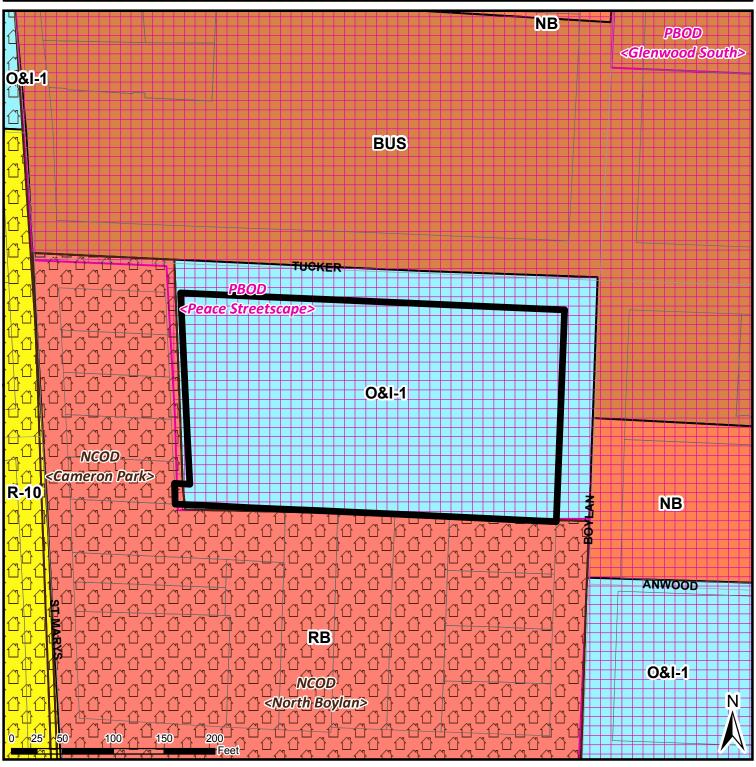
Existing Zoning Map

Z-32-2013

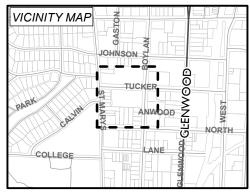




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Request:

1.77 acres from O&I-1 w/ PBOD to OX-7-UL-CU





Certified Recommendation

Raleigh Planning Commission

CR# 11561

Case Information: Z-32-13 - North Boylan Avenue

Location	Southeast quadrant of intersection of North Boylan Avenue and Tucker Street
	Address: 425 North Boylan Avenue
	PIN: 1704319107
Request	Rezone property from O&I-1 w/ PBOD to OX-7-UL-CU
Area of Request	1.77 acres
Property Owner	425 Boylan LLC
Applicant	Shane White: (615) 778-1212; shane.white@southernland.com
Citizens Advisory	Hillsborough –
Council	William A. Allen III: (919) 836-5515; will@allenheuer.com
PC	
Recommendation	May 28, 2014
Deadline	

Comprehensive P	lan Consistencv
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The rezoning case is Consistent Inconsistent with the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.
Future Land Use Map Consistency The rezoning case is Consistent Inconsistent with the Future Land Use Map.

Comprehensive Plan Guidance

FUTURE LAND USE	O&RMU
CONSISTENT Policies	LU 4.8 – Station Area Land Uses LU 10.3 – Ancillary Retail Uses UD 6.1 – Encouraging Pedestrian-Oriented Uses UD 7.3 – Design Guidelines DT 1.13 – Downtown Transition Areas
INCONSISTENT Policies	(None.)

Summary of Proposed Conditions

- 1. Building height limited.
- 2. Certain uses prohibited.
- 3. Commercial square footage limited.
- 4. Density limited.
- 5. Surface parking prohibited on site.

