



Zoning Committee

Zoning Committee Recommendation

Rezoning Petition 2021-207

May 23, 2022

REQUEST

Current Zoning: B-2 (general business)
Proposed Zoning: MUDD-O (mixed-use development district – optional)

LOCATION

Approximately 3.7 acres located on the southeastern corner of the intersection of Independence Boulevard and Paul Buck Boulevard.

(Council District 1 - Egleston)

PETITIONER

Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority c/o City of Charlotte

**ZONING COMMITTEE
ACTION/ STATEMENT
OF CONSISTENCY**

The Zoning Committee voted 5-0 to recommend APPROVAL of this petition and adopt the consistency statement as follows:

To Approve:

This petition is found to be **consistent** with the *Independence Boulevard Area Plan* based on the information from the staff analysis and the public hearing, and because:

- The plan recommends institutional land use for the site.

Therefore, we find this petition to be reasonable and in the public interest, based on the information from the staff analysis and the public hearing, and because:

- The petition supports the continued use of Ovens Auditorium and neighboring facilities through improved signage for events and community related information.
- The petition seeks only to allow upgraded and expanded signage to the site. No other changes to the buildings or grounds are proposed.
- The proposed petition is necessary in order to provide updated signage for the existing venues to allow them to continue as viable entertainment centers.
- Ovens Auditorium and the surrounding facilities are important cultural centers and historic venues that host a variety of events including concerts, sporting events, performing arts, speakers, and graduation ceremonies. The site is located at a future transit station area along the proposed CATS Light Rail Silver Line.

Motion/Second: Blumenthal / Welton
Yeas: Blumenthal, Chirinos, Rhodes, Samuel and
Welton
Nays: None
Absent: Ham, Spencer
Recused: None

**ZONING COMMITTEE
DISCUSSION**

Staff provided a summary of the petition and noted that it is consistent with the adopted area plan.

There was no further discussion of this petition.

PLANNER

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