



City of Phoenix

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

To: City of Phoenix Planning Commission **Date:** February 2, 2026

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Subject: ITEM NO. 13 (Z-163-25-7) – NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE CENTRAL AVENUE AND ROESER ROAD

Rezoning Case No. Z-163-25-7 is a request to rezone 8.91 acres located at the northeast corner of the Central Avenue and Roeser Road from 0.66-acres of R-4 SPVTABDO (Multifamily Residence District, South Phoenix Village and Target Area B Design Overlay), 7.22 acres of C-2 SPVTABDO (Intermediate Commercial, South Phoenix Village and Target Area B Design Overlay), and 1.03 acres of C-3 SPVTABDO (General Commercial, South Phoenix Village and Target Area B Design Overlay) to allow mixed-use (multifamily residential and retail).

The South Mountain Village Planning Committee (VPC) heard this request on January 13, 2026 and recommended approval, per the staff recommendation, by a vote of 13-0.

Since the VPC meeting, the applicant has requested the deletion of Stipulation No. 4 regarding the height limitation for proposed Building 3, and modifications to Stipulation Nos. 6 and 7 regarding a required paseo through the site and plazas. The applicant expressed concerns that these limitations and specifications could impact their ability to secure funding for affordable housing. After reviewing the requests, staff determined that the requested updates would have minimal to no negative impacts and would provide the necessary flexibility to support the affordable housing proposal. Stipulation No. 4 was originally intended to protect a property zoned C-2 with a possible single-family use. Upon further evaluation, the property is currently used for one or more residences and a business, and lacks a functional yard area adjacent to the subject site. Staff has agreed to remove the specificity and easement requirements outlined in Stipulations Nos. 6 (now 5) and 7 (now 6). The location details and public access easement requirements will be addressed during the site plan review process.

Staff recommends approval, per the modified stipulations in **BOLD** font below:

1. The maximum building height shall not exceed 48 feet, except that the maximum building height may be increased to 56 feet, if a minimum of 30% of the dwelling units are provided as Affordable Housing, as approved by the Planning and Development Department and Housing Department.
2. The development shall contain a vertical mix of land uses such as residential and nonresidential uses, as approved by the Planning and Development Department. A minimum of 1,800 square feet of non-residential uses shall be

provided along Central Avenue and Roeser Road and shall not include lobby, exercise, reception areas or other similar uses intended for exclusive use by residents.

3. The building frontage along Central Avenue shall utilize the storefront, gallery, arcade, or forecourt frontages, or a combination thereof, per the requirements of Section 1305.B.

4. ~~Building 3, as depicted on the site plan date stamped November 5, 2025, shall be limited to a maximum of three stories or 40 feet in height, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.~~

5. Bicycle infrastructure shall be provided, as described below and as approved by the Planning and Development Department.

- a. A bicycle repair station ("fix-it station") shall be provided and maintained near or within secure bicycle parking areas and separated from vehicular maneuvering areas, where applicable.
- b. All required bicycle parking for multifamily use, per Section 1307.H.6.d of the Phoenix Zoning Ordinance, shall be secured parking.
- c. Guest bicycle parking shall be provided at a minimum of 0.05 spaces per unit with a maximum of 50 spaces near entrances of buildings and installed per the requirements of Section 1307.H. of the Phoenix Zoning Ordinance.
- d. A minimum of 3% of the provided bicycle parking spaces shall include standard electrical receptacles for electric bicycle charging capabilities.

6. The required paseo shall be provided, as described below and as approved
5. **OR MODIFIED** by the Planning and Development Department.

- a. The required paseo shall be no closer than 150 feet from Central Avenue and 2nd Street.
- b. The required paseo shall connect to the sidewalks along Roeser Road and Cody Drive.
- c. ~~A public access easement shall be recorded requiring that the paseo remain open to the public between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.~~

