## City of Phoenix

PLANNING \& DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

# *REVISED Staff Report Z-116-P-81-6 June 2, 2017 

| South Mountain Village Planning Committee Meeting Date: | June 13, 2017 |
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| Planning Commission Hearing Date: | August 3, 2017 |
| Request From: | PCD (Approved C-2 PCD) (1.23 acres) PCD (Approved Ind. Pk. PCD) (1.33 acres) PCD (Approved CP/BP PCD) (1.28 acres) Ind. Pk. PCD (1.30 acres) |
| Request To: | C-2 SP PCD (5.14 acres) |
| Proposed Use | Major amendment to the Pointe at South Mountain PCD (Z-116-81) to allow self-service storage warehouse and underlying C-2 commercial uses |
| Location | Approximately 360 feet west of the southwest corner of 48th Street and Baseline Road |
| Owner | VCL Enterprises, LLC |
| Applicant | Dr. Gene Couturier, D.C. |
| Representative | Dr. Gene Couturier, D.C. |
| Staff Recommendation | Approval, subject to stipulations |


| General Plan Conformity |  |  |
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| General Plan Land Use <br> Designation | Commerce/Business Park |  |
| Street Map <br> Classification | 48seline Road | Major Arterial |
| 55-foot south half-street |  |  |
| CONNECT PEOPLE AND PLACES CORE VALUE; CORES, CENTERS, AND <br> CORRIDORS; LAND USE PRINCIPLE: Locate land uses with the greatest height <br> and most intense uses within village cores, centers and corridors based on <br> village character, land use needs, and transportation system capacity. |  |  |

The proposed development is accessed via Baseline Road which is classified as a major arterial. The surrounding area contains a number of large commercial, office, and industrial properties and is in close proximity to the I-10 freeway.

CONNECT PEOPLE AND PLACES CORE VALUE; OPPORTUNITY SITES; LAND USE PRINCIPLE: Support reasonable levels of increased intensity, respectful of local conditions and surrounding neighborhoods.

The proposal is consistent with the scale and intensity of land uses in the surrounding area. There are no adjacent residential properties. The closest residential properties are buffered from the site by Baseline Road.

## STRENGTHEN OUR LOCAL ECONOMY; ENTREPRENEURS/EMERGING

 ENTERPRISES; LAND USE PRINICPLE: Encourage land uses that promote the growth of entrepreneurs or new businesses in Phoenix in appropriate locations.The proposal would allow the establishment of a new commercial business that is consistent in scale and character with the land use pattern in the surrounding area.

## CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES \& NEIGHBORHOODS; CLEAN

 NEIGHBORHOODS; LAND USE PRINCIPLE: Facilitate the acquisition of vacant, underutilized and blighted parcels for appropriate redevelopment, compatible with the adjacent neighborhood character and adopted area plans.The subject property is vacant. The proposal would allow the development of this underutilized parcel with a commercial land use that is consistent in scale and character with the land use pattern in the surrounding area.

## Area Plans

The subject property is not within the boundaries of any overlay district, special planning area, specific plan, or area plan.

| Surrounding Zoning/Land Uses |  |  |
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|  | Zoning | Land Use |
| On Site | PCD (Approved C-2 PCD) <br> PCD (Approved Ind. Pk. PCD) <br> PCD (Approved CP/BP PCD) <br> Ind. Pk. PCD | Vacant |
| East (SWC 48th <br> St. \& Baseline) | C-2 PCD | Gas station |
| East (Across <br> 48th St.) | General Industrial District (City of <br> Tempe Zoning Designation) | Gas station, retail, and office |


| West | CP/BP PCD | Commerce park |
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| North | C-2 | Car wash, fast food, gas station |
| South | CP/BP PCD, PCD | Vacant, Office |


