DOCKET #: W3026

PROPOSED ZONING:
HB-S

EXISTING ZONING:
PB-S

PETITIONER:
Zeb V. Norton and Clara R. Norton for property owned by Same

SCALE: 1" represents 200'

STAFF: Roberts

GMA: 2

ACRES: 1.60

NEAREST BLDG: 18' west

MAP(S): 642846
March 25, 2009

Neal Chambers  
Waughtown Automotive  
2341 Waughtown Street  
Winston-Salem, NC 27107

RE: ZONING MAP AMENDMENT W-3026

Dear Mr. Norton & Ms. Norton:

The attached report of the Planning Board to the City Council is sent to you at the request of the Council Members. You will be notified by the City Secretary’s Office of the date on which the Council will hear this petition.

Sincerely,

A. Paul Norby, FAICP  
Director of Planning

pc: City Secretary’s Office, P.O. Box 2511, Winston-Salem, NC 27102  
Steve Causey, Allied Design, 4720 Kester Mill Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27103  
Patti Chambers, 275 Hastings Hill Road, Kernersville, NC 27284  
Pamela Downing, 25 Norton Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27107  
Melissa Conrad, 3384 Kernersville Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27107
ACTION REQUEST FORM

DATE: March 25, 2009
TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: A. Paul Norby, FAICP, Director of Planning

COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST:

Request for Public Hearing on zoning map amendment of Zeb V. Norton, Jr. and Clara R. Norton

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Zoning map amendment of Zeb V. Norton, Jr. and Clara R. Norton from PB-S (Motor Vehicles, Repair and Maintenance; and Services, Personal) to HB-S (Outdoor Display, Retail; Storage Services, Retail; Convenience Store; Retail Store, Specialty or Miscellaneous; General Merchandise Store; Restaurant without Drive Through Service; Offices, Miscellaneous; Professional Office; Motor Vehicle, Rental or Leasing; Motor Vehicle, Repair and Maintenance; Services, Business A; Services, Business B; and Services, Personal): property is located on the northwest corner of Waughtown Street and Norton Street (Zoning Docket W-3026).

PLANNING BOARD ACTION:

MOTION ON PETITION: DENIAL
FOR: UNANIMOUS
AGAINST: NONE
SITE PLAN ACTION: CONFORMS TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE UDO
BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Winston-Salem as follows:

Section 1. The Winston-Salem City Zoning Ordinance and the Official Zoning Map of the City of Winston-Salem, N.C. are hereby amended by changing from PB-S (Motor Vehicles, Repair and Maintenance; and Services, Personal) to HB-S (Outdoor Display, Retail; Storage Services, Retail; Convenience Store; Retail Store, Specialty or Miscellaneous; General Merchandise Store; Restaurant without Drive Through Service; Offices, Miscellaneous; Professional Office; Motor Vehicle, Rental or Leasing; Motor Vehicle, Repair and Maintenance; Services, Business A; Services, Business B; and Services, Personal) the zoning classification of the following described property:

PIN #6844-78-2028

Section 2. This Ordinance is adopted after approval of the site plan entitled Zeb V. Norton, Jr. and Clara R. Norton and identified as Attachment "A" of the Special Use District Permit issued by the City Council the ______ day of __________________, 20___ to Zeb V. Norton, Jr. and Clara R. Norton.

Section 3. The City Council hereby directs the issuance of a Special Use District Permit pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Unified Development Ordinances for a development to be known as Zeb V. Norton, Jr. and Clara R. Norton. Said Special Use District Permit and site plan with associated documents are attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be effective from and after its adoption.
CITY - SPECIAL USE DISTRICT PERMIT

SPECIAL USE DISTRICT PERMIT

Issued by the City Council
of the City of Winston-Salem

The City Council of the City of Winston-Salem issues a Special Use District Permit for the site shown on the site plan map included in this zoning petition of Zeb V. Norton, Jr. and Clara R. Norton, (Zoning Docket W-3026). The site shall be developed in accordance with the plan approved by the Board and bearing the inscription: "Attachment A, Special Use District Permit for HB-S (Outdoor Display, Retail; Storage Services, Retail; Convenience Store; Retail Store, Specialty or Miscellaneous; General Merchandise Store; Restaurant without Drive Through Service; Offices, Miscellaneous; Professional Office; Motor Vehicle, Rental or Leasing; Motor Vehicle, Repair and Maintenance; Services, Business A; Services, Business B; and Services, Personal), approved by the Winston-Salem City Council the ______ day of __________________, 20____" and signed, provided the property is developed in accordance with requirements of the HB-S zoning district of the Zoning Ordinance of the Unified Development Ordinances, the Erosion Control Ordinance, and other applicable laws, and the following additional conditions be met:

