

**Staff Report: Z-1-17-1**March 2, 2017

**Deer Valley Village Planning Committee** March 16, 2017

**Hearing Date** 

Planning Commission Hearing Date

April 6, 2017

**Request From:** S-1 DVAO (3.18 acres)

Request To: CP/GCP DVAO (3.18 acres)

Proposed Use Warehouse/Office

**Location** Approximately 335 feet east of the

northeast corner of 15th Avenue and the

Whispering Wind Drive alignment

Owner DLX2 Properties, LLC

**Applicant / Representative**Doug Porter, Arizona Turf Masters /

Casey Pennington, Vespro

Staff Recommendation Approval, subject to stipulations

General Plan Conformity					
General Plan Land Use Designation		Commerce/Business Park			
Street Map Classification	Whispering Wind Drive	INJUDAT CAUACTAR	25-foot south half street (to be dedicated)		

### STRENGTHEN OUR LOCAL ECONOMY CORE VALUE

ENTREPRENEURS AND EMERGING ENTERPRISES; LAND USE PRINCIPLE: Encourage land uses that promote the growth of entrepreneurs or new businesses in Phoenix in appropriate locations.

The proposed rezoning will allow the site to appropriately be used for a commerce park use and allows the opportunity for a local business to operate on the site.

AIRPORTS; LAND USE PRINCIPLE: Continue to carefully monitor and evaluate all future land uses around the airports, protecting the airport from incompatible development that could pose a safety hazard to aircraft passengers, or to individuals living or residing in those areas. Additionally, ensure that future land uses within the Sky Harbor Center area will be compatible with the safe operation of Sky Harbor International Airport.

The subject site is located within the Deer Valley Airport Overlay District, Area 1. The overlay district is intended to protect the health, safety and welfare of persons and property within the vicinity of Deer Valley Airport. The proposed development is a compatible land use to nearby airport operations.

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### **Area Plan**

# **DEER VALLEY AIRPORT OVERLAY**

The subject property is located within the Deer Valley Airport Overlay District (DVAO) and the proposed uses and height are consistent with the provisions of the overlay district. The purpose of the zoning overlay is to ensure land use compatibility with airport operations, protect navigable airspace from physical encroachment, and require permanent notice of flight operations to property owners. The proposed development is consistent with the character of the Phoenix Deer Valley Airport area, is compliant with height restrictions, and the property owner will be required to record a disclosure notice to prospective purchasers regarding the proximity to the Phoenix Deer Valley Airport.

Surrounding Land Uses/Zoning				
	Land Use	Zoning		
On Site	Vacant	S-1 DVAO		
North	Vacant	County RU-43		
South	Utility/powerline grid corridor / landscape and equipment storage	County RU-43		
East	Vacant	County RU-43		
West	Vacant (Proposed Office/Warehouse)	CP/GCP DVAO		

CP/GCP (Commerce Park, General Commerce Park Option)				
<u>Standards</u>	Requirements	Proposed		
Building Setbacks				
Street: Whispering Wind DR (perimeter)	30 feet (*60 feet, based on 28-foot building height)	Met – 60+ feet		
Side: South (perimeter)	20 feet (*60 feet, based on 28-foot building height)	Met – 37+ feet to wall, 123+ feet to building		
East (perimeter)	20 feet (*60 feet, based on 28-foot building height)	Met – 66+ feet		
West (interior)	0 feet	Met – 61+ feet		
Landscape Setbacks				
Street: Whispering Wind DR (perimeter)	30 feet	Met – 60+ feet		
Side: South (perimeter)	5 feet	Met – 10 feet		
East (perimeter)	5 feet	Met – 10 feet		
West (interior)	0 feet	Met – 5 feet		

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<u>Standards</u>	<u>Requirements</u>	Proposed
Lot Coverage	Maximum 50%	Met – 31%
Building Height	Maximum 18 feet within 30 feet of perimeter lot line; 1 foot increase per 3-foot additional setback, maximum 56 feet to 80 feet with use permit and site plan	Met – Approximately 28 feet
Parking	Minimum 20 required (Based on number of warehouse employees)	Met – 47 provided

Setbacks along the perimeter sides of the site depend on building height. See the building height standards above.

