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N/A

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N/A

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None required.
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Case Information  Z-31-13 Rock Quarry Road

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2104 Breeze Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27608 |
| Applicant | James E. Baker  
436 N. Harrington Street  
Suite 140  
Raleigh, NC 27603 |
| Citizens Advisory Council | Southeast, co-chairs:  
Bill Lynn 919-231-8153 lynnewilliam@aol.com  
Tim Sit 919-632-9483 sit@mindspring.com |
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| Motion and Vote | Motion: Schuster  
Second: Lyle  
In Favor: Braun, Buxton, Fleming, Fluhrer, Lyle, Mattox, Schuster and Sterling Lewis |
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The subject tract is not located adjacent to any greenway corridors. The subject tract is served by Barwell Road Park

Impact Identified:
None

4.6 Urban Forestry

1. UDO Article 9.1. (Tree Conservation) protects and regulates trees on parcels of land two acres and larger in size. Of the four subject parcels, two are larger than two acres.

2. When a development plan is submitted for the property, if the four parcels are re-combined compliance with UDO Article 9.1. will be required based on the total combined acreage.

Impact Identified:
Prior to development, trees cannot be cleared or disturbed from the protected buffers on the two parcels larger than two acres. (UDO Section 9.1.10).

4.7 Designated Historic Resources
N/A

4.8 Community Development
N/A

4.9 Appearance Commission
N/A

4.10 Impacts Summary
Development of the site will increase loading on City infrastructure and services, including roads, transit, water and sewer. A transit easement and shelter has been requested.

4.11 Mitigation of Impacts
Offer a transit easement and shelter as a zoning condition.
5. Conclusions

If residential densities exceed 14 dwellings per acre, development of the site will be inconsistent with the Future Land Use map. Since this is a general use case, the density cannot be capped at 14 dwellings per acre, nor can a transit easement be offered. However, the location of the site would support higher density residential since it is on a transit emphasis corridor, is adjacent to a park, community center and elementary school and is within walking distance of a shopping center.
# Rezoning Application

## Rezoning Request

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If the property has been previously rezoned, provide the rezoning case number.

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Provide all previous transaction numbers for Coordinated Team Reviews, Due Diligence Sessions or Pre-Submittal Conferences.

James Beazley 8/7/13 694 Morgan

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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A rezoning application will not be considered complete until all required submittal components listed on the Rezoning Checklist have been received and approved.

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Conditional Use District Zoning Conditions

Zoning Case Number

Date Submitted

Transaction Number
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NARRATIVE OF ZONING CONDITIONS OFFERED

1. Prior to recording of a subdivision plat or issuance of a building permit for new development on the property, whichever shall first occur, a transit easement shall be deeded to the City and recorded in the Wake County Registry. Prior to recording of the transit easement, the dimensions (not to exceed 15 feet in depth or 20 feet in width, and may be reduced by the City based on location) and location of the easement along Rock Quarry Road shall be approved by the Public Works Department and the easement document approved by the City Attorney's Office.

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These zoning conditions have been voluntarily offered by the property owner. All property owners must sign each condition page. This page may be photocopied if additional space is needed.

Owner/Agent Signature

Print Name

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### Comprehensive Plan Analysis

The applicant is asked to analyze the impact of the rezoning request. State Statutes require that the rezoning either be consistent with the adopted Comprehensive plan, or that the request be reasonable and in the public interest.

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### STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY

Provide brief statements regarding whether the rezoning request is consistent with the future land use designation, the urban form map and any applicable policies contained within the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

1. **FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION CALLS FOR MODERATE DENSITY RESIDENTIAL.**
   - The proposed use is R1, which is consistent with this designation.

### PUBLIC BENEFITS

Provide brief statements regarding the public benefits derived as a result of the rezoning request.

1. **The R1 Zoning District will utilize the newly adopted Unified Development Ordinance and its updated requirements.** It will eliminate the conditions that have prevented the development for the last 7 years. The property currently sits vacant while a school, park, and shopping center have all been built.
2. **Walking distance.**
3. **We are planning a transit center.**
**URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES**

If the property to be rezoned is shown as a "mixed use center" or located along a Main Street or Transit Emphasis Corridor as shown on the Urban Form Map in the Comprehensive Plan, the applicant must respond to the Urban Design Guidelines contained in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

1. All Mixed-Use developments should generally provide retail (such as eating establishments, food stores, and banks), and other such uses as office and residential within walking distance of each other. Mixed uses should be arranged in a compact and pedestrian friendly form.

2. Within all Mixed-Use Areas buildings that are adjacent to lower density neighborhoods should transition (height, design, distance and/or landscaping) to the lower heights or be comparable in height and massing.

3. A mixed use area's road network should connect directly into the neighborhood road network of the surrounding community, providing multiple paths for movement to and through the mixed use area. In this way, trips made from the surrounding residential neighborhood(s) to the mixed use area should be possible without requiring travel along a major thoroughfare or arterial.