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**OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

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## CITY-COUNTY PLANNING BOARD  
**STAFF REPORT**

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<td>Owner(s)</td>
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<td>Subject Property</td>
<td>Tax PIN# 6844-78-2028, Address: 2341 Waughtown Street</td>
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<td>Type of Request</td>
<td>Special use rezoning</td>
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**Proposal**
The petitioner is requesting to amend the Official Zoning Maps for the subject property from PB-S Pedestrian Business District (Motor Vehicles, Repair and Maintenance; and Services, Personal) to HB-S Highway Business District. The petitioner is requesting the following uses:

- Outdoor Display, Retail; Storage Services, Retail; Convenience Store; Retail Store, Specialty or Miscellaneous; General Merchandise Store; Restaurant without Drive Through Service; Offices, Miscellaneous; Professional Office; Motor Vehicle, Rental or Leasing; Motor Vehicle, Repair and Maintenance; Services, Business A; Services, Business B; and Services, Personal

### Zoning District Purpose Statement
The HB District is primarily intended to accommodate retail service and distributive uses. The district is established to provide locations for establishments which require high visibility and good road access, or which cater primarily to passing motorists. However, the district is not intended to encourage or accommodate strip commercial development. Developments in this district generally have substantial front setbacks. This district is intended for application in Growth Management Areas 2, 3, and 4.

### Applicable Rezoning Consideration from Chapter B, Article VI, Section 6-2.1(S)

(S)(I) - Is the proposal consistent with the purpose statement(s) of the requested zoning district(s)?
The request is generally consistent with the HB District purpose statement; however, it could lead to further strip commercial development.

### GENERAL SITE INFORMATION

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<th>Location</th>
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<td>City of Winston-Salem</td>
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<td>Ward(s)</td>
<td>Southeast</td>
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<td>Site Acreage</td>
<td>Approximately ± 1.6 acres</td>
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<td>Current Land Use</td>
<td>Waughtown Automotive is currently located on the site.</td>
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### Surrounding Property Zoning and Use

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<td>North</td>
<td>RS-9</td>
<td>Undeveloped and single family residential</td>
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<td>East</td>
<td>LB-S</td>
<td>Day care and beauty salon</td>
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<td>South</td>
<td>RS-9</td>
<td>Single family homes</td>
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<td>West</td>
<td>RS-9</td>
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### Applicable Rezoning Consideration from Chapter B, Article VI, Section 6-2.1(S)

(S)(2) - Is/are the use(s) permitted under the proposed classification/request compatible with uses permitted on other properties in the vicinity?

Some of the newly proposed uses such as: Outdoor Display, Retail; Storage Services, Retail; Convenience Store; General Merchandise Store; Restaurant without Drive Through Service; and Motor Vehicle, Rental or Leasing are intense uses that are not generally compatible with the adjacent single family homes.

### Physical Characteristics

The site has a gentle slope downward to the northwest.

### Proximity to Water and Sewer

Public water and sewer are available to the site.

### Stormwater/Drainage

A stormwater study will be required prior to the issuance of a grading permit.

### Watershed and Overlay Districts

The site is not within a water supply watershed.

### Historic, Natural Heritage and/or Farmland Inventories

The site is located within the Waughtown/Belview National Register Historic District and the building is listed as a contributing structure. It is an excellent and highly intact example of an early 20th century gas station. These building types are increasingly disappearing from the urban landscape. Historic Resources staff does not support an intensification of use for this property. Conditions should be that the building be retained and that any changes to the building or site meet the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation.

Following is the National Register entry for the property:

2341 Waughtown Street, Filling Station, c.1920 Contributing

One story; hip roof; brick; pressed tin shingles; six-over-six double-hung sash; three-light transom at central entry; hip-roof (with pipe columns) service bay; 2-bay garage addition with replacement roof; small end addition. This station was a favorite gathering place for community men (First United Church of Christ history). 1950 CD: (2343) Zeb Norton Filling Station.

### Analysis of General Site Information

The building on the subject property is listed as a contributing structure within the Waughtown/Belview National Register Historic District. A condition regarding compliance with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation is recommended.

### Generalized Recommended Conditions

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONDITION(S):**

- Condition regarding the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation.