## Background/Issues/Analysis

- 1. This is a request to rezone a 3.18-acre site located approximately 335 feet east of the northeast corner of 15th Avenue and the Whispering Wind Drive alignment from S-1 DVAO (Ranch or Farm Residence, Deer Valley Airport Overlay) to CP/GCP DVAO (Commerce Park, General Commerce Park Option, Deer Valley Airport Overlay) to allow for a warehouse/office.
- 2. The subject site was annexed into the city of Phoenix on October 28, 2015 via Ordinance S-42103 and was granted S-1 (Ranch or Farm Residence) zoning per the adoption of Ordinance G-6075 on November 18, 2015.
- 3. The General Plan Land Use Map designation for the subject site and surrounding area is Commerce / Business Park. The proposed zoning conforms to the General Plan Land Use designation.

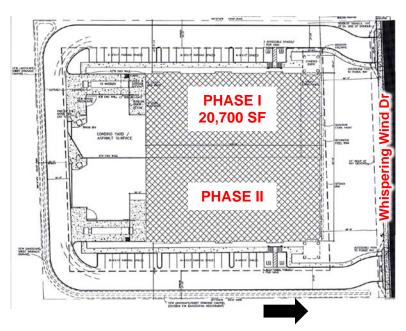


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4. The site and properties to the north, east, and west are vacant. There is a warehouse/office building proposed on the vacant property to the west. The property to the south is a utility corridor and is also utilized for storage of landscape equipment. Properties to the north, south, and east are in the County jurisdiction and have County RU-43 zoning (Rural Zoning District - One Acre Per Dwelling Unit). The area west of 15th Avenue is zoned and used for commerce park development.

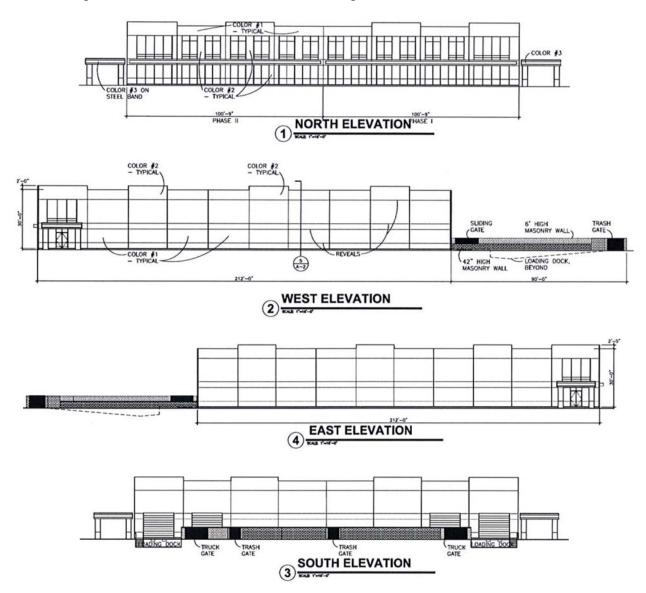


5. The site plan includes a 42,227 square foot building. planned to be completed in two phases. There is a gated loading area proposed on the south side of the lot and vehicle parking areas proposed along the east and west sides of the building. The plan includes a very large street side setback along Whispering Wind Drive, varying from 60 to 66 feet wide. Two driveway access points are proposed for trucks and vehicles to circulate around the building.



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6. The proposed elevations depict a warehouse building with varying roof heights from 30 to 32 feet to the top of the parapets. The actual building height is not labeled, but appears to be approximately 28 feet. A masonry wall and gates are proposed around the loading area on the south side of the building.



7. The Commerce Park district landscape standards do not specify the required number or size of trees along the street side or within the vehicle parking areas. Staff is recommending stipulations with specifics on tree caliper sizes and spacing of trees, similar to the adjacent development to the west. This will ensure a consistent streetscape and parking areas within the commerce park area.

