

Staff Report Z-34-17-4 July 20, 2017

Maryvale Village Planning August 9, 2017

Committee Meeting Date:

Planning Commission Hearing Date:September 7, 2017Request From:PSC (6.26 acres)Request To:C-2 (6.26 acres)

Proposed Use: Retail and commercial

Location: Northwest corner of 43rd Avenue and

Thomas Road

Owner:Arrowhead Plaza Enterprises, LLCApplicant/Representative:William Allison, Withey Morris, PLCStaff Recommendation:Approval, subject to stipulations

General Plan Conformity					
General Plan Land Use Designation		Commercial			
Street Map Classification	43rd Avenue	Arterial	65-foot west half street		
	Thomas Road	Arterial	55-foot north half street		

CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS CORE VALUE; 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 site includes a large underutilized building and a gas station. The subject site is located at the intersection of two arterials, 43rd Avenue and Thomas Road, as well as located directly adjacent to the planned Thomas Road Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route. The proposal will facilitate the acquisition of an underutilized site for an appropriate reuse at a scale that is compatible with the character in the area.

STRENGTHEN OUR LOCAL ECONOMY CORE VALUE; LOCAL AND SMALL BUSINESS; LAND USE PRINCIPLE: Facilitate adaptive reuse of older, underutilized properties to create mechanisms for new local and small businesses to operate, thrive and grow.

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The request for the C-2 zoning district is to provide more flexibility for businesses to operate, thrive and grow on the site while remaining consistent with existing uses in the immediate area.

STRENGTHEN OUR LOCAL ECONOMY; JOB CREATION (EMPLOYERS); LAND USE PRINCIPLE: Support General Plan Land Use Map and zoning changes that will facilitate the location of employment generating uses in each of the designated employment centers.

The subject site is located adjacent to the Grand Avenue Major Employment Center area. The reuse and redevelopment of the site will facilitate growth of employment generating uses adjacent to the Grand Avenue Major Employment Center area and within the Maryvale Village.

Surrounding Land Uses/Zoning				
	Land Use	<u>Zoning</u>		
On Site	Existing commercial, retail and gas station	PSC		
North	Single Family Residential	R1-6		
South (across Thomas Rd)	Commercial and retail uses	C-1		
East (across 43 rd Avenue)	Commercial and retail uses	C-2		
West	Existing Shopping Center	PSC		

C-2 (Intermediate Commercial)				
<u>Standards</u>	<u>Requirements</u>	Met or Not Met		
Building Setbacks				
Street – 43rd Avenue	For structures not exceeding two stories or 30 feet, average 25 feet	Existing average 32 feet (Met)		
Street – Thomas Road	For structures not exceeding two stories or 30 feet, average 25 feet	Existing average 46 feet (Met)		
Rear - North	2 story (or 30 feet) adjacent to R1-6, Minimum 50 feet	Existing 70 feet (Met)		
Side – West	2 story (or 30 feet) adjacent to PSC, Minimum 10 feet	Existing 0 feet (Not Met)		
Landscaped Setbacks				
Street – 43rd Avenue	Average 25 feet; minimum 20 feet	Existing 3.5 feet		

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	permitted for up to 50% of the frontage	(additional 18 feet in ROW) (Not Met)
Street – Thomas Road	Average 25 feet; minimum 20 feet permitted for up to 50% of the frontage	Existing 3.5 feet (additional 20 feet in ROW) (Not Met)
Property line not adjacent to street - North	Minimum 10 feet	Existing 0 feet (Not Met)
Property line not adjacent to street - West	Minimum 10 feet	Existing 0 feet (Not Met)
Lot Coverage	Not to exceed 50%	Existing Parcel 1: 25.2% (Met) Parcel 2: 25.7% (Met)
Building Height	2 stories, 30 feet	Existing Parcel 1: 24 feet (Met) Parcel 2: 25 feet (Met)
Parking	Parcel 1: 184 spaces required Parcel 2: 7 spaces required	Existing Parcel 1: 216 provided, 7 accessible and 1 van accessible (Met) Parcel 2: 8 provided, 1 accessible (Met)

Background/Issues/Analysis

SUBJECT SITE (REQUEST)

1. This request is to rezone 6.26 acres (two parcels) on the northwest corner of 43rd Avenue and Thomas Road from PSC (Planned Shopping Center) to C-2 (Intermediate Commercial) to allow retail and commercial uses. The purpose of the application is to provide greater flexibility for the site while also ensuring compatibility with the remaining PSC district to the immediate west.