Public Meetings

Neighborhood Meeting	Public Hearing	Committee	Planning Commission
10/15/13			1/28/14
			(recommended approval)

☐ Valid Statutory Protest Petition

Attachments

- 1. Zoning Staff Report
- 2. Applicant Responses to Design Guidelines (Table UD-1)
- 3. Transportation Evaluation

Planning Commission Recommendation

Recommendation	The Planning Commission finds that this case is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and should be approved in accordance with the zoning conditions submitted January 6, 2014.	
Findings & Reasons	 The proposal is consistent with the Future Land Use Map and applicable Comprehensive Plan policies. The Future Land Use Map designates this area for Office and Residential Neighborhood Mixed Use, and thereby appropriate for retail, office, or residential development. The proposal is reasonable and in the public interest. Rezoning will permit increased options for the utilization of ground floor space in an area of City designated for pedestrian-oriented development. The proposal is compatible with the surrounding area. Conditions effectively limit built form to that already approved for site development, per site plan SP-23-11. 	
Motion and Vote	Motion: Terando	
	Second: Buxton	
	In Favor: Braun, Buxton, Fleming, Fluhrer, Schuster, Sterling	
	Lewis, Swink and Terando	

This document is a true and accurate statement of the findings and recommendations of the Planning Commission. Approval of this document incorporates all of the findings of the attached Staff Report.

			1/28/14
Planning Director	Date	Planning Commission Chairperson	Date

Staff Coordinator: Doug Hill: (919) 996-2622; Doug.Hill@raleighnc.gov



Zoning Staff Report – Case Z-32-13

Conditional Use District

Case Summary

Overview

The proposal seeks to rezone the subject property to OX, which would permit more retail than allowed under the current O&I-1 zoning. Conditions reflect provisions of the site plan already approved for the property (SP-23-11). The building resulting from that plan is now nearing completion.

The new building adds to the trend toward mid-rise residential redevelopment in the immediate area, begun by the 712 Tucker building, located just across Tucker Street from the subject site. That structure is nearly all residential; the new building seeks to introduce ground-floor non-residential uses to the street. It also stands taller—7 stories, compared to 712 Tucker's 5 stories.

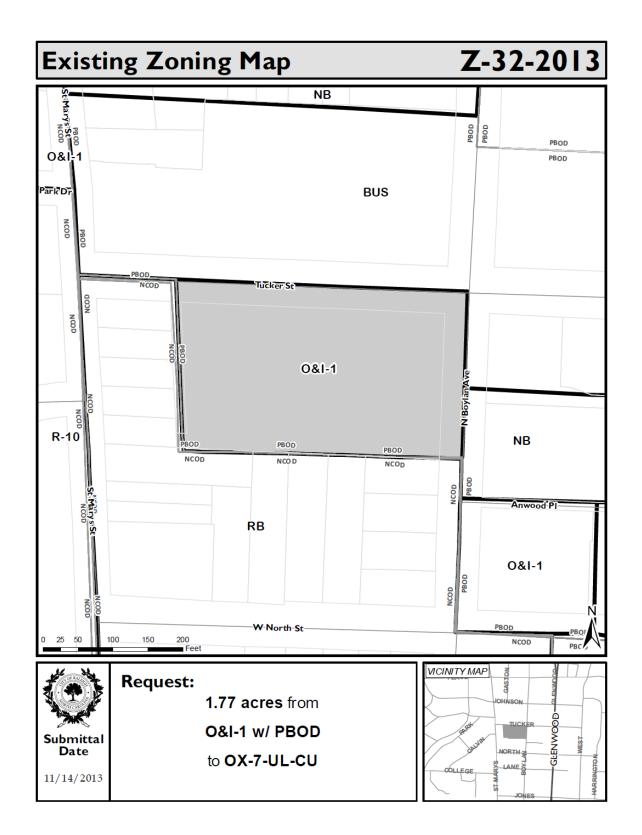
The subject site lies downhill from the North Boylan Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District, which consists primarily of single-family houses dating from the early 20th century, now mostly converted to office and other non-residential uses. Redevelopment there is governed by overlay district standards for setbacks, building and parking lot placement, building entrance location, and height.

The subject site, and the adjacent parcels to the north and east, currently lie within the Peace Street Pedestrian Business Overlay District. Per UDO Sec. 8.5.1.F.1., streetscape specifications attendant to the overlay will continue in effect, even with removal of the overlay from the subject site.

The City's Urban Form Map envisions the subject site and adjacent properties forming the northwestern edge of the future greater downtown, which would include all of Glenwood South and be served by a transit station on the rail line to the east.

