

Case Number: Z-7604

Hearing Date: August 4, 2021

July 7th applicant continuance request to August 4th for additional time to prepare development plan

June 2nd applicant continuance request to July 7th for optional development plan preparation.

Original hearing date May 19th staff request continuance to June 2nd.

Case Report Prepared by:

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Owner and Applicant Information:

Applicant: Charles Onyechi

Property Owner. Same

<u>Location Map:</u> (shown with City Council Districts)



Applicant Proposal:

Present Use: Commercial Shopping

Proposed Use: Industrial Light

Concept summary: Rezone existing site to support horticulture nursery use.

Tract Size: 0.13 + acres

Location: East of the Southeast corner of Mohawk

Boulevard & North Columbia Avenue

<u>Zoning:</u>

Existing Zoning: CS

Proposed Zoning:

Request: IL with optional development plan

Comprehensive Plan:

Land Use Map: Mixed-Use Corridor

Stability and Growth Map: Area of Growth

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of IL zoning but only with the development plan outlined in section II of this staff report.

The applicant anticipated uses on this site will require City of Tulsa Board of Adjustment approval for a special exception for a horticulture nursery and low impact manufacturing.

Staff Data:

TRS: 0317 CZM: 22

City Council District: 1

Councilor Name: Vanessa Hall-Harper

County Commission District: 1

Commissioner Name: Stan Sallee

SECTION I: Z-7604

APPLICANTS DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT:

- Repurpose the existing building.
- Industrial uses will be prohibited except those allowed by the City of Tulsa Board of Adjustment for light manufacturing facilities necessary for production of medical marijuana edibles using medical marijuana components processed elsewhere and a horticulture nursery.
- The repurposed building and site will conform to the provisions of the CG zoning district.
- Rezoning this site will require conformance with the Subdivision and Development Regulations if zoning is approved.
- The Subject Property was purchased and developed by the previous landlord and used as a mechanic workshop (service garage) from 2016 until recently.
- In 2020, the Applicant, Cinosweatz LLC, purchased the Subject Property. In recent years, the trend in many cities around the country, including Tulsa, has been to repurpose otherwise vacant buildings to retail, commercial, and industrial spaces to accommodate new uses that were otherwise not conceived of at the time many of these buildings were originally developed. In keeping with this trend, the Applicant is seeking to expand the uses allowed on the Subject Property while maintaining the look and feel of a commercial style building/development. a detailed sight pan is attached as Exhibit.
- The Development Plan area measures 5,576 sq. feet (0.13 acres) with address as 2726 E Mohawk BV N, Tulsa. The intent of this Application is to expand the uses allowed in this structure to give the Applicant more flexibility using this building for growing and manufacturing marijuana plants for uses in the community and sale in dispensaries across the city. No exterior changes to the structure are planned other than painting and signage

Current Use:

• The Development Plan area is a mechanic area and is a vacant garage due to the decline in demand for mechanic and service garages in the neighborhood, the current restrictions on use on the subject property under the current restrictions on use on the subject property under the current CS zoning. The development plan area has been vacant for more than 10 years.

Basis of Application:

- As discussed above, the demand for the shopping center district, the Zoning type (CS) has changed drastically in the last decade. Around the City of Tulsa and nationwide, strip center developments are facing decreased demand. In addition to this change in tenant demand, e-commerce has forced many former brick and mortar retail operations out of business. As such, there are fewer potential tenants. The combined effect of these two shifts, has forced property owners to think differently about development of strip center malls.
- Much like another business owner's successful conversion of the storage buildings next to the properties owned by the Applicant, the Applicant would like to repurpose the Subject Property into a development that is more directed at attracting a different type of

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use than the original zoning and platting of the Barrett and Evans Subdivision. The Applicant believes that the proposed rezoning and Optional Development Plan will operate to allow a more diversified mixed use that would potentially drive much higher occupancy at the Subject Property and give the Applicant additional rent roll income with which to make further improvements. In Addition, the Applicant and is a resident in this part of town and would like to see more growth in the area, adding more jobs to the community, thereby improving the lifestyle of members of the community.