### SITE ACCESS AND TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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<th>Street Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>Waughtown Street</td>
<td>Major Thoroughfare</td>
<td>237’</td>
<td>10,000</td>
<td>15,600</td>
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<td>Norton Street</td>
<td>Platted unopened street</td>
<td>296’</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
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<td><strong>Proposed Access Point(s)</strong></td>
<td>The site plan shows two driveways onto Waughtown Street and removal of the existing open driveway onto Norton Street.</td>
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| **Trip Generation - Existing/Proposed** | **Existing Zoning:** PB-S  
2,296 / 1,000 x 15.86 (Automobile Care Center Trip Rate) = 36 Trips per Day.  
**Proposed Zoning:** HB-S  
40 Trips x 3 bays (Quick Lubrication Vehicle Shop Trip Rate) = 120 Trips per Day + 589sf /1,000 x 11.57 (Single Tenant Office Building Trip Rate) = 7 Trips per Day = 127 Total Trips per Day |
| **Sidewalks** | Currently there are no sidewalks along this portion of the Waughtown Street; however, the Sidewalk and Pedestrian Facilities Plan requires sidewalks along Waughtown Street. |
| **Transit** | Route 29 along Waughtown Street |
| **Analysis of Site Access and Transportation Information** | The site plan shows the removal of one of the three driveway entrances to the site on Waughtown Street. The current site plan is different from the previous request, W-3011, in that no access onto Norton Street is included. The existing open driveway onto Norton Street would be closed and a streetyard, or additional landscaping treatment, would be installed. Therefore, no improvements to Norton Street would be triggered. |
| **Generalized Recommended Conditions** | **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONDITION(S):**  
• Obtain driveway permit from NCDOT & WSDOT |
| **CONFORMITY TO PLANS AND PLANNING ISSUES** | **Legacy GMA**  
Growth Management Area 2 - Urban Neighborhoods |
| **Relevant Legacy Recommendations** | • **Legacy** promotes economic development which is compatible with existing residential neighborhoods and other business developments. It recommends protecting residential areas from inappropriate commercial encroachment. |
| **Relevant Area Plan(s)** | **Southeast Winston-Salem Area Plan (SEAP) 2002** |
| **Area Plan Recommendations** | • The area, characterized by a mixture of residential and nonresidential uses, is designated in the adopted Plan for office/commercial use. The Plan recommends maintaining the existing character of the area allowing, but not encouraging, a limited number of existing homes to convert to office or commercial use. |
| **Other Applicable Plans and Planning Issues** | The site is within the Sprague/Waughtown Rehabilitation, Conditioning and Reconditioning Area, certified by the City-County Planning Board in 1987. Low interest loans were provided for residential rehabilitation activities in this area.  
A loan was made to the Chambers, who operate Waughtown Automotive on the subject property, for $50,000 from the City's Economic Development Revolving Loan program in February 1999. The purpose of the loan was for job creation or retention. To date they have paid off approximately $45,000. In 2008 the Chambers applied for and were |
approved for another loan of $50,000 to assist them in making the necessary improvements to the business to comply with zoning requirements both from the 1998 rezoning and from this current petition. That loan is contingent on a successful rezoning petition.

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<td>(S)(3) - Have changing conditions substantially affected the area in the petition?</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>(S)(4) - Is the requested action in conformance with Legacy?</td>
<td>No</td>
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### Analysis of Conformity to Plans and Planning Issues

The subject request differs only slightly from the recently withdrawn case of W-3011 in that no driveway is proposed onto Norton Street. In addition, the interior circulation and lease vehicle and outdoor display parking areas have been more clearly defined. The request therefore remains essentially the same in regard to its inconsistency with the recommendations of Legacy and the adopted area plan. During the January 8, 2009 Planning Board meeting there was discussion regarding the potential removal of 6 out of the 11 newly proposed uses; however those uses remain in the current request.

The subject structure is a commercial building built for and historically used primarily as an automotive garage. The site was rezoned to PB-S to accommodate said use in 1998. Not all of the improvements shown on the 1998 site plan were implemented. In 2002, the Southeast Winston-Salem Area Plan was adopted. Recognizing the subject property as commercial, the plan recommends maintaining the existing character of the area allowing, but not encouraging, a limited number of existing homes to convert to office or commercial use. The subject request from PB-S to HB-S would permit: an additional 11 uses; 734 sf of building expansion; and ±1/4 acre of additional parking and motor vehicle display area.

