

**Agenda Item Number** 

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Date May 18, 2015

#### RESOLUTION SETTING DATE OF HEARING ON REQUEST FROM DESMOINESARTS, INC. TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 900 AND 1000 KEOSAUQUA WAY FROM "C-2" GENERAL RETAIL AND HIGHWAY-ORIENTED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO LIMITED "C-3" CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the City Plan and Zoning Commission has advised that at a public hearing held on May 7, 2015, its members voted 11-0-1 in support of a motion to recommend APPROVAL of a request from DesMoinesArts, Inc. (owner), represented by Justin Mandelbaum (officer), to rezone property locally known as 900 and 1000 Keosauqua Way ("Property") from "C-2" General Retail and Highway-Oriented Commercial District to Limited "C-3" Central Business District Commercial District, to allow conversion of the existing five-story office building to artist studio space and assembly/exhibit space, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Any renovation to the building be in compliance with the applicable building and fire code with issuance of nay necessary permits by the Permit and Development Center.
- 2. Any future site modifications or redevelopment are based on review and approval of a site plan by the Community Development Director; and

WHEREAS, the Property is legally described as follows:

Lots 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, OAKRIDGE PLAT II, an Official Plat, now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, as follows:

- 1. That the attached communication from the Plan and Zoning Commission is hereby received and filed.
- 2. That the meeting of the City Council at which the proposed rezoning is to be considered shall be held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Des Moines, Iowa, at 5:00 p.m. on June 8, 2015, at which time the City Council will hear both those who oppose and those who favor the proposal.
- 3. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said proposal in the accompanying form to be given by publication once, not less than seven (7) days and not more than twenty (20) days before the date of hearing, all as specified in Section 362.3 and Section 414.4 of the Iowa Code.

MOVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ TO ADOPT.

Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

(ZON2015-00044)

#### CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GATTO				
GRAY				10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 -
HENSLEY				
MAHAFFEY				
MOORE				
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MOTION CARRIED	APPROVED			

Mayor

City Clerk

#### REGISTER ORDER NO. ROLL CALL LEGAL BULLETIN BOARD FOLLOW UP

#### NOTICE OF REZONING HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, has adopted a resolution concerning a request from DesMoinesArts, Inc. (owner), represented by Justin Mandelbaum (officer), to rezone property at 900 and 1000 Keosauqua Way, Des Moines, Iowa, legally described as follows, from ""C-2" General Retail and Highway-Oriented Commercial District to Limited "C-3" Central Business District Commercial District, to allow conversion of the existing five-story office building to artist studio space and assembly/exhibit space:

Lots 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, OAKRIDGE PLAT II, an Official Plat, now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa.

A map of the subject property is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the City Council will consider the proposed rezoning after a public hearing to be held at 5:00 p.m., in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa, on June 8, 2015. At the hearing, opportunity to be heard will be given to proponents and opponents of the proposed rezoning.

CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

By: T.M. Franklin Cownie, Mayor

ATTEST: Diane Rauh, City Clerk

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May 14, 2015

Honorable Mayor and City Council City of Des Moines, Iowa

Members:

Communication from the City Plan and Zoning Commission advising that at their meeting held May 7, 2015, the following action was taken regarding a request from DesMoinesArts, Inc. (owner) represented by Justin Mandelbaum (officer) to rezone property located at 900 and 1000 Keosauqua Way from "C-2" General Retail and Highway-Oriented Commercial District to "C-3" Central Business District Commercial District.

#### **COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

Commission Action:	Yes	Nays	Pass	Absent
Dory Briles	Х			
JoAnne Corigliano	Х			
Jacqueline Easley	Х			
Tim Fitzgerald	Х			
Jann Freed	Х			
John "Jack" Hilmes	Х			
Greg Jones	Х			
Sasha Kamper	Х			
William Page	Х			
Jonathan Rosenbloom				Х
Mike Simonson			Х	
CJ Stephens	Х			
Vicki Stogdill	Х			
Greg Wattier				Х

After public hearing, the members voted 11-0-1 as follows:

**APPROVAL** of staff recommendation that the requested rezoning be found in conformance with the existing Des Moines' 2020 Community Character Plan designations of High Amenity Office/Institutional and **APPROVAL** of the requested rezoning subject to the following conditions: (ZON2015-00044)

1. Any renovation to the building be in compliance with the applicable building and fire code with issuance of nay necessary permits by the Permit and Development Center.

2. Any future site modifications or redevelopment are based on review and approval of a site plan by the Community Development Director.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE P&Z COMMISSION

Part A) Staff recommends that the proposed rezoning be found in conformance with the existing Des Moines' 2020 Community Character Plan designations of High Amenity Office/Institutional.

Part B) Staff recommends approval of the requested rezoning subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Any renovation to the building be in compliance with the applicable building and fire code with issuance of nay necessary permits by the Permit and Development Center.
- 2. Any future site modifications or redevelopment are based on review and approval of a site plan by the Community Development Director.

#### Written Responses

3 In Favor

0 In Opposition

#### STAFF REPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

#### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Purpose of Request: The applicant is proposing to convert the existing vacant office building to a space for artist studios and assembly/exhibit space. The building was constructed in 1973 as part of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company and was previously occupied by Quest Communications.

The applicant has indicated an intensification in use from office space to assembly space that would trigger increased parking requirements in the existing Zoning District. Also, the C-2 zoning regulations currently allow office buildings no greater than 30,000 square feet in area and no taller than three (3) stories to operate by right in the district. The proposed rezoning from C-2 to C-3 would allow the building to continue to be used for commercial uses and bring the parking, building size and the location in compliance with zoning requirements. The change in intensity of the use would be in conformance with the standards of the C-3 zoning district which allows high-intensity and large bulk development.