• Further, the Applicant believes the proposed rezoning will not be injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.

EXHIBITS:

INCOG Case map
INCOG Aerial (small scale)
INCOG Aerial (large scale)
Tulsa Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map
Tulsa Comprehensive Plan Areas of Stability and Growth Map
Applicant Exhibits:
Concept Site plan

DETAILED STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The IL district is primarily intended to accommodate established commercial uses, while providing protection to adjacent residential area accommodate the grouping of compatible commercial and light industrial uses. The applicant requested IL zoning with the application associated with Z-7604 but setback limitations in an IL district on a very small site may create an unusable site. Future building permit applications may require board of adjustment variances to remove the 75-foot setback requirements from abutting residential districts. Many uses allowed in an IL district are not compatible with the expected land use development in the area however staff supports IL zoning with optional development plan allowing certain uses and supplemental regulations that are consistent with a Mixed-Use Land Use designation in the Tulsa Comprehensive Plan and,

IL zoning with use limitations identified in the development plan along with supplemental regulations in the zoning code are consistent with expected future development patterns in the area and,

The zoning code does not allow a development plan to reduce setback standards however the uses identified in the development plan outlined in Section II below are consistent with the provisions of the Tulsa Zoning code therefore,

Staff recommends Approval of Z-7604 to rezone property from CS to IL with the optional development plan standards outlined in Section II.

SECTION II: OPTIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN STANDARDS

The optional development plan standards will conform to the provisions of the Tulsa Zoning Code for development in an IL district with its supplemental regulations except as further refined below. All uses categories, subcategories or specific uses and residential building types that are not listed in the following permitted uses categories are prohibited:

PERMITTED USE CATEGORIES

PUBLIC, CIVIC AND INSTITUTIONAL

Safety Service

Utilities and Public Service Facility

Minor

Wireless Communication Facility

Freestanding tower

Building or tower-mounted antenna

COMMERCIAL

Animal service

Boarding or shelter

Grooming

Veterinary

Broadcast or Recording Studio

Commercial Service

Building service

Business support service

Consumer maintenance/repair service

Personal improvement service

Research service

Financial Services including personal credit establishment

Lodging

Campgrounds and RV parks

Hotel/motel

Office

Business or professional office

Medical, dental or health practitioner office

Plasma center

Restaurants and Bars

Restaurant

Retail Sales

Building supplies and equipment

Consumer shopping goods

Convenience goods

Grocery Store

Small Box Discount Store

Medical Marijuana Dispensary

Self-service Storage Facility

Studio, Artist, or Instructional Service

Trade School

Vehicle Service (sales not allowed)

Commercial vehicle repair / maintenance

Fueling station

Personal vehicle repair / maintenance

Vehicle part and supply sales

Vehicle body and paint finishing shop

WHOLESALE, DISTRIBUTION. & STORAGE

Wholesale Sales and Distribution

INDUSTRIAL

Low-impact Manufacturing & Industry but limited to production of medical marijuana edibles using medical marijuana components processed elsewhere.

AGRICULTURAL

Community Garden
Farm, Market- or Community-supported
Horticulture Nursery

OTHER

Drive-in or Drive-through Facility (as component of an allowed principal use)

SECTION III: Supporting Documentation

RELATIONSHIP TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

<u>Staff Summary</u>: IL zoning can be expected in some mixed-use corridor land use designation areas in certain circumstances. This site is very small and abuts residential properties on the southeast corner of the site which may create setback limitations identified in our code which could require Board of Adjustment approval of a variance from setback standards for industrial uses.