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- 8. The Archaeology Office has recommended that no archaeological work is necessary for this project. However, if any archaeological materials are encountered during construction, all ground-disturbing activities must cease within 10 meters of the discovery and the City of Phoenix Archaeology Office must be notified immediately and allowed time to properly assess the materials.
- 9. The subject parcel is located in proximity to the Deer Valley Airport. As such the Aviation Department has proposed a stipulation requiring property owners to disclose the existence and operational characteristics of the Deer Valley Airport to future owners or tenants of the property. The requested Notice to Prospective Purchasers follows policy set regarding the properties in the City of Phoenix underlying the flight patterns of the Phoenix Deer Valley Airport.
- 10. The City of Phoenix Floodplain Management division of the Street Transportation Department has determined that this parcel is not in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), but is located in a Shaded Zone X, on panel 1280 L of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) dated October 16, 2013.
- 11. The Street Transportation Department has required the following:
  - Right-of-way totaling 25 feet shall be dedicated for the south half of Whispering Wind Drive. The remaining Federal Patent Easements shall be abandoned.
  - The developer shall provide curb and gutter of 16 feet south of the Monument Line. The improvements shall match the existing improvements to the west with a 200-foot taper from the existing to the new improvements.
  - The developer shall provide a total of 24 feet of paving for Whispering Wind Drive.
- 12. The Water Services Department has noted that water and sewer mains shall be required in the right-of-way.
- 13. Development and use of the site is subject to all applicable codes and ordinances. Zoning approval does not negate other ordinance requirements. Other formal actions such as, but not limited to, zoning adjustments and abandonment may be required.

## **Findings**

- 1. The proposed zoning and development conforms to the General Plan Land Use Map designation of Commerce/Business Park.
- 2. The proposed zoning is consistent with the Deer Valley Airport Overlay District.
- 3. The proposed zoning is consistent with other development in the area.

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# **Stipulations**

- 1. Trees within the required landscape setback along Whispering Wind Drive shall be placed 20 feet on center or in equivalent groupings, consisting of 60% of trees with a minimum 2-inch caliper and 40% with a minimum 1 inch caliper, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
- 2. Landscape planters shall be provided at the ends of each row of parking within the required parking areas, as approved by the Planning and Development Department. The planters shall be a minimum of 5 feet wide, measured from inside face of curbs. Planters shall include at minimum a 1 inch caliper tree.
- 3. Right-of-way totaling 25 feet shall be dedicated for the south half of Whispering Wind Drive (north boundary of property) for the entire length of the property and the remaining Federal Patent Easement shall be abandoned, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
- 4. The property owner shall record a Notice to Prospective Purchasers of Proximity to Airport in order to disclose the existence, and operational characteristics of Phoenix Deer Valley 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.