This degree of intensification is inconsistent with the area plan’s intent for this predominantly residential section of Waughtown Street. Staff has not observed any changes in the area which would result in the need to revisit the recommendations of the plan. The request is also inconsistent with Legacy which recommends protecting residential areas from inappropriate commercial encroachment. As is evidenced below in the Analysis of Site Plan Compliance with UDO Requirements section, the current operation has outgrown the original 1998 approval and would be more suitably located in a commercial corridor.

Staff is also concerned with intensifying the development of a National Register Historic Property (see Analysis of General Site Information section above). One way to address this is to comply with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation which is recommended as a condition. This matter has been previously mentioned to the petitioner.
during two separate sketch plan review meetings. Staff anticipates that compliance with this condition would not add significant costs to the project. Staff also recommends additional screening in the form of a Type III bufferyard, rather than a standard streetyard, along the Norton Street frontage where the vehicle circulation and display area is proposed. This measure is needed due to the size and height of the U-Haul vehicles which will be parked in this area.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONDITION(S):**
- Lighting condition
- Condition regarding the use of Services, Business B

### RELEVANT ZONING HISTORIES

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<td>W-2233</td>
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<td>W-2218</td>
<td>RS-9 to PB-S</td>
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### SITE PLAN COMPLIANCE WITH UDO REQUIREMENTS

- **Building Square Footage**
  - 3,335 sf Southeastern portion of site
- **Parking**
  - Required 15 spaces
  - Proposed 18 spaces
- **Building Height**
  - Maximum 60’
  - Proposed 1 story
- **Impervious Coverage**
  - Maximum 85%
  - Proposed 38.5%
- **UDO Sections Relevant to Subject Request**
  - Chapter B, Article II, Section 2-1.3 (I) HB District
- **Complies with Chapter B, Article VII, Section 7-5.3**
  - (A) Legacy policies: No
  - (B) Environmental Ord.: NA
  - (C) Subdivision Regulations: NA

### Analysis of Site Plan Compliance with UDO Requirements

The subject property was rezoned to PB-S in 1998; however, because the petitioner never requested a building or occupancy permit, Inspections staff did not inspect the site for compliance with the conditions of approval, and subsequently the landscaping and screening requirements were never installed. Additionally, a 28’ x 14’ addition was constructed without a permit and two unapproved uses have been conducted on the site, Motor Vehicle, Rental or Leasing; and; Motor Vehicle, Storage Yard.
Specifically, the property owner was cited on 2-28-08 for the following:

- Failure to comply with Special Use Site Plan W-2218 to wit: Drive Path, Parking/Display Areas, Signage, Motor Vehicle Storage Yard, Street and Buffer Yards.
- Erecting a Sign without first obtaining a zoning permit.
- Motor Vehicle Rental and Leasing is not a permitted use under your approved site plan and conditions (W-2218).
- Erecting/Alteration of a structure is not permitted without first obtaining a site plan change (W-2218) and a building permit.
- Any change of use of any building or land requires a Zoning/Building Permit.

On 10-28-08 the site was reinspected and said violations were still present and the buffer/street yards and wooden fencing were still not installed.

If the subject request is approved, some of these issues will no longer be in violation. The remaining site plan issues are noted below. It is anticipated that a revised site plan will be submitted which complies with the requirements of the UDO.

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<td>Request would allow for the expansion of an existing business.</td>
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<td>Provides negative visual impact to the single family residential homes in the general area.</td>
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<td>The proposed use of Restaurant without Drive Through Service is a much higher traffic generating use than Motor Vehicles, Repair and Maintenance.</td>
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<td>May signal that HB zoning is appropriate for other properties in this area.</td>
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SITE-SPECIFIC RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

The following proposed conditions are from interdepartmental review comments and are proposed in order to meet codes or established standards, or to reduce negative off-site impacts.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:  Denial

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Gary Roberts presented the staff report.
PUBLIC HEARING

FOR:

Steve Causey, Allied Design, 4720 Kester Mill Road, Winston-Salem, NC  27103
  • We assisted the Chambers with the site plan preparation.
  • Gary is correct that there are no dramatic changes in the site plan.
  • We eliminated a bit of the vehicular display area on the west side and eliminated access to Norton Street.
  • The uses did remain the same. We felt a lot of the discussion about uses was initiated by the opposition of the Waughtown Business Association.
  • The petitioner, Mr. Chambers, did meet with the Waughtown Business Association. They were here earlier but have left.
  • This is a relatively small building and Mr. Chambers is looking for some lease opportunities within the building.
  • It is a long list of uses, but I don't see how a building of this size could accommodate more than a few of them at any one time.