Land Use Vision:

Land Use Plan map designation: Mixed-Use Corridor

A Mixed-Use Corridor is a plan category used in areas surrounding Tulsa's modern thoroughfares that pair high-capacity transportation facilities with housing, commercial, and employment uses. The streets usually have four or more travel lanes, and sometimes additional lanes dedicated for transit and bicycle use. The pedestrian realm includes sidewalks separated from traffic by street trees, medians, and parallel parking strips. Pedestrian crossings are designed so they are highly visible and make use of the shortest path across a street. Buildings along Mixed-Use Corridors include windows and storefronts along the sidewalk, with automobile parking generally located on the side or behind. Off the main travel route, land uses include multifamily housing, small lot, and townhouse developments, which step down intensities to integrate with single family neighborhoods.

Areas of Stability and Growth designation: Area of Growth

The purpose of Areas of Growth is to direct the allocation of resources and channel growth to where it will be beneficial and can best improve access to jobs, housing, and services with fewer and shorter auto trips. Areas of Growth are parts of the city where general agreement exists that development or redevelopment is beneficial. As steps are taken to plan for, and, in some cases, develop or redevelop these areas, ensuring that existing residents will not be displaced is a high priority. A major goal is to increase economic activity in the area to benefit existing residents and businesses, and where necessary, provide the stimulus to redevelop.

Areas of Growth are found throughout Tulsa. These areas have many different characteristics but some of the more common traits are close proximity to or abutting an arterial street, major employment and industrial areas, or areas of the city with an abundance of vacant land. Also, several of the Areas of Growth are in or near downtown. Areas of Growth provide Tulsa with the opportunity to focus growth in a way that benefits the City as a whole. Development in these areas will provide housing choice and excellent access to efficient forms of transportation including walking, biking, transit, and the automobile."

Transportation Vision:

Major Street and Highway Plan: None except the residential collector designation.

Trail System Master Plan Considerations: None

Small Area Plan: None

Special District Considerations: None

Historic Preservation Overlay: None

DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING CONDITIONS:

<u>Staff Summary:</u> An existing building will remain on site and that building is expected be converted to a agriculture grow operation.



Environmental Considerations: None that affect site re-development.

Streets:

Exist. Access	MSHP Design	MSHP R/W	Exist. # Lanes
Mohawk Blvd	Residential Collector	60 feet	2

Utilities:

The subject tract has municipal water and sewer available.



Surrounding Properties:

Location	Existing Zoning	Existing Land Use Designation	Area of Stability or Growth	Existing Use
North	RS-3	New Neighborhood	Growth	Residential
East	CS and RS-3	Mixed Use Corridor	Growth	Vacant
South	CS and RS-3	Mixed Use Corridor	Growth	Automotive sales, service and possibly salvage.
West	CS	Mixed Use Corridor	Growth	Automotive Sales and Service

SECTION IV: Relevant Zoning History

ZONING ORDINANCE: Ordinance number 11802 dated June 26, 1970 established zoning for the subject property.

Subject Property:

No Relevant History.

Surrounding Property:

<u>BOA-23058 January 2021:</u> The Board of Adjustment **approved** a *Special Exception* to permit Moderate-Impact Medical Marijuana processing in the IL District, subject to a conceptual plan presented at the Board meeting. The site is located at 2623 East 36th Street North.

<u>Z-7307 August 2015:</u> All concurred in **approval** of a request for *rezoning* a 11.<u>21+</u> acre tract of land from RMH to AG for agricultural use, on property located north of East Mohawk Boulevard between North Birmingham Avenue and North Columbia Avenue.

BOA-20847 February 2009: The Board of Adjustment approved a Special Exception to permit a manufactured home in the RS-3 district and a Special Exception to permit the manufactured home in the RS-3 district for a period of thirty years, subject to the home being set on a permanent foundation, according to manufacturing specifications with tie downs and tying into all existing utilities, there will be a rock or brick wainscot covering the concrete block around the perimeter, a porch will be constructed on the front utilizing a pitched roof and this porch shall be as noted on the plan received today, there shall be a concrete or asphalt driveway from Mohawk Boulevard to the manufactured home with parking for at least two automobiles either stacked or singularly, before this home is set the concrete fence shall be removed or brought back to no more than 4 ft in height, and all debris and clutter particularly along Mohawk Boulevard including the remains of ranch and rail fencing shall be removed, on property located at 2711 East Mohawk Boulevard.

