

STAFF CASE REPORT TO PLANNING COMMISSION

Case Number:	2014-085	PC Meeting Date: 09-08-14
Applicant Request:	Rezone from R-3 Residential Zone to C-3 Central Business Zone	
Property Location:	1400 block Adams Street	
Property Owner:	Frank Goodwin	
Applicant:	Same	
Staff Recommendation:	APPROVE with Conditions	

PROJECT ANALYSIS**RPA Land Use & Transportation Comments****Project Description**

The applicant is proposing to build a single-family home.

Site Description

The site is 5,000 square feet and currently vacant. Parcels to the north and east are vacant. To the south is a parking area for the adjacent martial arts studio, which fronts on Adams Street. Across the street is a single-family home with no access off of Adams Street, and which is not visible due to a metal stockade fence and dense vegetation.

Zoning History

This site has had no recent zone change. The R-3 Residential Zone is the designated zone that was established with the adoption of the zoning regulations in 1937. Surrounding properties have been rezoned to C-3 Central Business Zone in 1988, 2007 and 2010.

Plans/Policies

The 2004 Downtown Plan recommends single-family residential development for this area.

City Departmental Infrastructure & Operational Comments

All land development projects are reviewed by City Engineering & Water Quality staff, Transportation Department staff, and the Land Development Office staff. In addition to the requirements of the City of Chattanooga Zoning Ordinance, all land development is further required to comply with current City of Chattanooga traffic regulations, building and development codes, storm water/water quality regulations, and the landscape ordinance.

RPA Summary

Since the Applicant's proposal is consistent with the recommendations of the Downtown Plan, and with the current development trends in the neighborhood, staff recommends approval of the request to rezone from R-3 Residential Zone to C-3 Central Business Zone for a single-family detached residence. In order to maintain consistency with the land uses and character of the neighborhood, staff recommends the following conditions:

- 1. Uses shall be restricted to residential.**

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2. Review.

The following review shall be required to promote compliance with the Downtown Plan, to help ensure that new development complements the existing urban fabric, and to promote the preservation of historically or architecturally significant structures.

A. For any activity requiring a land disturbing permit, non-residential building permit, or residential building permit for structures with more than 2 units, and excluding all interior renovations:

- (1) The Applicant is required to schedule a meeting with the Community Design Group during the concept development phase of site design.
- (2) The Applicant is required to schedule a pre-submittal meeting with the City's Land Development Office.
- (3) All site layout plans, landscaping plans, and building elevations required by the Land Development Office shall also be reviewed by the Community Design Group prior to approval.

B. For any activity requiring a residential building permit for new construction:

- (1) The Applicant shall provide illustrations, such as specifications, photographs, or other images, to the Community Design Group for review of the work to be completed.

3. Setbacks.

A. For new multi-family buildings three (3) stories in height or greater, and for all new non-residential buildings, a zero building setback is required along the street frontage.

- (1) To accommodate outdoor pedestrian activities including a park, plaza, or outdoor dining, a greater setback is permitted if a street edge delineating the public and private space is provided in accordance with Condition 6.A.

B. For new single-family detached, duplex, townhome, and multi-family structures less than three (3) stories in height, building setbacks shall be consistent with the existing setbacks on the same side of the street.

4. Height Requirements.

A. The minimum height of new nonresidential buildings shall be eighteen (18) feet.

B. The maximum height of all new nonresidential buildings and new multi-family buildings shall be five (5) stories.

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5. Access to sites and buildings.

- A. New curb cuts shall not be permitted on the primary, or highest order street, that a property fronts, except when there is no alley or secondary street to provide access. The permitting and location of curb cuts on primary streets shall be approved by the City Traffic Engineer based on vehicular and pedestrian safety concerns.
- B. Alleys, where they exist, shall be used as the principal vehicular access.
- C. In the absence of alleys, the secondary, or lower order street, shall be used as the principal vehicular access.
- D. Shared drives should be used wherever possible.
- E. The primary pedestrian entrance to new buildings shall be provided from the primary street.

6. Off-street parking.

- A. New off-street parking shall not be permitted between a building and the primary street frontage.
- B. For new construction of a primary building, or improvements altering more than 25% of the parcel that is covered in pavement (including gravel, impervious surfaces, and pavers), the following is required:
 - (1) Off-street parking fronting a public street shall be screened from the right-of way with a street edge in accordance with Condition 6.A. Front end in or parallel parking along alleys is exempt from this requirement.
 - (2) Surface parking lots shall be landscaped with a minimum of one (1) Class I shade tree for every five parking spaces. Where conflicts with overhead utility lines exist, Class II shade trees may be used.
- C. Garages for new residential dwellings shall be located behind the primary building.
- D. There are no minimum requirements for the quantity of off-street parking spaces. However, site plans shall indicate the quantity and location of off-street parking provided, along with the following information:
 - (1) Proximity to transit stops
 - (2) Provision of bicycle facilities
 - (3) Availability of adjacent on-street parking, proximity to public parking facilities, shared private parking, or leased off-site parking
 - (4) Type of uses and hours of operation
 - (5) Square footage of commercial uses or number of residential units
 - (6) Fire Department access

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7. Street Frontage.

A. Where a street edge is required, it shall be provided as follows:

- (1) The street edge shall have a minimum height of three (3) feet and a maximum height of four (4) feet above grade and shall consist of:
 - a. Brick, stucco, or stone walls (concrete block is permitted if faced with said materials); or
 - b. A decorative metal fence with landscaping a minimum of 3 feet in height at maturity, providing a year-round near opaque screen; or
 - c. An evergreen hedge, with a minimum height at maturity of 3 feet.
 - d. Highway-style guardrails or security fencing (e.g. chain link) shall not be permitted.
- (2) Ground floor openings (doors and windows) shall constitute a minimum of 50 percent of the ground floor façade area for new non-residential buildings.
- (3) No security-type roll up metal doors shall be newly installed where they would front streets other than interior block alleys.
- (4) All dumpsters and mechanical equipment shall be placed to the rear of the property and shall be screened from all public rights-of-way.