Outstanding Issues

Outstanding Issues	(None.)	Suggested Mitigation	(n/a)
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Rezoning Case Evaluation

1. Compatibility Analysis

1.1 Surrounding Area Land Use/ Zoning Summary

	Subject Property	North	South	East	West
Existing	Office &	Business	Residential	Business,	Residential
Zoning	Institution-1		Business	Neighborhood Business	Business
Additional	Pedestrian	Pedestrian	Neighborhood	Pedestrian	Neighborhood
Overlay	Business	Business	Conservation	Business	Conservation
	Overlay	Overlay	Overlay	Overlay	Overlay
	District	District	District	District	District
Future Land	Office &	High Density	Office &	Central	Office &
Use	Residential	Residential	Residential	Business	Residential
	Mixed Use		Mixed Use	District	Mixed Use
Current Land	Apartments	Apartments	Offices;	Offices	Office; duplex
Use	& ground		vacant		
	floor retail or				
	office (under				
	construction)				
Urban Form	Downtown	Downtown	Downtown	Downtown	Downtown
(if applicable)	Center	Center	Center	Center	Center

1.2 Current vs. Proposed Zoning Summary

Existing Zoning Proposed Zoning

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Residential Density:	261 DUs (total) *	261 DUs (total)
Setbacks:		
Front:	0 – 10 feet *	0 – 10 feet *
Side:	10 feet *	10 feet *
Rear:	20 feet *	20 feet *
Retail Intensity Permitted:	13,082 sf *	13,100 sf
Office Intensity Permitted:	13,082 sf *	13,100 sf

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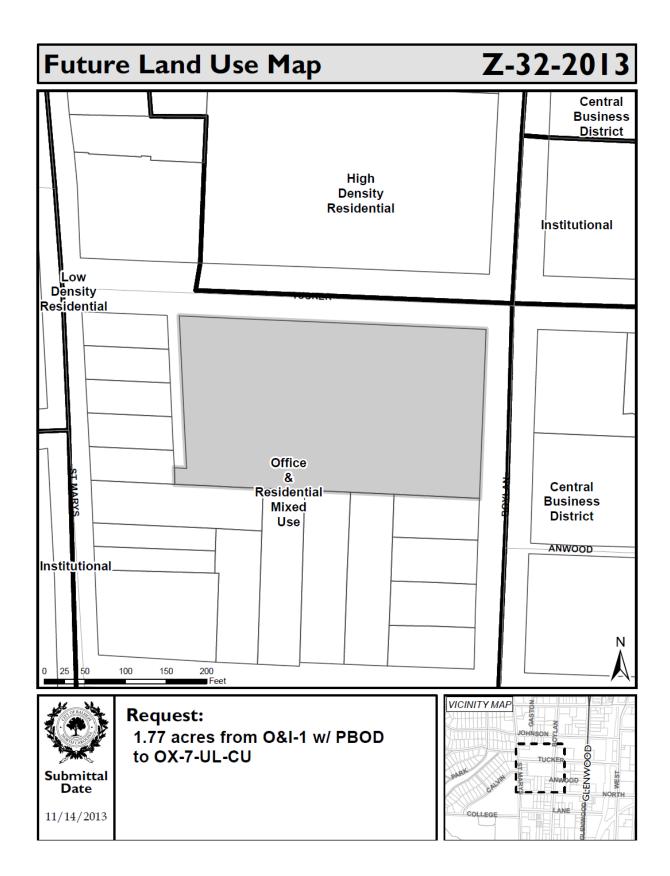
1.3 Estimated Development Intensities

Existing Zoning Proposed Zoning

Total Acreage	1.77	1.77
Zoning	O&I-1 w/ PBOD	OX-7-UL-CU
Max. Gross Building SF	297,222 *	297,222 *
Max. # of Residential Units	261 *	261
Max. Gross Office SF	13,082 *	13,100
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Potential F.A.R.	3.85 *	3.85 *

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The proposed rezoning is:	
□ Compatible with the property and surrounding area.	
Incompatible. Analysis of Incompatibility:	
(N/A)	



2. Comprehensive Plan Consistency Analysis

2.1 Future Land Use

2.3 Area Plan Policy Guidance

The rezoning request is not within a portion of the City subject to an Area Plan.

3. Public Benefit and Reasonableness Analysis

3.1 Public Benefits of the Proposed Rezoning

- The proposed zoning could allow more varied services and goods to be made available in close proximity to present and future residents.

3.2 Detriments of the Proposed Rezoning

(None identified.)

