2655 & 2659 Downing St.

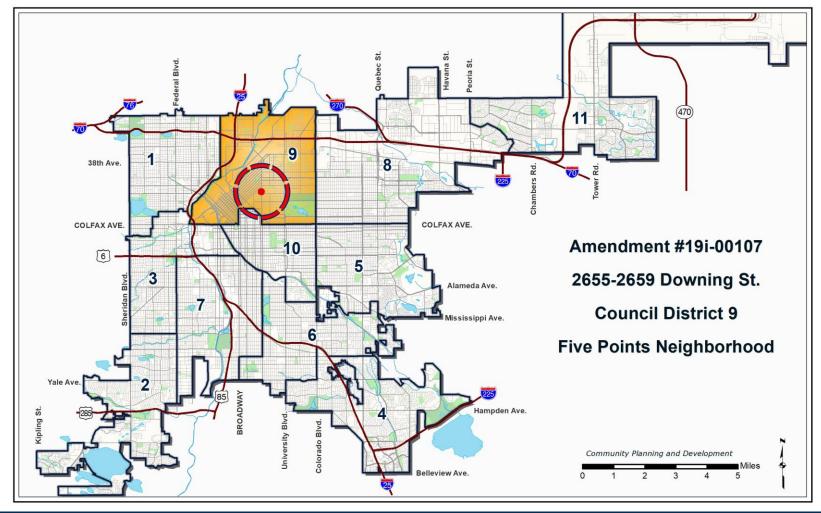
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Request: G-RO-3 to U-MX-3

Date: 11/23/2020

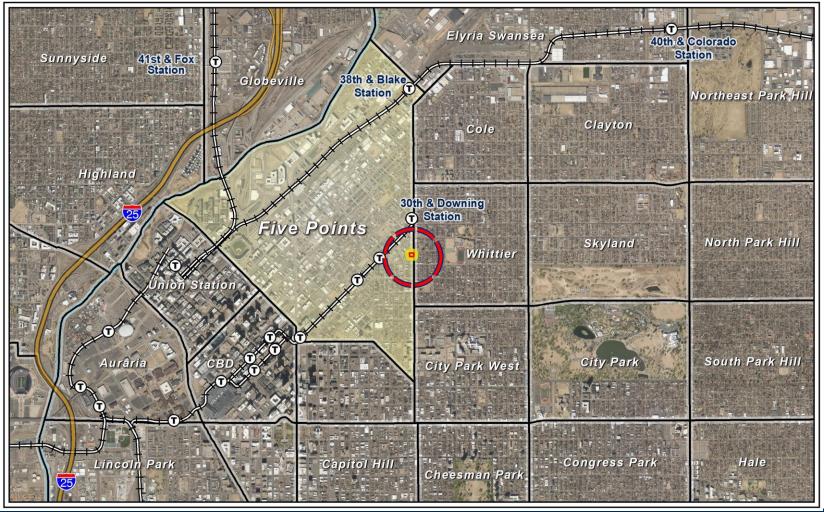


Council District 9





Five Points Neighborhood





Request: U-MX-3



Location

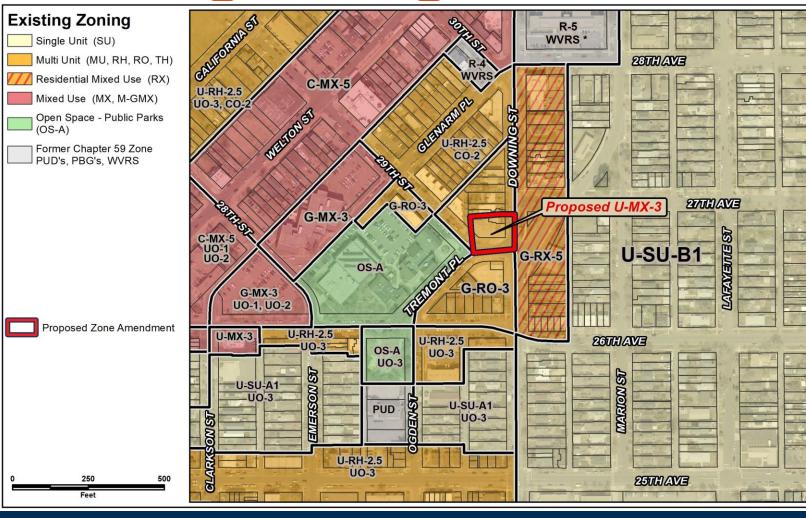
- Approx. 8,080 square feet or 0.19 acres
- Industrial and Residential

