

# Staff Report: Z-SP-5-16-5

September 9, 2016

Alhambra Village Planning Committee Hearing Date	September 27, 2016
Planning Commission Hearing Date	October 6, 2016
Request from:	C-2 (8.33 acres), C-3 (Pending C-2) (0.32 Acres)
Request to:	C-2 SP (8.65 acres)
Proposed Use	Special Permit to allow self-storage facility and all underlying C-2 uses.
Location	Approximately 180 feet north of the northeast corner of 43rd Avenue and Camelback Road
Owner	AMERCO Real Estate Company
Applicant	Randy Lopez, AMERCO Real Estate Company
Representative	Randy Lopez, AMERCO Real Estate Company
Staff Recommendation	Approval, subject to stipulations

General Plan Conformity					
General Plan Land Use Designation		Commercial			
Street Map Classification	43 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue		Arterial	65-foot east half street	
	Camelback Road		Arterial	65-foot north half street	
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 proposed development and existing buildings on site are sensitive to surrounding residential development, thereby warranting the reasonable levels of increased intensity required for the project.

### 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.

The request proposes the adaptive reuse of a distressed commercial building, formerly a Home Depot building. The change of use to a U-Haul store and storage facility will utilize the distressed commercial building with a consistent use to those existing along Camelback Road.

Surrounding Land Uses/Zoning				
	Land Use	Zoning		
On Site	Commercial Center	C-2, C-3 (Pending C-2)		
North	Single-Family Residential	R-4		
South	Used Car Dealership (across Camelback Road)	C-3		
East	Single-Family Residential	R-4		
West	U.S. Route 60/Grand Avenue overpass (Arizona State Department of Transportation)	R-4, C-3, A-1 (City of Glendale)		

Intermediate Commercial (C-2) Special Permit				
Standards	<b>Requirements</b>	Proposed		
Landscaped Setbacks				
Streetscape – 43 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	Average 25 feet	Not Met - Existing approximately 10 feet		
Streetscape - Camelback Road	Average 25 feet	Not Met - Existing approximately 10 feet		
Property lines not adjacent to street - Rear	Minimum 10 feet	Not Met - Existing 0 feet		
Interior Parking lot	Minimum 10%	Not Shown		
Building Setbacks				
Adjacent to Streets - 43 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	Average 25 feet	Met - Existing 114.79' feet		
Adjacent to Streets - Camelback Road	Average 25 feet	Met – Existing approximately 275' feet		

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Not Adjacent to Street (north property line)	10 feet	Met - Existing 40 feet
Not Adjacent to Street (east property line)	10 feet	Met - Existing 39.6 feet
Lot Coverage	50% maximum	Met – 40%
Building Height	30 feet maximum	Met – Existing 21 feet; proposed 14' (mini storage units)
Parking		Met - 360

## Background/Issues/Analysis

#### SUBJECT SITE (REQUEST)

- This is a request to rezone 8.65 acres located approximately 180 feet north of the northeast corner of 43rd Avenue and Camelback Road. The request would rezone the subject parcel from C-2 and C-3 (Pending C-2) to C-2 SP (Intermediate Commercial, Special Permit) for a Special Permit to allow self-storage facility and all underlying C-2 uses. The proposal will utilize the existing buildings on the site.
- 2. In February 1985, the Phoenix City Council approved a request on behalf of the Home Depot at the time, to rezone an irregular-shaped parcel bordering the north and east boundaries of the subject site from C-2 to C-3 to allow open storage of building materials and supplies. Rezoning case Z-52-16-5 is a companion case running concurrently with this request, to rezone the irregular-shaped parcel from C-3 back to C-2 and remove this irregularity from the city zoning map.

#### GENERAL PLAN

3. The General Plan land use designation for the subject site is Commercial. The proposal is consistent with the General Plan designation and the land uses in the area.

#### SURROUNDING ZONING AND LAND USE

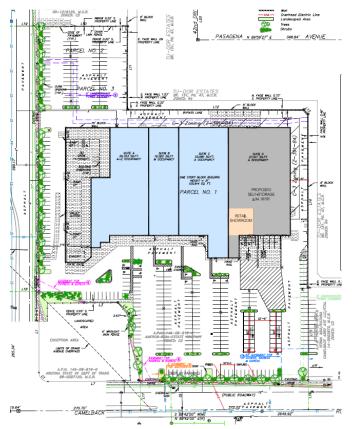
4. The subject site is currently developed and utilized as a banquet hall and a paintball arena. To the north and east are single family residential homes. To the south, across Camelback Road, is a used car dealership and a tire shop. To the west is the U.S. Route 60/Grand Avenue overpass.



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### ANALYSIS OF PROPOSAL (USE)

The proposed self-storage and U-5. Haul truck rental use of the entire site is separated into two phases. Phase one will include self-storage and a retail show room occupying the eastern portion of the existing building. Phase one will also include two mini storage buildings and an area for truck rental display parking in the south parking lot near Camelback Road. Existing tenants are expected to continue operating out of the suites in the west portion of the building. Phase two will occur after expiration or renegotiation of tenant lease agreements and will involve converting the entire building into a U-Haul storage facility. The proposal will provide a specialized commercial service within an existing shopping center that caters to the diverse needs of the community.



