827 West 12th Street

C14-2020-0036
Planning Commission
May 12, 2020
Request

- Rezone from DMU-CO to DMU-CO; the CO limits the height to 90 feet (existing CO: 60 feet).
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  - Pawn shop
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Planning Commissioners:

The Policy Committee of the Downtown Austin Neighborhood Association has considered the proposed rezoning at 827 W. 12th St., within our neighborhood association boundaries. Based on our discussions with the applicant, we support staff’s recommendation in support of the rezoning of this site to DMU-CO, with a base height limit of 60 feet. We understand that if the project participates in the downtown density bonus program, the height limit could be as high as 90 feet.

We have worked with the applicant to develop the following additional terms, which we expect would be integrated in a private restrictive covenant before this case reaches the Council:

- FAR cap of 2:1 unless the property is developed with a residential use that makes up at least 50% of the project square footage, in which case the FAR cap would be 3:1;
- Great Streets treatment of W. 12th St;
- Parking will be screened and architecturally integrated into the building;
- Parking shall be decoupled and leased separately from a residential use;
- Parking will generally be reserved for retail and residents; but if additional parking is available following lease-up of the units, Transwestern will make unused spaces available for leasing to nearby users;
- Prohibition of the following uses:
  - Bail bond services;
  - Cocktail lounge;
  - Pawn shop;
  - Liquor sales;
  - Outdoor entertainment; and
  - Amplified sound.

We are excited about the prospect of having new residential neighbors at this site, and we’re glad the planned parking ratio is relatively low (0.7 spaces/unit). While we would prefer that the parking be below-grade, adaptable for other uses, and available from the beginning to other users, we still believe that this project, with the restrictions outlined above, represents a significant step forward for the neighborhood.

Many thanks for your service, and for your consideration of this input.

Best regards,
Dan Keshet, Chair
DANA Policy Committee
Letters of Support

From: Ted Siff <ted@parkplacepubs.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 3:40 PM
To: Scott Grantham <scott.grantham@austintexas.gov>
Cc: Amanda Swor <aswor@drennergroup.com>
Subject: Zoning Case #: C14-2019-0050 -- 827 W. 12th

Scott,

Just a quick note to confirm to you that OANA supports this proposed zoning change from CS to DMU-CO at a height limit of 60 feet subject to the approval of the applicants density bonus request.

The applicants representative has also agreed to a private restrictive covalent for which OANA will be the enforcing party. I won’t be able to attend tonight’s Planning Commission meeting, but feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best, Ted

Ted Siff, Board President
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From: Charles Heimsath <cheimsath@cmraustin.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 2:46 PM
To: Amanda Swor <aswor@drennergroupl.com>
Subject: 827 West 12th Street

Amanda,

I sent this email to the commissioners, but it was rejected by the server. Could you please forward.

Commissioners,

I am a small business and property owner at 1102 West Avenue, which is within 200 feet of the property that is the subject of this rezoning request. The applicant has filed for a zoning change from CS to DMU-CO which will allow the construction of approximately 175 units of small (micro) apartment units. Given the continuing unmet need for workforce housing in and near the CBD, I am strongly in favor of this rezoning request which will allow for the construction of much needed market rate, but affordable housing in an underserved part of downtown. I trust that some on-site parking will be included in the project, and would hope that the applicant would provide spaces at a 0.50 per unit ratio, or perhaps a little higher.

Respectfully submitted,

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• The DAP calls out the Property for DMU-60 rezoning
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Conceptual Site Layout