<u>BOA-17617 January 1997:</u> The Board of Adjustment approved a *Special Exception* to permit an existing nursing home in accordance with as-built survey and in accordance with non-conforming status of initial construction and previous Board permitting expansions as it pertains to setbacks and landscaping, and a *Special Exception* to modify screening requirements, per plan submitted, on property located at the northeast corner of 36th Street North and Columbia.

BOA-15083 March 1989: The Board of Adjustment approved a Special Exception to allow or the expansion of an existing nursing home in an RS-3 District and to approve a Variance of the

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lot frontage from 50' to 37' to allow for a lot split, per plot plan submitted, finding that the 37' of land fronting Columbia Avenue was purchased by the owner to allow the existing building to be located within his ownership and maintain a reasonable setback, on property located at the northeast corner of 36th Street North and North Columbia Avenue.

BOA-13177 June 1984: The Board of Adjustment approved a Special Exception to permit Use Unit 17 in a CS district under the provisions of Section 1680, a Variance of the required screening from an abutting R district, and a Variance to permit open air storage or display within 300' of an adjoining R district, subject to it being restricted to auto sales only, and subject to any lighting that is erected being directed inward onto the property, on property located at east of the southeast corner of Columbia Avenue and Mohawk Boulevard.

BOA-12089 July 1982: The Board of Adjustment **approved** a *Variance* to waive the screening requirement so long as the ownership remains with this applicant, a *Variance* of the parking requirements and that the applicant will asphalt two (2) parking spaces, and a *Variance* of the frontage requirements from 50' to 20', on property located at 3839 North Columbia Avenue.

Z-4804 November 1977: All concurred in **approval** of a request for *rezoning* a 4+ acre tract of land from RD to CG for a garage, on property located north of Mohawk Boulevard on North Columbia Avenue.

<u>Z-4670 January 1975:</u> All concurred in **approval** of a request for *rezoning* a .5+ acre tract of land from RS-3 to CS for a plumbing shop, on property located north of the northeast corner of 36th Street North and Columbia Avenue.