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SURROUNDING ZONING AND LAND USE

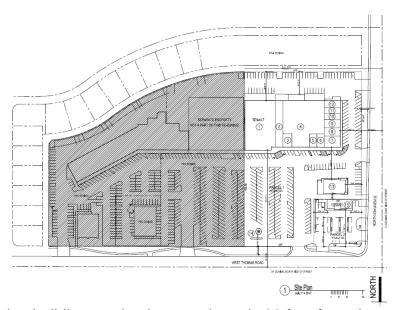
 The subject site has existing commercial, retail and a gas station use. To the north is single family residential. To the south (across Thomas Road) and the east (across 43rd Avenue) are commercial and retail uses. To the west is an existing shopping center.

GENERAL PLAN

The General Plan Land Use Map designation for the subject site is Commercial.
 The proposal is consistent with the General Plan designation and land uses in the area.

ANALYSIS OF PROPOSAL

The site plan depicts existing buildings, parking, landscaping and other site conditions to remain. The site was developed under the PSC (Planned Shopping Center) District which requires no buildings be located less than seventyfive feet from the boundary of any residential district.



The site plan shows existing buildings setback approximately 90 feet from the north property line providing a buffer to the single family residential to the north that exceeds the 50-foot setback requirement of the C-2 Zoning District.

- 5. The request to rezone the subject site to C-2 (Intermediate Commercial) will allow greater flexibility in the use of the site for other purposes. Repurposing and activation of the subject property is proposed with minimal impact to the current surrounding land uses in the area. The applicant has indicated that there is no new development planned as part of this rezoning application.
- 6. The Tree and Shade Master Plan has a goal of treating the urban forest as infrastructure to ensure that trees are an integral part of the city's planning and development process. Toward that end, future improvements of this site will contribute to the urban forest infrastructure through the provisions of trees along the right-of-way. Staff is recommending a stipulation that the developer

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replenish all existing landscape planters with trees and shrubs per the C-2 zoning district minimum planting standards. This is addressed in Stipulation #1.

TRANSIT

7. The Public Transit Department has indicated that the developer shall construct a new bus pad (detail # P1261) along westbound Thomas Road at the location of the current bus stop. This is addressed in Stipulation #2.

STREETS

8. The Street Transportation Department has requested that the developer shall update all existing off-site street improvements (sidewalks, curb ramps and driveways) to current ADA guidelines. This is addressed in Stipulation #3.

AVIATION

9. The City of Phoenix Aviation Department has requested record of Notice to Prospective Purchasers of Proximity to Airport in order to disclose the existence and operational characteristics of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX) to future owners or tenants of the property. This is addressed in Stipulation #4

FIRE

10. No fire code issues are anticipated with this case and the site and/or buildings shall comply with the Phoenix Fire Code.

WATER

11. The City of Phoenix Water Services Department has noted the property has existing water and sewer mains that can potentially serve the proposed development however, there is potential need to up size existing water and sewer infrastructure mains so that any remodels or new buildings will be able to meet domestic and fire code requirements.

FLOODPLAIN

12. 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 2185 L
of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) dated October 16, 2013.

OTHER

13. As part of the Reimagine Phoenix initiative, the City of Phoenix is committed to increasing the waste diversion rate to 40 percent by 2020 and to better manage its solid waste resources. Section 716 of the Phoenix Zoning Ordinances establishes standards to encourage the provision of recycling containers for multi-family, commercial and mixed-use developments meeting certain criteria. The provision of recycling containers was not addressed in the applicant's submittal.

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14. 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 abandonments, may be required.

Findings

- 1. The proposal allows for more flexibility of use on the site at a scale that is compatible with the character in the area.
- 2. The proposal is consistent with the General Plan land use designation of Commercial.
- 3. The development will facilitate new employment adjacent to the Grand Avenue Major Employment Center area.

Stipulations

1. Prior to the issuance of a permit for tenant improvements for a C-2 use or building permits for any new buildings or additions, all existing landscape planters shall be replenished to meet Zoning Ordinance commercial standards minimums per Section 623.E.. Trees along the street frontages shall be planted adjacent to the sidewalk to provide shade/thermal comfort for pedestrians, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.

TRANSIT

2. Prior to the issuance of a permit for tenant improvements for a C-2 use or building permits for any new buildings or additions, the right-of-way shall be dedicated and a bus pad (detail #P1261) constructed along westbound Thomas Road at the location of the current bus stop as approved by the Planning and Development Department.

STREET TRANSPORTATION

3. The developer shall construct all streets within and adjacent to the development with 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.

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AVIATION

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 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.

ARCHAEOLOGY

5. 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.

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Attachments

Zoning sketch Aerial Site plan dated May 12, 2017 (1 page)