| C-2 (Intermediate Commercial) |  |  |
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| Standards | Requirements | Proposed |
| Building Setbacks |  |  |
| North | Average 25 feet | 25 feet (Met) |
| East (Portion adjacent to property zoned C-2 PCD) | None | 0 feet (Met) |
| East (Portion adjacent to 48th Street) | Average 25 feet | Minimum 25 feet (Met) |
| West | 10 feet | 15 feet (Met) |
| South | Average 25 feet | Average 25 feet (Met) |
| Landscape Setbacks |  |  |
| North | Average 25 feet | 25 feet (Met) |
| East (Portion adjacent to property zoned C-2 PCD) | None | 0 feet (Met) |
| East (Portion adjacent to 48th Street) | Average 25 feet | Minimum 25 feet (Met) |
| West | None | 0 feet (Met) |
| South | Average 25 feet | Average 25 feet (Met) |
| Lot Coverage | Not to exceed 50\% | 45.4\% (Met) |
| Building Height | 2 stories, 30 feet | Maximum height 27 feet 6 inches (Met) |
| Parking | 1 space per 35 units <br> - 828 units/35 = 24 spaces <br> 2 spaces for Office | 26 spaces provided (Met) |

## Background/Issues/Analysis

## SUBJECT SITE

1. This request is to rezone approximately 5.14 acres, located approximately 360 feet west of the southwest corner of 48th Street and Baseline Road, from PCD (Approved C-2 PCD) (Planned Community District, Approved Intermediate Commercial Planned Community District) (1.23 acres), PCD (Approved Ind. Pk. PCD) (Planned Community District, Approved Industrial Park Planned

Community District) (1.33 acres), PCD (Approved CP/BP PCD) (Planned Community District, Approved Commerce Park/Business Park Planned Community District) (1.28 acres), and Ind. Pk. PCD (Industrial Park Planned Community District) (1.30 acres) to C-2 SP PCD (Intermediate Commercial, Special Permit, Planned Community District) (5.14 acres) to allow a major amendment to the Pointe at South Mountain PCD (Z-116-81) to allow a selfservice storage warehouse and underlying $\mathrm{C}-2$ commercial uses.
2. The General Plan Land Use Map designation for the subject property is Commerce/Business Park. Although the proposed land use is not consistent with the General Plan designation, an amendment is not required as the parcel is less than 10 acres in size.

3. The subject property consists of three parcels which are currently vacant. The property has street frontage along Baseline Road, 48th Street, and Beautiful Lane. Both 48th Street and Beautiful Lane are private streets. The one-way traffic lanes along Beautiful Lane are bisected by the relocated Highline Canal right-of-way.

Please see Background Item \#10 regarding 48th Street and Beautiful Lane.

## SURROUNDING USES \& ZONING

4. North of the subject property, across Baseline Road are commercial properties zoned C-2 which include a car wash, a restaurant with drivethrough, and a gas station. North of and adjacent to a portion of the subject property is a gas station zoned C-2 PCD. This property is located within the Pointe at South Mountain Planned Community District.


East of the subject property is a gas station and commercial office complex. This property is located within the City of Tempe and bears Tempe's GID (General Industrial District) zoning designation.

South of the subject property, across the relocated Highline Canal right-of-way and Beautiful Lane, is a Commerce Park development zoned CP/BP PCD and vacant property zoned PCD (Approved Industrial Park PCD). These properties are located within the Pointe at South Mountain Planned Community District.

West of the subject property is a commerce park development zoned CP/BP PCD. This property is also located within the Pointe at South Mountain Planned Community District.

## LAND USE

5. The proposed site plan and elevations propose the development of a selfservice storage warehouse facility. This land use is permitted in the C-2 zoning district, subject to the approval of a Special Permit. The Special Permit request is for both the self-service storage warehouse use and all underlying C -2 commercial uses.

## PROPOSAL

## 6. Site Plan

The applicant submitted a site plan that proposes a self-service storage warehouse facility consisting of one office building and nine individual storage buildings. Individual buildings range from 2,650 square-feet for the office building and between 3,108 to 42,560 square-feet for the storage buildings. Proposed lot coverage is 45.4\%. Building heights range from 16 feet to 27 feet and 6 inches. Staff stipulations recommend
 general conformance to this site plan.