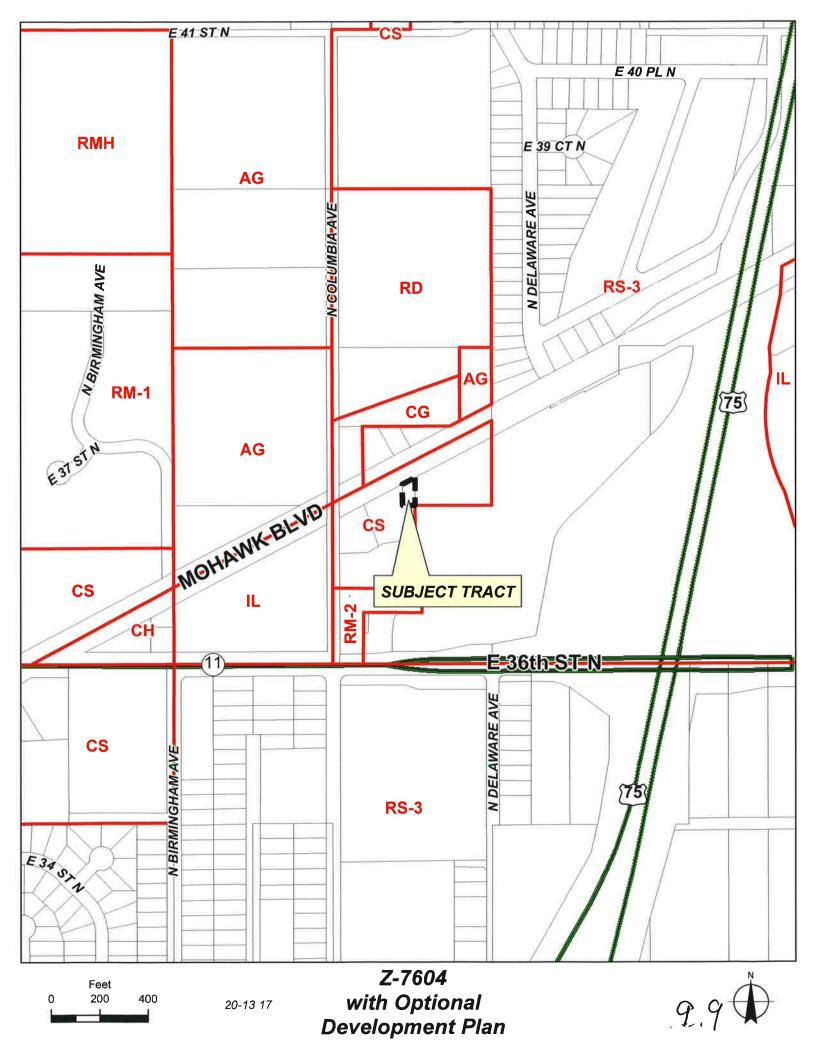
<u>BOA-06562 February 1970:</u> The Board of Adjustment approved CDP No. 79, under the provisions of Section 18, on property located at the northwest corner of Columbia Avenue and Mohawk Boulevard, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That a shrubbery screen along the North and East Boundaries of the project be a condition of approval.
- 2. That the CDP text and plot plan be conditions of approval.
- 3. That no commercial uses be permitted within the project excepting the customary management office recreational facilities, laundry, and vending services, to be located in the recreation and service area so designated on the plot plan.
- 4. That a subdivision plat be approved and filed of record in the County Clerk's office before any building permits are issued.
- 5. That a free-standing sign be permitted along Mohawk Boulevard to identify the park, a maximum of 15 feet in height and 48 square feet in area (6x8) and no flashing lights.

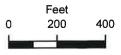
CDP No. 79 has since been expired, pursuant to Section 204 of the 1970 zoning code.

<u>BOA-05195 September 1966:</u> The Board of Adjustment granted permission to erect an accessory building to be used as a laundry building for Black's Nursing Home in a U-2-B district, on property located on the west 106 feet of the east half of Lot 8, Barrett-Evans Subdivision.

<u>BOA-02873 September 1956:</u> The Board of Adjustment **granted** permission to operate a nursing home, on property located on the west 106 feet of the east half of Lot 8, Barrett-Evans Subdivision.