4. Impact Analysis

4.1 Transportation

North Boylan Avenue is classified as a two lane divided street according to Map T-1 of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan and requires a total of 79' of R/W. A traffic impact study is not recommended for case Z-32-13.

Impact Identified: None (see accompanying Transportation Evaluation).

4.2 Transit

Transit does not currently operate on this section of Boylan Avenue and neither the City of Raleigh Short Range Transit Plan nor the Wake County 2040 Transit study call for routes to be developed here. There are several routes within easy walking distance. The closest routes are 8 Northclift and 16 Oberlin which operate on St. Mary's Street and Route 6 Crabtree which operates on Glenwood Avenue.

Impact Identified: None.

4.3 Hydrology

Floodplain	None
Drainage Basin	Pigeon House
Stormwater Management	Subject to Section 9.2 UDO (Stormwater Regulations)
Overlay District	none

Impact Identified: None. No FEMA, no Neuse Buffer, no WSPOD (Watershed Protection Overlay District).

4.4 Public Utilities

Maximum Demand (current)	Maximum Demand (proposed)
00.040	22.222

Water	62,640 gpd	80,880 gpd
Waste Water	62,640 gpd	80,880 gpd

The proposed rezoning will add approximately 18,240 gpd to the wastewater collection and water distribution systems of the City. There are existing sanitary sewer and water mains within the Tucker Street and N. Boylan Avenue rights-of-way.

Impact Identified: The petitioner needs to verify the flow quantities due to the rezoning request back to the City's Public Utilities Department. Verification of available capacity for water fire flow is required as part of the Building Permit submittal process. Any water system improvements to meet fire flow will be required.

4.5 Parks and Recreation

The subject tract is not located adjacent to any greenway corridors. Recreation services for the subject tract will be provided at Fletcher Park.

Impact Identified: None.

4.6 Urban Forestry

This parcel is less than two acres in size; therefore, UDO Article 9.1.—Tree Conservation will not apply.

Impact Identified: None.

4.7 Designated Historic Resources

The site is not within a National Register Historic District and/or Raleigh Historic Overlay District, but multiple historic properties are located in close proximity. 175 feet to the west is the eastern edge of the Cameron Park National Register Historic District, along St. Mary's

Street. The site is approximately 875 feet south of the Glenwood-Brooklyn National Register Historic District, and 650 feet northeast of the St. Mary's College National Register Historic District. The latter contains five Raleigh Historic Landmarks: Smedes Hall, East and West Rocks, the Chapel, and the Eliza Battle Pittman Auditorium. The site is also 1,000 feet southeast of another Raleigh Historic Landmark: Needham Broughton High School.

Impact Identified: None.

4.8 Community Development

The site is not located within a designated Redevelopment Plan area.

Impact Identified: None.

4.9 Appearance Commission

The rezoning is not subject to Appearance Commission review.

4.10 Impacts Summary

No negative impacts on city services or resources are expected from this rezoning.

4.11 Mitigation of Impacts

[n/a]

5. Conclusions

The proposed zoning would increase options for the utilization of ground floor space in an area of City designated for pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use development. With the site building well on its way to completion, changes as a result of the proposed rezoning would be minimal, and confined to the ground-floor areas of the building. Existing streetscape requirements would remain in place per the provisions of the UDO.

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- 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.

 Response: Urban open space, due to the size of this property and its urban infill location, has been provided in the way of improved pedestrian friendly streetscape.
- 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.
 Response: See response in 9 above.
- 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.
 - Response: This development defines its urban open space as the pedestrian friendly streetscape. The ancillary retail and office space located within the ground floor of the building will promote pedestrian traffic and is further enhanced by the higher density residential in the floors above.
- 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.

 Response: The building fronts the entirety of the streetscape creating a visually appealing streetscape comfortable for pedestrians.
- 13. New public spaces should provide seating opportunities.

 Response: The streetscape is intended to provide opportunities for seating in the way of café tables & chairs as well as benches which the ancillary retail and office users in the ground floor can provide.