Patti Chambers, 275 Hastings Hill Road, Kernersville, NC  27284
  • Angelo Franceschina was here. He was here in agreement with us, but he had to leave.
  • With the size of the building, we couldn't have all these uses at the same time.
  • It's going to be very expensive to do this, so we're trying to give ourselves the biggest window possible.

Neal Chambers, 275 Hastings Hill Road, Kernersville, NC  27284
  • Thank you for letting us work with the Waughtown Business Association. I'm impressed with what they have going on down there and am going to join and become a member.
  • Hopefully we've got everything worked out and everyone will be in agreement on it.
  • I really like the site plan and am looking forward to getting to work on it.
  • Waughtown Business Association is excited with it and is on board with everything we discussed.

AGAINST:

Pamela Downing, 25 Norton Street, Winston-Salem, NC  27107
  • I live in Southside. I'm proud of it.
  • When Mr. Norton came to my husband and myself and asked us not to oppose the rezoning in 1998, he promised us he was just going to open a little repair shop and we would never know it was there.
  • You can see now that was an obvious lie. He said what we wanted to hear to get us to sign his petition.
  • I am opposed to this rezoning.
  • Mr. Chambers' business has not enhanced the area nor has the garage right down the street from it.
  • Showed pictures, indicating rental trucks parked across Norton Street, blocking access to properties to the north.
• Mr. Chambers has carried on a vindictive harassment of our family since the day he opened his business.
• The very first thing he did was to cut down all the trees that screened his property from ours. They've never been replaced.
• He has continued to harass us up until today by parking these trucks to prevent us from being able to come in and out on Norton Street.
• Our houses have been back there since the 40s. This street has been on the ground for decades, recognized by the City. We have street lights. He still keeps a truck parked in the middle of the street.
• He caused the City water pipes to be broken by forcing these big heavy trucks over there. We had to bear the cost of getting them repaired.
• When Mr. Norton asked us to not oppose the rezoning, he told us he had some problems with the EPA about underground storage tanks that prevented him from selling this property. Mr. Chambers claims the property is his so I don't know who runs it.
• I'm asking you to deny it.
• He's thumbed his nose at this Board's authority all the years he's been there and now he's asking to be rewarded for that. I'm asking you not to do that.

WORK SESSION

During discussion by the Planning Board, the following points were made:

1. Wheel stops will be installed before the Certificate of Occupancy is granted because there is no curb and gutter.

2. Norton Street is a publicly dedicated right-of-way. Maintenance has been on and off but it is a public right-of-way. If the developer had connected to Norton Street, he would have had to bring his frontage up to City standards. Although Mr. Norton owns the property and pays taxes on it, because it is a publicly dedicated right-of-way, the public has the right to use that land.

3. The leasing area is basically a park-where-you-can area, but there needs to be a large circulation area.

4. If this request is denied, Mr. Chambers can only use the site for Personal Services and Motor Vehicle Maintenance. He cannot lease U-Haul trucks or sell vehicles beyond what we talked about earlier in regards to maintenance and abandonment. The addition that was done illegally will have to be removed. The street yard along Norton and Waughtown would have to be installed as well as the two bufferyards. The fence around the back parking area (masonry or brick as required on the 1998 site plan) would have to be installed. Parking would be limited to the areas shown on the 1998 site plan, not the expanded area as shown on this site plan.
5. Last time we were concerned with the long list of uses. The building is so small that you can't do much or use all the uses at one time. For instance, you aren't going to have a big restaurant in there.

6. We were all concerned that he had never complied with the original rezoning.

7. It bothered us that he apparently hasn't been a good neighbor to some of the folks out there.

8. On the other hand, we'd like to see the building saved and maintained and used and services provided to the neighborhood.

9. If a truck is parked in the public right-of-way, neighbors can call the police who will have it towed.

10. Maybe the bigger question is whether HB-S should be here.

11. A lot of this is based on trust and there were many things which were cited for incompliance.

12. We don't need to reward someone when they've not been a good neighbor and not done what they said they would do. Why should we believe they will do that now?

MOTION: Clarence Lambe moved denial of the zoning map amendment and certified that the site plan meets all code requirements and recommends staff conditions.
SECOND: Jerry Clark
VOTE:
  FOR DENIAL: Jerry Clark, Wesley Curtis, Arnold King, Arthur King, Clarence Lambe, Lynne Mitchell, Paul Mullican, Brenda Smith
  AGAINST: None
  EXCUSED: None

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