



**REQUEST** Current Zoning: R-5 HD (single family residential, historic district

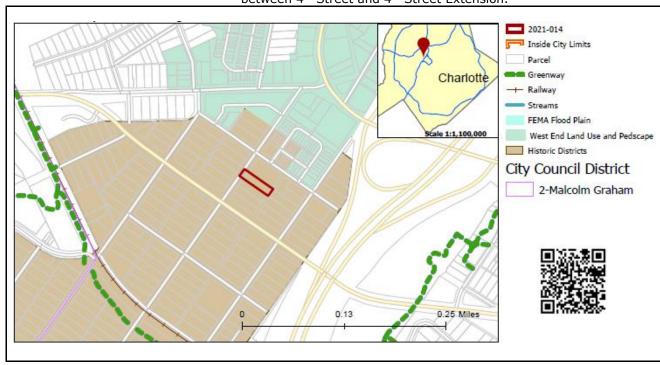
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Proposed Zoning: MUDD-O HD (mixed use development, optional,

historic district overlay)

**LOCATION** Approximately 0.23 acres located on the east side of Grandin Road

between 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street Extension.



**SUMMARY OF PETITION** 

The petition proposes to preserve the existing single family structure for residential use while allowing the development of a parking lot to serve adjacent residential uses. The property is located in the Wesley Heights Historic District.

PROPERTY OWNER PETITIONER

Mark Bolous

**AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE** 

Whitestone Holdings Inc.

Paul Pennell

**COMMUNITY MEETING** 

Meeting is required and has been held. Report available online. Number of people attending the Community Meeting: 43

| STAFF          |  |
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| RECOMMENDATION |  |

Staff does not recommend approval of this petition.

## Plan Consistency

The petition is **inconsistent** with the *Central District Plan* recommendation for single family up to five dwelling units an acre for this site.

# Rationale for Recommendation

 The petition is inconsistent because the proposed site plan includes a shared parking lot in the backyard of a single-family residential lot.

- The proposed surface parking lot is incompatible with the established development pattern in the Wesley Heights Historic District, which is predominately single family homes with back yards and driveways to accommodate parking for each respective home.
- The adjacent former church property, which has been converted to multifamily residential units, already meets minimum parking requirements.

The approval of this petition will revise the adopted future land use as specified by the *Central District Plan*, from single family residential at up to 5 dwelling units per acre to mixed use for the site.

#### **PLANNING STAFF REVIEW**

### Proposed Request Details

The site plan accompanying this petition contains the following provisions:

- Proposes to preserve the existing single-family dwelling for residential use while permitting development of a surface parking lot to serve adjacent residential uses.
- Requests an optional provision for a reduced side yard along the southwestern property line adjacent to parcel number 07101510 to accommodate an existing structure on the site. The reduced side yard is proposed to be measured 5' from the property line.
- Vehicular access to the new parking lot would be through an alley from West 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The petitioner would be responsible for improving the alley.
- The existing driveway on Grandin Road would be remain and be improved with a new apron to accommodate an 8' planting strip and 6' sidewalk, to be installed by the petitioner.
- All attached and detached lighting will be full cutoff fixtures and downwardly directed with the exception of upward facing architectural and landscape accent lighting.
- Limits detached lighting to 20' in height.
- Proposes a 6' screening fence bordering the parking lot on the southwestern side of the property (adjacent to parcel 07101510).

### Existing Zoning and Land Use



The site is surrounded by residential uses including single family and multifamily uses.



The site, marked by a red star, is within the Wesley Heights Historic District and is surrounded primarily by single family residential uses as well as some multifamily residential uses.



The site is developed with a single family dwelling.



The property to the west is developed with a former church building that is being converted to multifamily residential units.



The properties to the east are developed with single family residential uses.



The properties to the south are developed with single family residential uses.



The properties to the west are developed with single family residential uses.

# • Rezoning History in Area



There are no recent or pending rezonings in the vicinity of this site.

# • Public Plans and Policies



• The Central District Plan (adopted 1993) recommends single family up to five dwelling units per acre for this site.

#### TRANSPORTATION SUMMARY

o The site is located on a City-maintained collector road (Grandin Road). This rezoning petition proposes additional access off a rear alleyway that contains an existing driveway connection on West 4th Street. This petition is trip neutral, having the same associated vehicle trips per day pre- and post- rezone. Additionally, in accordance with Charlotte WALKS and City Ordinances, the petitioner has committed to constructing an 8-foot planting strip and 6-foot sidewalk along the property frontage of Grandin Road. CDOT has no outstanding items with this petition.

# Active Projects:

- No active projects in the vicinity of this site.
- Transportation Considerations
  - No outstanding issues.
- Vehicle Trip Generation:

Current Zoning:

Existing Use: 10 trips per day (based on one single family dwelling). Entitlement: 10 trips per day (based on one single family dwelling). Proposed Zoning: 10 trips per day (based on one single family dwelling).

## **DEPARTMENT COMMENTS** (see full department reports online)

- Charlotte Area Transit System: No comments submitted.
- Charlotte Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services: No comments submitted.
- Charlotte Department of Solid Waste Services: No comments submitted.
- Charlotte-Douglas International Airport: No comments submitted.
- Charlotte Fire Department: No comments submitted.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks: No outstanding issues.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department: No outstanding issues.
- **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools:** The development allowed under the existing zoning could generate 1 student, while the development allowed under the proposed zoning may produce 1 students. Therefore, the net increase in the number of students generated from existing zoning to proposed is 0.
  - The proposed development is not projected to increase the school utilization over existing conditions (without mobile classroom units) as follows:
    - Bruns Avenue Elementary at 77%
    - Ranson Middle at 118%
    - West Charlotte High at 96%.
- **Charlotte Water:** Water and sewer service is accessible for this rezoning boundary. See advisory comments at www.rezoning.org
- Engineering and Property Management:
  - Arborist: No comments submitted.
  - Erosion Control: See advisory comments at www.rezoning.org
  - Land Development: No comments submitted.
  - Storm Water Services: No comments submitted.
  - **Urban Forestry:** No comments submitted.
- Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency: See advisory comments at www.rezoning.org
- Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Department: No comments submitted.

#### **REQUESTED TECHNICAL REVISIONS**

Site and Building Design

1. Dimension the proposed setback, planting strip, and sidewalk.

See Attachments (applications, department memos, maps etc.) Online at www.rezoning.org