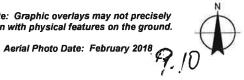




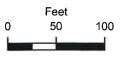


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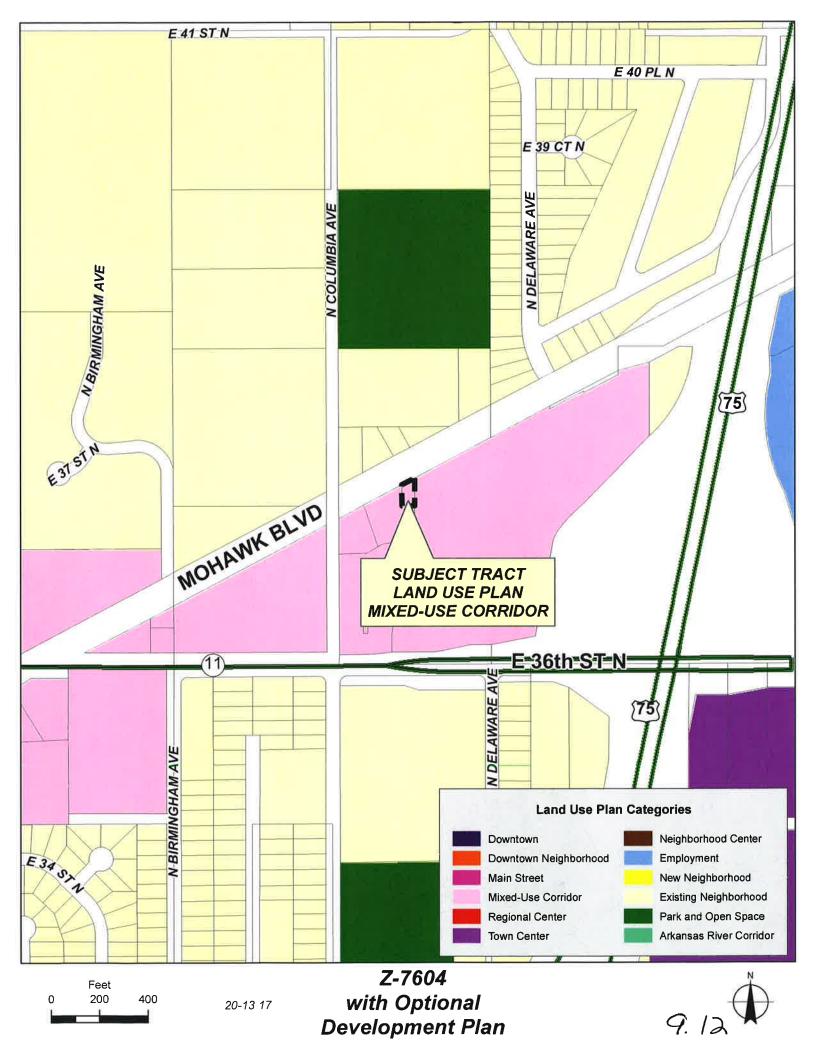




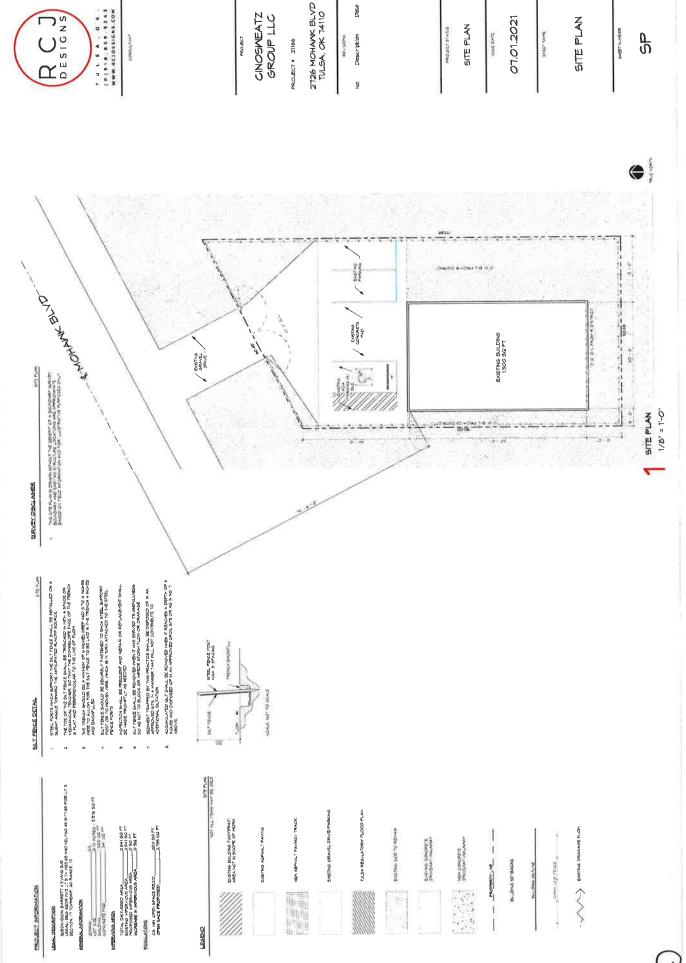
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