Proposal

- Rezoning from G-RO-3 to U-MX-3
 - Allows Town House,
 Shopfront, and General building forms
 - Max. building height 38-45 feet



Existing Zoning



- Current Zoning: G-R0-3
- Surrounding Zoning:
 - G-RO-3
 - G-RX-5
 - U-RH-2.5, CO-2
 - OS-A
 - U-SU-B1



Existing Land Use



Land Use: Industrial warehouse and single-unit residential

Surrounding Land Uses:

- Multi-unit residential
- Single-unit residential
- Park/open space
- Vacant



Existing Building Form/Scale











Process

- Informational Notice: 5/6/2020
- Planning Board Notice: 9/1/2020, 9/15/2020
- Planning Board Public Hearing: 9/30/2020
 - Unanimously recommended approved
- LUTI Committee: 10/20/20
- City Council Public Hearing: 11/23/20
- Public Comment
 - Three emails from the public in support
 - Two emails from the public requesting more information



- 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



- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
 - Comprehensive Plan 2040
 - Blueprint Denver: A Land Use and Transportation Plan (2019)
 - Northeast Downtown Neighborhoods Plan (2011)
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Consistency with Adopted Plans: Comprehensive Plan 2040

Equity

• Equitable, Affordable and Inclusive Goal 1: Ensure all Denver residents have safe, convenient and affordable access to basic services and a variety of amenities (p. 28).

Neighborhoods

• Strong and Authentic Neighborhoods Goal 1, Strategy D: Encourage quality infill development that is consistent with the surrounding neighborhoods and offers opportunities for increased amenities (p. 34).

Climate

- Environmentally Resilient Goal 8, Strategy A: Promote infill development where infrastructure and services are already in place (p. 54).
- 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 2019



- Urban (U-) Neighborhood Context
 - Small multi-unit residential and mixed-use areas are typically embedded in 1-unit and 2-unit residential areas.
 - Block patterns are generally regular with a mix of alley access.
 - High degree of walkability, bikeability, and good access to transit with less reliance on cars.



Consistency with Adopted Plans: Blueprint Denver 2019



Local Corridor

- Provides options for dining, entertainment and shopping
- Building heights are generally up to 3 stories

Future Street Type

- Downing St.: Residential Arterial
- Tremont Pl.: Local



Consistency with Adopted Plans: Blueprint Denver



Growth Areas Strategy: All other areas of the city

- 10% jobs by 2040
- 20% housing by 2040



Consistency with Adopted Plans: Northeast Downtown Neighborhoods Plan



Land Use Concept

- Transit Oriented Development
 - Land uses with a direct correlation to the function of a mass transit system
 - Provides housing, services, and employment opportunities



Consistency with Adopted Plans: Northeast Downtown Neighborhoods Plan



Height Concept

3 stories



- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
- 2. Uniformity of District Regulations
- Proposed rezoning will result in uniform application of zone district building form, use and design regulations
- 3. Further Public Health, Safety and Welfare
- Implements adopted plans
- Foster the creation of a walkable, mixed-use area near transit
- 4. Justifying Circumstances
- 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Zone District Purpose and Intent



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

- Changed or Changing Conditions:
 - Northeast Downtown Neighborhoods Plan (2011)
 - 26th and Welton Street Apartments
- 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Zone District Purpose and Intent



- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
 - Comprehensive Plan 2000
 - Blueprint Denver: A Land Use and Transportation Plan (2002)
 - Small Area Plans
 - Others, as applicable: e.g., General Development Plan
- 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
- Urban Neighborhood Context primarily consists of multi-unit and commercial uses embedded within single-unit and two-unit residential areas
- Mixed Use Districts are intended to
 - Enhance the convenience, ease and enjoyment of transit, walking, shopping and public gathering
 - Ensure new developments contribute positively to established residential neighborhoods and character
- U-MX-3 is a mixed use district that applies to intersections served primarily by local or collector streets where a building scale of 1
 to 3 stories is desired.



CPD Recommendation

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