The applicant is not proposing to make any site modifications at this time. If the property is rezoned to "C-3" District, any future site modifications or redevelopment would require a site plan.

- **2.** Size of Site: 76,310 square feet (1.752 acres).
- **3. Existing Zoning (site):** "C-2" General Retail and Highway Oriented Commercial District and "FSO" Free Standing Sign Overlay District.

**4. Existing Land Use (site):** The site contains a vacant 154,904 square-foot, 5-story commercial building that was previously occupied by Quest Communications.

## 5. Adjacent Land Use and Zoning:

- *North* "C-2"; Uses are office buildings for Premier Credit Union, KCCI TV & Radio and retail/warehouse (Electronic Engineering).
- **South** "C-2"; Uses are Principal's Generator Plant and a Preschool and Child Care Facility.
- *East* "C-3A" and "C-3"; Uses are Keosauqua right-of-way and traffic island and the Principal Childcare Center.
- *West* "C-0"; Use is office building for Iowa Annual Conference United Methodist Church and the Iowa Methodist Medical Center.
- 6. General Neighborhood/Area Land Uses: The proposed development is located along west side of Keosauqua Way, a major commercial corridor at the northwest corner of the central business district. The area contains a mix of low and medium density office uses.
- 7. Applicable Recognized Neighborhood(s): The subject property is located in the Downtown Des Moines Neighborhood. The neighborhood was notified of the Commission meeting by mailing of the Preliminary Agenda on March 27, 2015. A Final Agenda was mailed to the neighborhood association on April 10, 2015. Additionally, separate notifications of the hearing for the site plan were mailed on April 6, 2015 (10 days prior to the hearing) to the neighborhood association and to the primary titleholder on file with the Polk County Assessor for each condominium owner within the property and every owner of property or condominium within 250 feet of the site.

All agendas and notices are mailed to the primary contact(s) designated by the recognized neighborhood association to the City of Des Moines Neighborhood Development Division. The Downtown Des Moines Neighborhood Association notices were mailed to Larry Bradshaw, 418 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ste. 902, Des Moines, IA 50309.

The applicant conducted a neighborhood meeting April 28, 2015 and will be able to provide a summary of the events at the public hearing.

### 8. Relevant Zoning History: None.

- **9. 2020 Community Character Land Use Plan Designation:** High Amenity Office/Institutional. This designation is described as area where uses are intended to strengthen and compliment the faculties in the retail and office core and to provide buildings for office, institutional, cultural, and recreational and hotels. The proposed rezoning from "C-2" to "C-3" Zoning District to allow for artist studios and assembly/exhibit space conforms to Des Moines' 2020 Community Character Plan.
- **10. Applicable Regulations:** The Commission reviews all proposals to amend zoning boundaries or regulations within the City of Des Moines. Such amendments must be in

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- **10. Applicable Regulations:** The Commission reviews all proposals to amend zoning boundaries or regulations within the City of Des Moines. Such amendments must be in conformance with the comprehensive plan for the City and designed to meet the criteria in 414.3 of the Iowa Code, and taking into consideration the criteria set forth in Chapter 18B of the Iowa Code. The Commission may make recommendations to the City
  - Council on conditions to be made in addition to the existing regulations to the only subject property owner agrees to them in writing. The recommendation of the Commission will be forwarded to the City Council.

## II. ADDITIONAL APPLICABLE INFORMATION

- 1. Parking & Access: The "C-3" district does not require any off-street parking. The building currently occupies most of the property with an open first floor parking deck and leases some parking on the west side of the building. If the property is rezoned to "C-3" District, any future site modifications or redevelopment would require a site plan.
- 2. Permit & Development Center Comments: Any renovation of the building must be in compliance with applicable Building and Fire Codes, with issuance of any necessary permits by the Permit and Development Center.

# SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

<u>Greg Jones</u> asked if anyone was present to speak on this item. None were present or requested to speak.

## **COMMISSION ACTION:**

<u>CJ Stephens</u> moved staff recommendation for Part A) that the proposed rezoning be found in conformance with the existing Des Moines' 2020 Community Character Plan designations of High Amenity Office/Institutional and Part B) approval of the requested rezoning subject to the following conditions:

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Motion passed 11-0-1 (Mike Simonson abstained).

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Ludwig, AICP Planning Administrator

MGL:clw

Attachment

DesMoinesArts, Inc. (owner) represented by Justin Mandelbaum (officer) on property									
located at 900 and 1000 Keosauqua Way						ZON2015-00044			
Description of Action	Comme of the e	Approval of request to rezone property from "C-2" General Retail and Highway-Oriented Commercial District to "C-3" Central Business District Commercial District, to allow conversion of the existing five-story office building to artist studio space and assembly/exhibit space subject to conditions.							
2020 Commun Character Plar			Current: High Amenity Office/Institutional Proposed: N/A.						
Mobilizing Ton Transportation			No planned improvements.						
Current Zoning	g Distric	t	"C-2" General Retail and Highway-Oriented Commercial District, D-O" Downtown Overlay District, and "GGP" Gambling Games Prohibition District						
Proposed Zon	ing Disti	rict	"C-3" Central Business District Commercial District, D-O" Downtown Overlay District, and "GGP" Gambling Games Prohibition District.						
Consent Card Responses		In F	avor 3		Not In Favor	Undetern	nined	% Opposition	
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Plan and Zonir Commission A	-	Appr Deni				the City Council		Yes No	X

DesMoinesArts, LLC, 900 and 1000 Keosauqua Way

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# ↔ ♥ DesMoinesArts, LLC, 900 and 1000 Keosauqua Way

# ZON2015-00044