- Parking lots should not dominate the frontage of pedestrian-oriented streets, interrupt pedestrian routes, or negatively impact surrounding developments. Response: There are no parking lots provided in this development. 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. Response: There are no parking lots provided in this development. Parking structures are clearly an important and necessary element of the overall urban infrastructure but, given their utilitarian elements, can 16. 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 cane make a significant improvement. Response: Significant architectural detail and care have been considered and given to the parking structure. The approved building elevations included this detail for screening the structure and were a collaborative effort by the community and the City of Raleigh review agencies. Higher building densities and more intensive land uses should be within walking distance of transit stops, permitting public transit to become a 17. viable alternative to the automobile. Response: This development is higher density with its residential and commercial uses and it is located within the Transit Stop ½ Mile Buffer area. St. Mary's Street, less than one-half block to the west, is also considered a Transit Emphasis Corridor. Convenient, comfortable pedestrian access between the transit stop and the building entrance should be planned as part of the overall 18. pedestrian network. Response: The entirety of the development street frontage has provided pedestrian access to adjacent sidewalks to improve the overall pedestrian network. 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. Response: No slopes greater than 15 percent, watercourses, or floodplains existed on this urban infill site. It is the intent of these guidelines to build streets that are integral components of community design. Public and private streets, as well as 20. 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. Response: No new streets are part of this development. Sidewalks should be 5-8 feet wide in residential greas and located on both sides of the street. Sidewalks in commercial greas and Pedestrian 21. Business Overlays should be a minimum of 14-18 feet wide to accommodate sidewalk uses such as vendors, merchandising and outdoor Response: The development provides for the minimum 14' streetscape except for a couple of approved encroachments for ground floor access to residential units which helps activate the streetscape along North Boylan Avenue. Along Tucker Street, the sidewalks provided are greater than 14' and includes tree grates which further expands the usable area. Streets should be designed with street trees planted in a manner appropriate to their function. Commercial streets should have trees which complement the face of the buildings and which shade the sidewalk. Residential streets should provide for an appropriate canopy, which shadows both the street and sidewalk, and serves as a visual buffer between the street and the home. The typical width of the street landscape strip is 6-8 feet. This width ensures healthy street trees, precludes tree roots from breaking the sidewalk, and provides adequate pedestrian buffering. Street trees should be at least 6 1/4" caliper and should be consistent with the City's landscaping, lighting and street sight distance Response: Street trees have been provided at a consistent spacing along Tucker Street and North Boylan Avenue effectively providing shade for the improved sidewalks. Buildings should define the streets spatially. Proper spatial definition should be achieved with buildings or other architectural elements (including certain tree plantings) that make up the street edges aligned in a disciplined manner with an appropriate ratio of height to width. Response: The building is consistent with the height of the existing multi-family building across Tucker Street. The face of the building aligns the entire length of public street frontage giving spatial definition. The primary entrance should be both architecturally and functionally on the front facade of any building facing the primary public street. Such entrances shall be designed to convey their prominence on the fronting facade. Response: The front façade of the building along Tucker Street is ancillary retail and office space and will provide entrances which face the public street. Due to the topography of the site along North Boylan Avenue, entrances to the residential has been provided in the way of stoops and a common entry to the residential above which also faces the public street.
- 25. The ground level of the building should offer pedestrian interest along sidewalks. This includes windows entrances, and architectural details. Signage, awnings, and ornamentation are encouraged.

Response: With the ground floor of this building provided as ancillary retail and office, windows and entrances will be provided along the sidewalk. Where entrances to these uses or the residential are not shown, landscaping and architectural details have been included to consistently provide interest along the streetscape. It should be noted that with this proposed rezoning, if approved, the development will have more opportunity to provide signage and/or awnings which is encouraged under this guideline.

26. The sidewalks should be the principal place of pedestrian movement and casual social interaction. Designs and uses should be complementary to that function.

Response: As mentioned in the responses above, the entirety of the public street frontage has been designed to provide a pedestrian friendly streetscape. The uses within the project will provide an activated streetscape where casual social interaction can occur.



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Rezoning Application

Rezoning Request	OFFICE USE ONLY
☐ General Use ☐ Conditional Use	Transaction Number
Existing Zoning Classification: O&I-1/Office & Institution 1 with PBOD-Pedestrian Business Overlay District Proposed Zoning Classification Base District CUD OX-Office Mixed Use, Conditional Use District Height 7 stories Frontage UL/Urban Limited	rict
If the property has been previously rezoned, provide the rezoning case number. N/A	
Provide all previous transaction numbers for Coordinated Team Reviews, Due Diligence Sessions or Pre-Submittal Conferences. Pre-Submittal Conference: 373994/Zoning Case #: Z-32-13	