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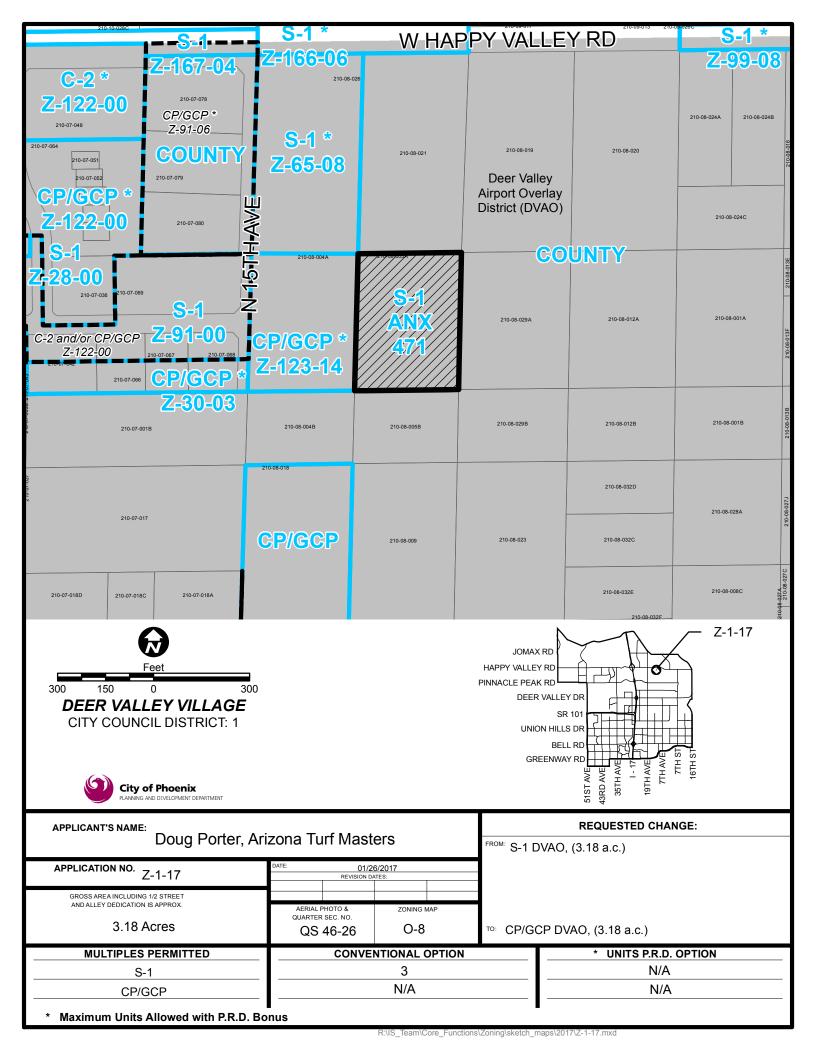
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#### **Team Leader**

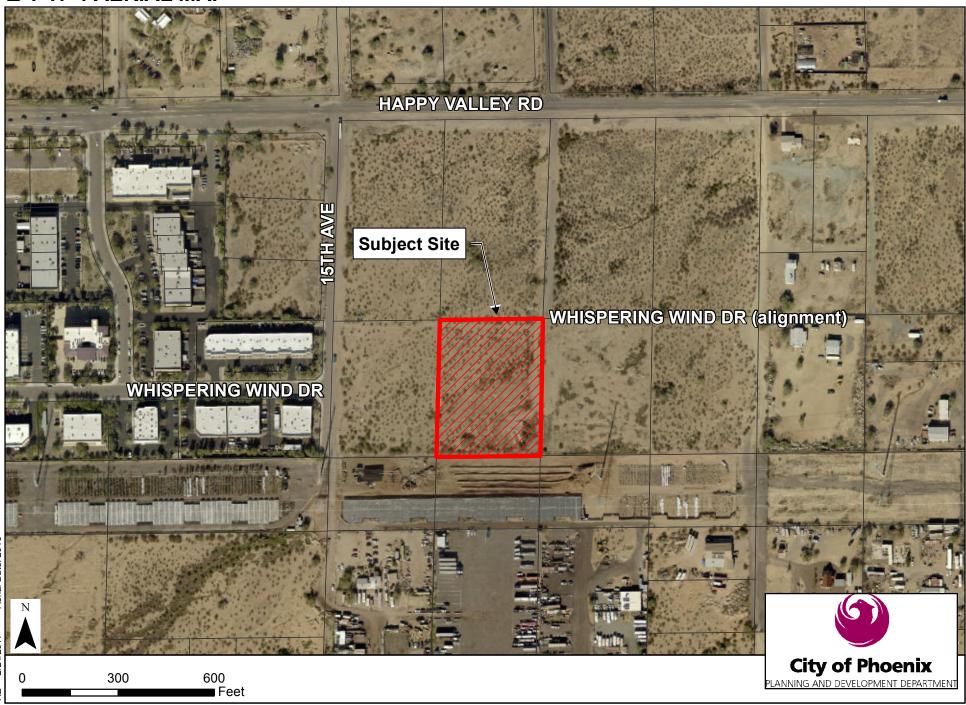
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# **Exhibits**

Sketch Map Aerial Map Conceptual Site Plan, date stamped 1/6/2017 Conceptual Elevations, date stamped 1/6/2017



# **Z-1-17-1 AERIAL MAP**



'24/2017 Aerial Date: 2016

