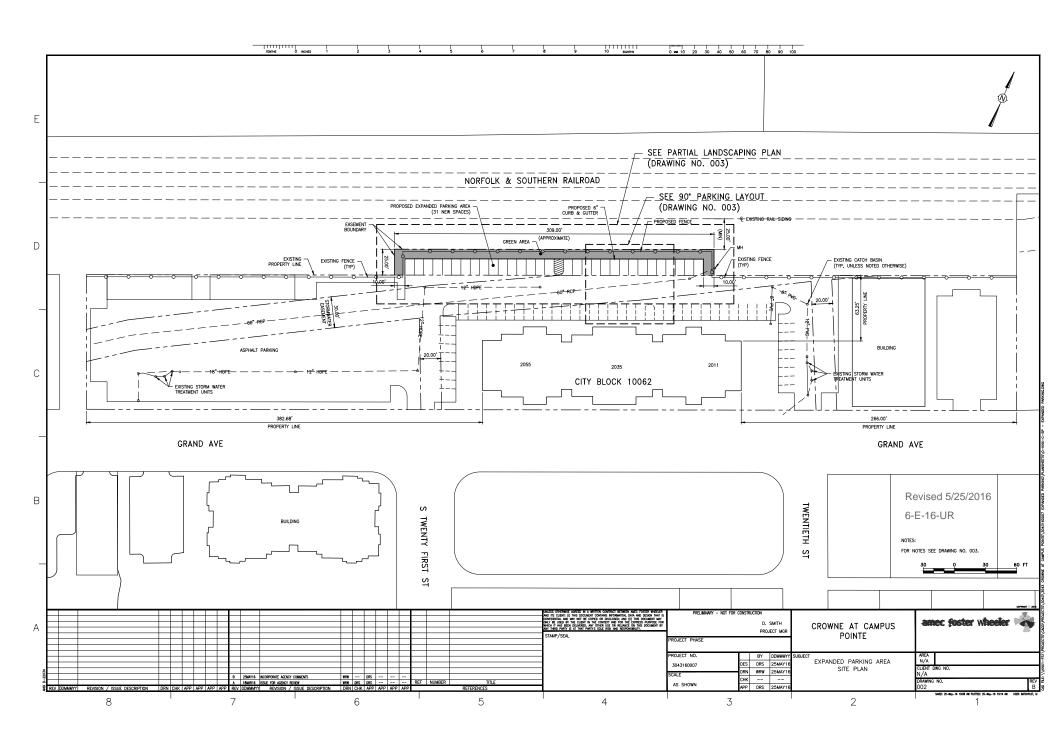
ESTIMATED STUDENT YIELD: Not applicable.

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.

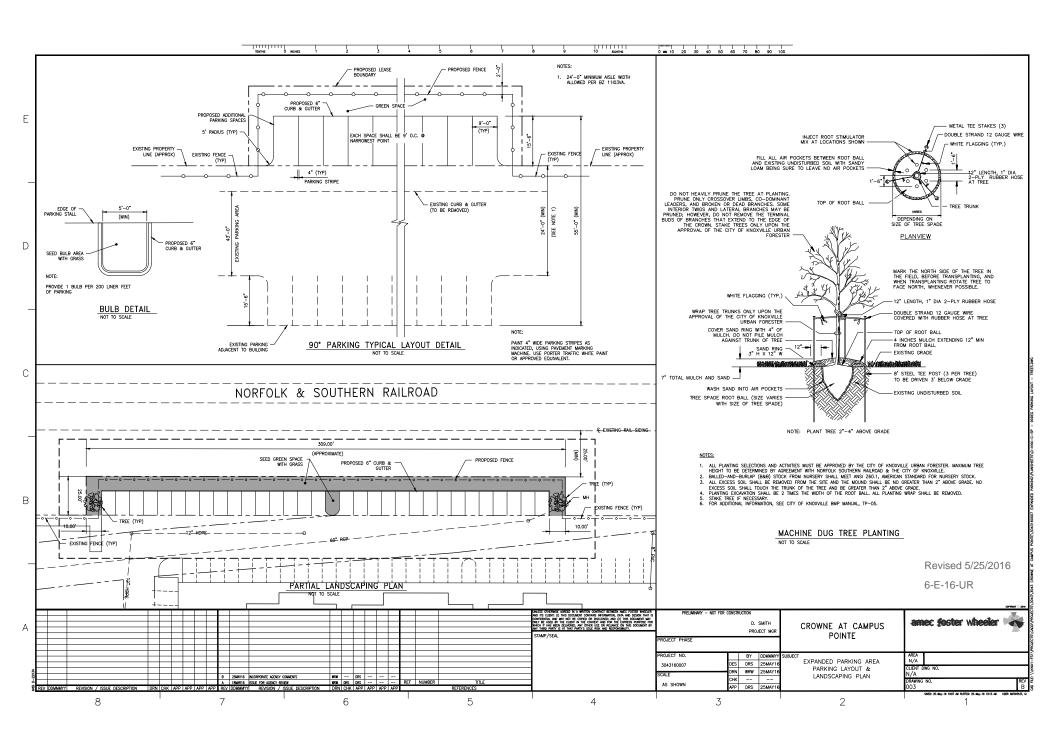
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