Property Address 425 North Boylan Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27603		Date 01/06/2014
Property PIN 1704319107		0110022014
Nearest Intersection North Boylan Avenue and Tucker Street		Property size (in acres) 1.77
Property Owner 425 Boylan LLC	Phone 212-888-6793	Fax 615-778-1211
c/o Southern Land Company 410 Park Avenue, Suite 1500 New York, NY 10022	Email dustin.downey@southernland.com	
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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	OFFICE USE ONLY
Zoning Case Number Z-32-13	Transaction Number
Date Submitted 10-25-13 (REVISED 01-06-14, based on city staff comments)	

•0	The height of the building shall be limited to 7 stories and 80 feet.
•	The following allowable commercial uses shall be prohibited: Outdoor sports or entertainment facility, all types Overnight Lodging including Bed & Breakfast and Hospitality House Funeral home, funeral parlor, mortuary, undertaking establishment, crematorium, pet crematorium Palmist, psychic, medium, fortune telling
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1.	Residential density shall not exceed 261 units.
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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 Dustin Downer



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Rezoning Application Addendum

Comprehensive Plan Analysis	OFFICE USE ONLY
rezoning either be consistent with the adopted Comprehensive plan, or that the request be reasonable and in the public interest.	Transaction Number 373 994 Zoning Case Number 2-32 -13

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. The proposed zoning, CUD OX-7-UL, is consistent with the 2030 Comprehensive Plan future land use designation. The Future Land Use Map categorizes this parcel as Office Residential Mixed-Use. The proposed building, which is currently under construction, is a Mixed-Use building which contains residential units and limited commercial square footage at the ground floor. The Office Residential Mixed-Use category encourages medium density residential and retail which is ancillary to employment and residential uses.
- 2. The Raleigh Urban Form Map designates this property within the Downtown Center and within the Transit Stop ½ Mile Buffer. The proposed zoning, CUD OX-7-UL, provides for a mixed-use development with higher density and close proximity which benefits the use of the Transit Stop. The site is also located less than one-half block from St. Mary's Street, which is indicated as a Transit Emphasis Corridor.
- 3. The proposed zoning and building, which is currently under construction, is consistent with the following policies within the 2030 Comprehensive Plan: LU 1.2-Future Land Use Map and Zoning Consistency, LU 1.3-Conditional Use District Consistency, LU 2.6-Zoning and Infrastructure Impacts, LU 4.5-Connectivity, LU 4.7-Capitalizing on Transit Access, LU 4.8-Station Area Land Uses, LU 5.4-Density Transitions, LU 8.12-Infill Compatibility, LU 10.3-Ancillary Retail Uses, EP 3.12-Mitigating Stormwater Impacts, UD 5.1-Contextual Design, UD 6.1-Encouraging Pedestrian-Oriented Uses, UD 7.3-Design Guidelines, DT1.13-Downtown Transition Areas and DT 1.15-High Density Development.

PUBLIC BENEFITS

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

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 - Response: The building is located within 25 feet of both Tucker Street and North Boylan Avenue, which should be considered pedestrianoriented streets. As mentioned above, off-street parking has been located within a parking garage on site and has been lined by building for aesthetic quality.
- 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.
- Response: The site is located at the intersection of Tucker Street and North Boylan Avenue and the building is placed on the corner.
- 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.

 Response: Urban open space, due to the size of this property and its urban infill location, has been provided in the way of improved pedestrian friendly streetscape.
- 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.
 Response: See response in 9 above.
- 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.
 - Response: This development defines its urban open space as the pedestrian friendly streetscape. The ancillary retail and office space located within the ground floor of the building will promote pedestrian traffic and is further enhanced by the higher density residential in the floors above.
- A properly defined urban open space is visually enclosed by the fronting of buildings to create an outdoor "room" that is comfortable to users.

 Response: The building fronts the entirety of the streetscape creating a visually appealing streetscape comfortable for pedestrians.
- 13. New public spaces should provide seating opportunities.
 - Response: The streetscape is intended to provide opportunities for seating in the way of café tables & chairs as well as benches which the ancillary retail and office users in the ground floor can provide.