## 7. Elevations

The proposed elevations include a variety of architectural elements including view fencing, green screens, banding, tower elements, variations in the roof line, and various colors and building materials.

Staff stipulations require general conformance to the elevations with specific regard to these elements. The provision of these elements will create visual interest for the site and help to mitigate the impacts of the building massing on adjacent properties.


SITE WALL WEST


BEAUTIFUL LANE STREET VIEW
8. Landscaping

The applicant submitted a landscaping plan consisting primarily of sissoo, mesquite, eucalyptus, and acacia trees. On-site retention and landscaping is proposed, in part, along the east property line adjacent to 48th Street, setback approximately 50 feet. Staff stipulations recommend general conformance to the landscape plans.

## AVIATION

9. The Aviation Department requires that the property owner record a Notice to Prospective Purchasers of Proximity to Airport in order to disclose the existence, and operational characteristics of City of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX) to future owners or tenants of the property.

## STREET TRANSPORTATION

10. City of Phoenix Contract No. 143841 consists of a Development Agreement, entered into October 25, 2016, between the City of Phoenix, Charles Schwab \& Co. Inc., the Pointe South Mountain Business Park Association, and other entities. The Development Agreement outlines terms and conditions which would convert 48th Street to a public street and establish responsibilities for related dedications, improvements, and maintenance of 48th Street.

Street Transportation Department stipulations require the developer to construct or provide funds in escrow for the roadway infrastructure for the length of the property, as per this Development Agreement.
11. Street Transportation Department stipulations require the developer to dedicate right-of-way totaling 55 feet for the west half of 48th Street for the length of the site per the City of Phoenix Modified Cross Section CM standards.

## FLOODPLAIN

12. Floodplain Management indicated that the parcel is not in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), but is located in a Shaded Zone X, on panel 2240 L of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) dated October 16, 2013.

FIRE
13. The Phoenix Fire Department indicated that they do not anticipate problems with this case and that that site and/or buildings shall comply with the Phoenix Fire Code.

## OTHER

14. The City of Phoenix Archaeology Office, Parks \& Recreation, Public Transit, and Water Services Departments have no concerns regarding the request.
15. 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 request is not consistent with the General Plan Land Use Map designation of Commerce/Business Park. However, an amendment is not required as the subject parcel is less than 10 acres.
2. The C-2 SP PCD zoning district will allow development that is consistent in scale and character with the land use pattern in the surrounding area.
3. The proposal would promote the development of a vacant parcel located along the Baseline Corridor.

## Stipulations

1. The development shall be in general conformance with the site plan date stamped May 2, 2017 and landscape plan date stamped February 3, 2017, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
2. The development shall be in general conformance with the elevations date stamped February 3, 2017, as approved by the Planning and Development Department, with specific regard to the following elements:
a) Use of architectural treatments including view fencing, green screens, banding, and tower elements.
b) Use of a minimum of three colors.
c) Use of a minimum of three building materials.
d) Variations in the roof line.
3. Right-of-way totaling 55 feet shall be dedicated for the west half of 48th Street for the length of the site per the City of Phoenix Modified Cross Section CM standards, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
4. The developer shall be responsible for constructing or providing funds in escrow for the roadway infrastructure for the length of the property (as per the Development Agreement, City of Phoenix Contract No. 143841, as modified) including all existing off-site street improvements to include pavement, sidewalks, curb ramps, median islands, streetlights, driveways and all incidentals to current ADA guidelines.
5. The property owner shall record a Notice to Prospective Purchasers of Proximity to Airport in order to disclose the existence, and operational characteristics of City of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX) 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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## Exhibits

Zoning sketch
Aerial
Site Plan Date Stamped May 2, 2017
Landscape Plan Date Stamped February 3, 2017
Elevations Date Stamped February 3, 2017












