2220 Blake Street

Request: R-MU-30 with waivers and conditions to C-MX-5

Land Use, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Date: 10/29/2019



Council District 9, Five Points Neighborhood





Request: C-MX-5



- Location:
 - Approx. 9,322 sq. ft.
 - Restaurant
- Proposal:
 - Rezoning to C-MX-5 with to allow for additional sign types



Existing Zoning



Current zoning: R-MU-30 with waivers and conditions

Adjacent zoning: R-MU-30 with waivers and conditions/C-MX-8, UO-2/C-MX-5, UO-2, PUD, R-MU-30 with waivers



R-MU-30 w/waivers and conditions

- Primarily residential, allowing higher density multiple unit dwellings
- Allows for commercial development, such as consumer retail and service uses

- Waivers
 - Uses requiring special review
 - Minimum open space (0%)
 - Minimum front/side/rear setbacks (zero feet)
 - Maximum building height (65 feet)
- Conditions
 - Two housing units based on 95% of median family income



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Existing Land Use



Current land use: Commercial/Retail

Adjacent land uses: Multi-unit residential, parking, office, commercial/retail, entertainment/cultural, mixed-use



Existing Context – Ballpark Historic District





Existing Context – Building Form/Scale





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Requested Zone Districts

Design Standards	R-MU-30 (Existing)	C-MX-5 (Proposed)
Primary Building Forms Allowed	N/A	Town House, General, Drive Thru Services/Restaurant*
Height in stories/Height in feet (max)	65' (waiver)	5 stories/ 70'
Primary Street Build-To Percentages (min)	N/A	70%
Primary Build-To Ranges	N/A	10' to 15' Town House 0' to 10" – General**
Primary Setbacks (min)	O' (waiver)	10' – Town House 0' - General
Side Street Setbacks (min)	O' (waiver)	7.5' – Town House 0' - General

* Allowed subject to geographic limitations **Standard varies between building forms



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Process

- Informational Notice: 5/6/2019
- Planning Board Notice: 10/1/2019
- Planning Board Public Hearing: 10/16/2019
- LUTI Committee: TBD
- City Council Public Hearing: 12/9/19 (tentative)
- Public Comment
 - As of present, no comments have been received



Review Criteria

Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
- 2. Uniformity of District Regulations
- 3. Further Public Health, Safety and Welfare
- 4. Justifying Circumstances
- 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Zone District Purpose and Intent



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Review Criteria

Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
 - Comprehensive Plan 2040
 - Blueprint Denver
 - Northeast Downtown Neighborhoods Plan
 - Downtown Area Plan
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Review Criteria: Consistency with Adopted Plans

Comprehensive Plan 2040

- Strong and Authentic Neighborhoods Goal 2, Strategy D Use urban design to contribute to economic viability, public health, safety, environmental well-being, neighborhood culture and quality of life (p. 34).
- Economically Diverse and Vibrant Goal 3, Strategy A Promote small, locallyowned businesses and restaurants that reflect the unique character of Denver (p. 46).
- Economically Divers and Vibrant Goal 10, Strategy B Support the creation, expansion and economic vitality of Denver food businesses (p. 48).
- Strong and Authentic Neighborhoods Goal 1, Strategy A Build a network of well connected, vibrant, mixed-use centers and corridors (p. 34).
- Environmentally Resilient Goal 8, Strategy B Encourage mixed-use communities where residents can live, work and play in their own neighborhoods (p. 54).





Consistency with Adopted Plans: Blueprint Denver



Downtown Neighborhood Context

- Most dense and active context
 - Intended to promote safe, active and pedestrian-scaled areas with building forms that activate the public street edge



Consistency with Adopted Plans: Blueprint Denver



- High Residential Area
 - High mix of uses throughout
 - High lot coverage and shallow setbacks
 - Highest priority given to pedestrians
- Street types
 - 22nd St & Blake St:
 Downtown Arterials

Reminder: Evaluating whether the proposed zone district is consistent with the Future Street Classification, but not to assess the traffic impacts of a specific development proposal.



Consistency with Adopted Plans: Blueprint Denver



Growth Area Strategy: High and High-Medium Residential Areas in D- and C- Contexts

- 15% of new housing
- 5% of new employment

Most growth is guided to regional centers, community centers and corridors, select districts and high and medium-high intensity residential areas. Other areas of the city are still expected to see some growth, however more limited.



Consistency with Adopted Plans: Northeast Downtown Neighborhoods Plan (2011)



 Mixed use areas that place importance on pedestrian access

> Promote the use of design elements that link buildings to the street environment

Recommended building heights should not exceed the height of Coors Field

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Consistency with Adopted Plans: Downtown Area Plan (2007)





This 3-D model highlights existing development (dark red) and potential future development (light red) in Ballpark.

Ballpark District Recommendations

- Transform the area into a dense, vibrant, mixed-use district
- Implement pedestrian improvements throughout the district





Review Criteria

Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
- 2. Uniformity of District Regulations
- 3. Further Public Health, Safety and Welfare
 - Implementation of adopted plans
 - Foster the creation of a pedestrian friendly, mixed-use area near high capacity transit
- 4. Justifying Circumstances
- 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Zone District Purpose and Intent



Review Criteria

Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
- 2. Uniformity of District Regulations
- 3. Further Public Health, Safety and Welfare
- 4. Justifying Circumstances
 - The City adopted the Denver Zoning code and the property retained Former Chapter 59 Zoning
- 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Zone District Purpose and Intent



Review Criteria Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

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CPD Recommendation

- <u>CPD recommends approval based on finding all</u> <u>review criteria have been met</u>
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