7. A minimum of two 1,000 square foot plazas shall be provided, as described below and as approved or modified by the Planning and Development Department.
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- a. A minimum of one plaza shall be located at the northeast corner of Central Avenue and Roeser Road.
 - ~~b. A minimum of one plaza shall be located along the required paseo.~~
 - c. The plazas shall contain a minimum of one artistic enhancement.
 - ~~b. A public access easement shall be recorded requiring that the plazas remain open to the public between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.~~
8. A minimum of 3% of the required parking spaces shall include EV-Capable infrastructure.
9. There shall be a minimum 5-foot-wide detached sidewalk and a minimum 5-foot-wide landscape area between the back of curb and sidewalk along the south side of Cody Drive and the west side of 2nd Street with landscaping consistent with the landscape standards of Section 1309 of the Zoning Ordinance, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
- Where utility conflicts exist, the developer shall work with the Planning and Development Department on alternative design solutions consistent with a pedestrian environment.
10. There shall be a minimum 8-foot-wide detached sidewalk and a minimum 5-foot-wide landscape area between the back of curb and sidewalk along the north side of Roeser Road with landscaping consistent with the landscape standards of Section 1309 of the Zoning Ordinance, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
- Where utility conflicts exist, the developer shall work with the Planning and Development Department on alternative design solutions consistent with a pedestrian environment.
11. Unless abandoned prior to preliminary site plan approval, a minimum 25-feet of right-of-way shall be dedicated for the south side of Cody Drive, adjacent to the development.
12. Sufficient right-of-way shall be dedicated to encompass all public infrastructure, including sidewalk and curb ramps along all adjacent frontage of the proposed development.
13. All mitigation improvements shall be constructed and/or funded as identified in the accepted Traffic Impact Analysis dated October 13, 2025.

- 44. All existing electrical utilities within the public right-of-way shall be
13. undergrounded, adjacent to the development. The developer shall coordinate with the affected utility companies for their review and permitting.
- 45. Existing SRP facilities along Central Avenue and Roeser Road are to be
14. relocated outside of City right-of-way, unless otherwise approved by the Street Transportation Department. Relocations that require additional dedications or land transfer require completion prior to obtaining plat and/or civil plan review approval.
- 46. Replace unused driveways with sidewalk, curb, and gutter. Also, replace any
15. broken or out-of-grade curb, gutter, sidewalk, and curb ramps on all streets and upgrade all off-site improvements to be in compliance with current ADA guidelines.
- 47. All streets within and adjacent to the development shall be constructed with
16. paving, curb, gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps, streetlights, median islands, landscaping and other incidentals, as per plans approved by the Planning and Development Department. All improvements shall comply with all ADA accessibility standards.
- 48. The property owner shall record documents that disclose the existence, and
17. operational characteristics of the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport to future owners or tenants of the property. The form and content of such documents shall be according to the templates and instructions provided which have been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.
- 49. The northbound bus pad on Central Avenue north of Roeser Road shall be
18. retained.
- 20. A minimum of two green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) elements for
19. stormwater management shall be implemented, as approved or modified by the Planning and Development and/or Street Transportation departments. This includes but is not limited to stormwater harvesting basins, bioswales, permeable pavement, etc., per the Greater Phoenix Metro Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development Details for Alternative Stormwater Management.
- 24. Natural turf shall only be utilized for required retention areas (bottom of basin,
20. and only allowed on slopes if required for slope stabilization) and functional turf areas located on properties for uses such as residential common areas, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
- 22. Prior to final site plan approval, documentation shall be provided that
21. demonstrates a commitment to participate in the Water Efficiency Checkup program for a minimum of 10 years, or as approved by the Planning and Development Department.

- ~~23~~ 22. If determined necessary by the Phoenix Archaeology Office, the applicant shall conduct Phase I data testing and submit an archaeological survey report of the development area for review and approval by the City Archaeologist prior to clearing and grubbing, landscape salvage, and/or grading approval.
- ~~24~~ 23. If Phase I data testing is required, and if, upon review of the results from the Phase I data testing, the City Archaeologist, in consultation with a qualified archaeologist, determines such data recovery excavations are necessary, the applicant shall conduct Phase II archaeological data recovery excavations.
- ~~25~~ 24. In the event archaeological materials are encountered during construction, the developer shall immediately cease all ground-disturbing activities within a 33-foot radius of the discovery, notify the City Archaeologist, and allow time for the Archaeology Office to properly assess the materials.
- ~~26~~ 25. Prior to final site plan approval, the landowner shall execute a Proposition 207 waiver of claims form. The waiver shall be recorded with the Maricopa County Recorder's Office and delivered to the City to be included in the rezoning application file for record.