14.	Parking lots should not dominate the frontage of pedestrian-oriented streets, interrupt pedestrian routes, or negatively impact surrounding developments. Response: There are no parking lots provided in this development.
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.
	Response: There are no parking lots provided in this development.
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 cane make a significant improvement.
	Response: Significant architectural detail and care have been considered and given to the parking structure. The approved building elevations included this detail for screening the structure and were a collaborative effort by the community and the City of Raleigh review agencies.
17.	Higher building densities and more intensive land uses should be within walking distance of transit stops, permitting public transit to become a viable alternative to the automobile.
	Response: This development is higher density with its residential and commercial uses and it is located within the Transit Stop ½ Mile Buffer area. St. Mary's Street, less than one-half block to the west, is also considered a Transit Emphasis Corridor.
18.	Convenient, comfortable pedestrian access between the transit stop and the building entrance should be planned as part of the overall pedestrian network.
	Response: The entirety of the development street frontage has provided pedestrian access to adjacent sidewalks to improve the overall pedestrian network.
19.	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.
	Response: No slopes greater than 15 percent, watercourses, or floodplains existed on this urban infill site.
20.	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. Response: No new streets are part of this development.
	Sidewalks should be 5-8 feet wide in residential areas and located on both sides of the street. Sidewalks in commercial areas and Pedestrian
21.	Business Overlays should be a minimum of 14-18 feet wide to accommodate sidewalk uses such as vendors, merchandising and outdoor seating.
	Response: The development provides for the minimum 14' streetscape except for a couple of approved encroachments for ground floor access to residential units which helps activate the streetscape along North Boylan Avenue. Along Tucker Street, the sidewalks provided are greater than 14' and includes tree grates which further expands the usable area.
22.	Streets should be designed with street trees planted in a manner appropriate to their function. Commercial streets should have trees which complement the face of the buildings and which shade the sidewalk. Residential streets should provide for an appropriate canopy, which shadows both the street and sidewalk, and serves as a visual buffer between the street and the home. The typical width of the street landscape strip is 6-8 feet. This width ensures healthy street trees, precludes tree roots from breaking the sidewalk, and provides adequate pedestrian buffering. Street trees should be at least 6 1/4" caliper and should be consistent with the City's landscaping, lighting and street sight distance requirements.
	Response: Street trees have been provided at a consistent spacing along Tucker Street and North Boylan Avenue effectively providing shade for the improved sidewalks.
23.	Buildings should define the streets spatially. Proper spatial definition should be achieved with buildings or other architectural elements (including certain tree plantings) that make up the street edges aligned in a disciplined manner with an appropriate ratio of height to width.
	Response: The building is consistent with the height of the existing multi-family building across Tucker Street. The face of the building aligns the entire length of public street frontage giving spatial definition.
24.	The primary entrance should be both architecturally and functionally on the front facade of any building facing the primary public street. Such entrances shall be designed to convey their prominence on the fronting facade.
***************************************	Response: The front façade of the building along Tucker Street is ancillary retail and office space and will provide entrances which face the public street. Due to the topography of the site along North Boylan Avenue, entrances to the residential has been provided in the way of stoops and a common entry to the residential above which also faces the public street.
25.	The ground level of the building should offer pedestrian interest along sidewalks. This includes windows entrances, and architectural details. Signage, awnings, and ornamentation are encouraged.
1	Response: With the ground floor of this building provided as ancillary retail and office, windows and entrances will be provided along the sidewalk. Where entrances to these uses or the residential are not shown, landscaping and architectural details have been included to consistently provide interest along the streetscape. It should be noted that with this proposed rezoning, if approved, the development will have more opportunity to provide signage and/or awnings which is encouraged under this guideline.
26.	The sidewalks should be the principal place of pedestrian movement and casual social interaction. Designs and uses should be complementary to that function.
	Response: As mentioned in the responses above, the entirety of the public street frontage has been designed to provide a pedestrian friendly streetscape. The uses within the project will provide an activated streetscape where casual social interaction can occur.

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425 North Boylan Rezoning

Summary of Issues

A neighborhood meeting was held on Tuesday October 15, 2013 to discuss a potential rezoning located at 425 North Boylan Avenue. The neighborhood meeting was held at 6:00 PM at the SLC Construction Office located at 710 West North Street. There were approximately zero (0) neighbors in attendance. The general issues discussed were:

• No items were discussed since there were no neighbors in attendance.

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Attendee List: Address Name ICO FINE CAME, FRANKUM, TH 37067