4. Streets should interconnect within a development and with adjoining development. Cul-de-sacs or dead-end streets are generally discouraged except where topographic conditions and/or exterior lot line configurations offer no practical alternatives for connection or through traffic. Street stubs should be provided with development adjacent to open land to provide for future connections. Streets should be planned with due regard to the designated corridors shown on the Thoroughfare Plan.

5. New development should be comprised of blocks of public and/or private streets (including sidewalks). Block faces should have a length generally not exceeding 650 feet. Where commercial driveways are used to create block structure, they should include the same pedestrian amenities as public or private streets.

6. A primary task of all urban architecture and landscape design is the physical definition of streets and public spaces as places of shared use. Streets should be lined by buildings rather than parking lots and should provide interest especially for pedestrians. Garage entrances and loading areas should be located at the side or rear of a property.

7. Buildings should be located close to the pedestrian-oriented street (within 25 feet of the curb), with off-street parking behind and/or beside the buildings. When a development plan is located along a high volume corridor without on-street parking, one bay of parking separating the building frontage along the corridor is a preferred option.

8. If the site is located at a street intersection, the main building or main part of the building should be placed at the corner. Parking, loading or service should not be located at an intersection.

9. To ensure that urban open space is well-used, it is essential to locate and design it carefully. The space should be located where it is visible and easily accessible from public areas (building entrances, sidewalks). Take views and sun exposure into account as well.

10. New urban spaces should contain direct access from the adjacent streets. They should be open along the adjacent sidewalks and allow for multiple points of entry. They should also be visually permeable from the sidewalk, allowing passersby to see directly into the space.

11. The perimeter of urban open spaces should consist of active uses that provide pedestrian traffic for the space including retail, cafés, and restaurants and higher-density residential.

12. A properly defined urban open space is visually enclosed by the fronting of buildings to create an outdoor "room" that is comfortable to users.

13. New public spaces should provide seating opportunities.

14. Parking lots should not dominate the frontage of pedestrian-oriented streets, interrupt pedestrian routes, or negatively impact surrounding developments.

15. Parking lots should be located behind or in the interior of a block whenever possible. Parking lots should not occupy more than 1/3 of the frontage of the adjacent building or not more than 64 feet, whichever is less.

16. Parking structures are clearly an important and necessary element of the overall urban infrastructure but, given their utilitarian elements, can give serious negative visual effects. New structures should merit the same level of materials and finishes as that a principal building would, care in the use of basic design elements can make a significant improvement.
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<td>All development should respect natural resources as an essential component of the human environment. The most sensitive landscape areas, both environmentally and visually, are steep slopes greater than 15 percent, watercourses, and floodplains. Any development in these areas should minimize intervention and maintain the natural condition except under extreme circumstances. Where practical, these features should be conserved as open space amenities and incorporated in the overall site design.</td>
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<td>It is the intent of these guidelines to build streets that are integral components of community design. Public and private streets, as well as commercial driveways that serve as primary pedestrian pathways to building entrances, should be designed as the main public spaces of the City and should be scaled for pedestrians.</td>
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REPRESENTATION

This acknowledgement is to serve as a proof that James E. Baker of Fountainhead Realty & Development, LLC has been contracted to represent Brooks Denmark of Brooks Denmark, LLC for the rezoning of 5801, 5805, 5813, and 5901 Rock Quarry Road in Raleigh, NC.

Brooks Denmark, Owner
SUMMARY OF ISSUES

Re: Rezoning

A neighborhood meeting was held on 9/17/13 at 6PM to discuss a potential rezoning of 5801, 5805, 5813, and 5901 Rock Quarry Road. The meeting was held in a classroom at the Barwell Road Community Center adjacent to the site. The only neighbor that attended was one directly adjacent neighbor Mr. "Ernie" Frank Grem. The general issues discussed were:

- Provided Mr. Grem with a copy of City's Zoning Conversion Reference for Residential R-15, R-20, R-30 and Special R-30. We discussed what all uses could be allowed under RX zoning.
- Provided Mr. Grem with a new cross-section diagram provided by the City's DOT planner. The section shows a median for Rock Quarry Road and 102' of width. This was new information to the adjacent property owner.
- Discussed how the existing conditions on the site that were written for town home development, had restricted too much the potential uses for the site.
- Discussed the new RX zoning district would restrict height, create setbacks and define the envelope.
- Discussed that the interior roads will now have to be constructed as public road according to public standards. That will force much different development pattern than was possible under the previous development ordinance. The new UDO development regulations, in combination with the new zoning district will control the density for the site.
- Discussed that we were on a major thoroughfare directly adjacent to an elementary school, a public park (with proposed tennis complex), within walking distance to two different retail centers (within ½ mile), as well as church. Explained that there is a need for development along these corridors where the infrastructure exists.
- Discussed the safety issues that exist today for his access to site. Explained that we would not be able to connect sites due to likely Riparian issues between us.
- Discussed that RDOT had stated that we would have access to the rear on to Barwell School Road for drive way access.
JIM - N.  9.17.13

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