## ANALYSIS OF PROPOSAL (SITE PLAN)

- 6. The Site plan depicts an existing 105,914 square foot building with the self-storage and retail showroom occupying approximately 34,182 square feet. Approximately 36 parking spaces will be repurposed for two proposed mini storage buildings and approximately 10 additional parking spaces will be designated for truck rental display parking. With the proposed change in use, the overall parking spaces required would be reduced to 308.9 spaces, while the site plan exceeds the parking demand with 360 spaces provided. Ingress and egress will continue to be provided via 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Camelback Road. The site is subject to C-2 landscape standards which are currently not met with existing site conditions. The Site plan depicts increased perimeter and parking lot landscaping to be provided within existing landscape areas as an attempt to bring the site closer to the C-2 landscape standards. Staff is recommending a stipulation requiring general conformance to the site plan date stamped August 30, 2016.
- 7. Self-service storage warehouse in the C-2 District is subject to additional regulations. All parts of the perimeter which are adjacent to a residential zone shall be screened by a fence or wall with a landscaped area at least ten feet wide, and additional

setback and the reorientation of buildings may be required to ensure compatibility with surrounding properties. The proposed site plan does not depict a 10-foot wide landscape adjacent to the residential zone on the north and east. A variance for the minimum 10-foot landscape area is required.

## PUBLIC TRANSIT

8. The Public Transit Department has recommended a pedestrian path connecting the project to the sidewalks on both Camelback Road and 43rd Avenue. Staff has recommended a stipulation to address this requirement.

#### WATER

9. The City of Phoenix Water Services Department has noted that there is no water or sewer infrastructure concerns.

#### FIRE

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

#### FLOODPLAIN

 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 1720 L of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) dated October 16, 2013.

#### ARCHAEOLOGY

12. No known archaeological work is necessary for this project. In the event 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.

#### OTHER

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 abandonments, may be required.

#### **Findings**

- 1. The proposal is consistent with the Commercial General Plan Land Use designation.
- 2. The proposal will provide a specialized commercial service within an existing shopping center that caters to the diverse needs of the community.
- 3. The proposal is compatible with the existing commercial uses along Camelback

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Road.

## **Stipulation**

- 1. The development shall be in general conformance with the site plan date stamped August 30, 2016, as modified by the following stipulations and approved by the Planning and Development Department.
- 2. Public Transit requires a pedestrian path connecting the project to the sidewalks on both Camelback Road and 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.

### <u>Writer</u>

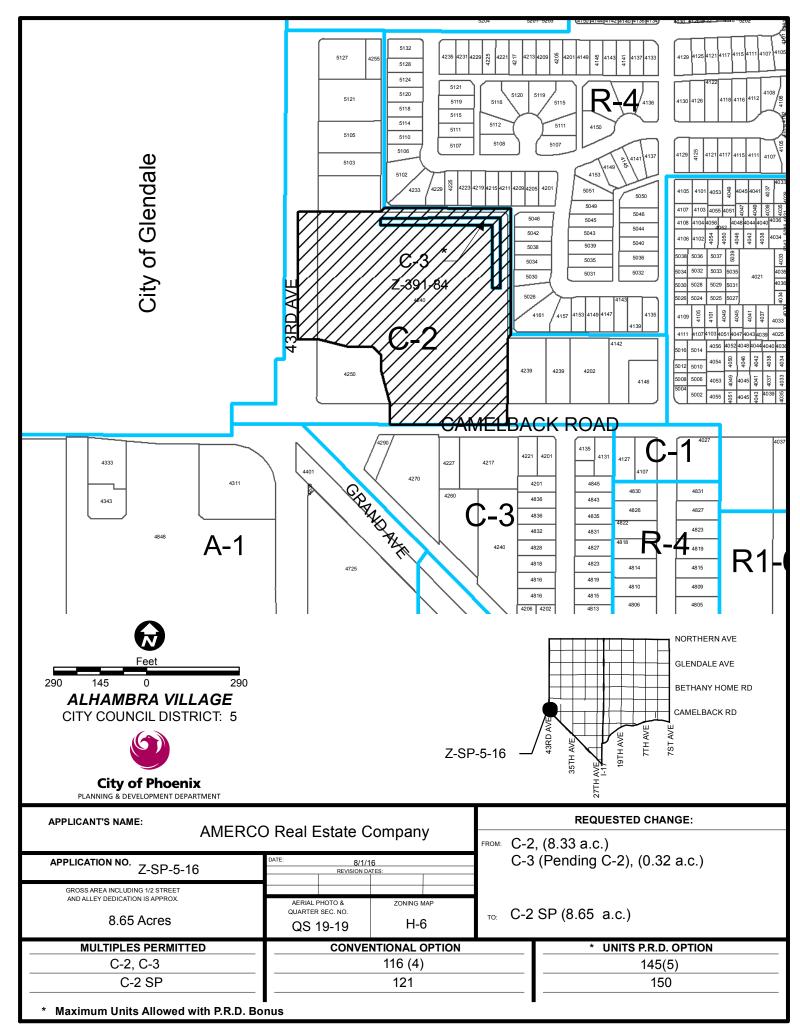
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## **Attachments**

Zoning sketch Aerial Site plan dated August 30, 2016



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