Staff Summary Report



Development Review Commission Date: 02/26/08 Agenda Item Number: _____

SUBJECT: This is a public hearing for a preliminary subdivision plat for UNIVERSITY CENTER III, located at 1240

E. University Drive.

DOCUMENT NAME: DRCr_UniversityCtrlII_022608 PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (0406)

SUPPORTING DOCS: Yes

COMMENTS: Hold a public hearing for **UNIVERSITY CENTER III (PL070127)**, (Talla Fallstich, St. Paul Travelers,

Owner / George Swarstad, CMX Engineering, Applicant), for a Preliminary Subdivision Plat on +/-19.2 net acres, within the GID, General Industrial Zoning District, and also within the Rio Salado and Transportation Overlay Districts, located at 1240 E. University Drive. The request includes the following:

SBD07056 - (REC07087) Preliminary Subdivision Plat to divide one 19.2 acre site into two lots, 12.04

and 7.16 net acres.

PREPARED BY: Diana Kaminski, Senior Planner (480-858-2391)

REVIEWED BY: Steve Abrahamson, Planning and Zoning Coordinator (480-350-8359) for Lisa Collins 🙏

Chris Anaradian, Development Services Manager (480-858-2204)

LEGAL REVIEW BY: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Staff – Approval, subject to conditions 1-2

ADDITIONAL INFO:

Karsten
Golf Course

Porsey Lane

E. University Drive

Owner Talla Fallstich, St. Paul Travelers
Applicant Mike Edwards, DFD Cornoyer Hedrick

Existing zoning GID

Total site area 21.8 gross acres / 19.2 net acres

Total building area 292,153 square feet (Lot 1 is 168,153 / Lot 2 is 124,000)

Lot Coverage 13 % (NS defined in GID)

Building Height 45 ft (maximum allowed by previous variance)
Building setbacks 25' front, 20' parking, 0' side, 0' rear, 25' street side

Landscaped area 22% (10% minimum required in GID)

Vehicle Parking 586 spaces (413 required, 516 max allowed)

10/03/06 Hearing Officer approved use permit to allow additional surface

parking in excess of 125% allowed.

Bicycle Parking 16 spaces (16 minimum required)

PAGES: 1. List of Attachments

2. Comments

3. Reason for Approval/Conditions of Approval

4. History & Facts/Description

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Location Map

2. Aerial Photo

3. Site Plan for Phase III

4. Letter of Intent

5-8. Plat

COMMENTS:

The applicant is requesting approval for a Final Subdivision Plat for a new commercial office building. University Center III is the third phase of development consisting of approximately 124,000 s.f. of additional commercial office space to the existing 168,153 s.f. center. The site is zoned GID, General Industrial and is within the Rio Salado Overlay District and within the Transportation Overlay District Corridor. The site is approximately 1 mile east of the Arizona State University campus. The former Tempe Fire Station and the Cornerstone retail commercial center is to the west of the site and to the east is the APS Ocotillo Power Plant. The ASU Karsten Golf Course is to the north of the site and to the south, across University Drive, is apartments and student housing. The lot is a "U" shaped configuration that straddles a smaller existing restaurant pad. The proposed subdivision plat would take the existing 21.8 gross acre site, dedicate 2.6 acres to right-of-way on the eastern side for completion of the Dorsey Lane, and the remaining 19.23 net acre undivided lot and subdivide it into two: Lot 1 is 12.07 acres and Lot 2 is 7.16 acres.

The Development Review Commission approved a Development Plan Review for site plan, building elevations, and landscape plan on May 22, 2007. The subdivision plat will conclude the planning entitlements for this project, pending building permit review. Staff recommends approval of the request subject to conditions.

REASONS FOR APPROVAL:

1. The site has access to a public street and meets the technical standards of the City Code, Chapter 30, Subdivisions.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

- 1. The Subdivision Plat (Condominium Plat) for UNIVERSITY CENTER III shall be put into proper engineered format with appropriate signature blanks and recorded with the Maricopa County Recorder's Office through the City of Tempe's Development Services Department on or before March 20, 2009. Failure to record the plan within one year of City Council approval shall make the plan null and void.
- 2. The owner(s) shall provide a continuing care condition, covenant and restriction for all of the project's landscaping, required by Ordinance or located in any common area on site. The CC&R's shall be reviewed and in a form satisfactory to the Development Services Manager and City Attorney.

HISTORY & FACTS: November 7, 1984

Design Review Board approved building elevations, site and landscape plans for University Center.

October 24, 1984

Board of Adjustment granted a variance to increase the maximum height for buildings one and two (B1 and B2) from 30 feet to 40 feet, with a five foot parapet above the maximum building height.

December 26, 1984

Board of Adjustment approved two variances for this site:

- a. Reduce the number of parking spaces so that the ratio of parking spaces to gross office square footage is 1:220.
- b. Reduce the size of the parking spaces from nine feet to 8 ½ feet, and the stall length from 20 feet to 18 feet.

March 27, 1985

Board of Adjustment approved a variance for an oversized "sale/lease" sign.

January 15, 1986

Design Review Board approved sign criteria for University Center.

January 22, 1986

Board of Adjustment approved variances for University Center:

- a. Variance to increase the number of freestanding signs on the same street frontage from one to six.
- b. Variance to increase the size of two directional signs from two s.f. to four s.f.
- c. Variance to increase the maximum allowable height of the directional signs from three feet to six feet.
- d. Variance to increase the maximum allowable height for all parking lot lighting standards from 16 feet to 17 feet 5 inches.

January 22, 1986

Board of Adjustment approved a variance to increase the parking lot lighting standards from 16 feet to 17 feet 5 inches.

November 18, 1987

Design Review Board denied a request to modify the sign package for University Center.

December 2, 1987

Design Review Board procedurally denied a request to modify the sign package for University Center.

January 14, 1988

City Council approved the request to appeal the December 2, 1987 decision of the Design Review Board.

April 19, 1988

Hearing Officer approved the following variances for University Center with the condition that they expire April 19, 1989:

- a. Variance to allow a second freestanding "sale/lease" sign on the same street frontage.
- b. Variance to allow an increase in the size of a "sale/lease" sign from six s.f. to 32 s.f.
- c. Variance to allow an increase in the size of a second "sale/lease" sign from six s.f to 64 s.f.

June 14, 1990

City Council approved the request for a site plan for University Center Phase I and Perkins Restaurant consisting of 172,452 s.f. on 12.06 net acres and 5420 s.f. on .99 acres (Perkins) and approved the following:

- a. Use permit to allow a commercial use in an industrial district (Perkins restaurant)
- b. Variance to waive the required landscape islands at the end of certain rows of parking in the interior truck court.

November 20, 1990

Hearing Officer approved variance request to reduce the required on-site parking from 788 to 768 spaces, located at 1100 E. University Drive, in the I-1 and I-2 General Industrial Districts.

August 1, 2006

Zoning Administrator approval of the proposed project to meet the Transportation Overlay District intent through TOD Section 5-603 B.2 Option B per the objectives listed in Section 5-601 and the pedestrian environment in Figure 5-612F.

October 3, 2006 Hearing Officer approved a use permit to allow 86 more than the 500 maximum allowed surface parking

spaces.

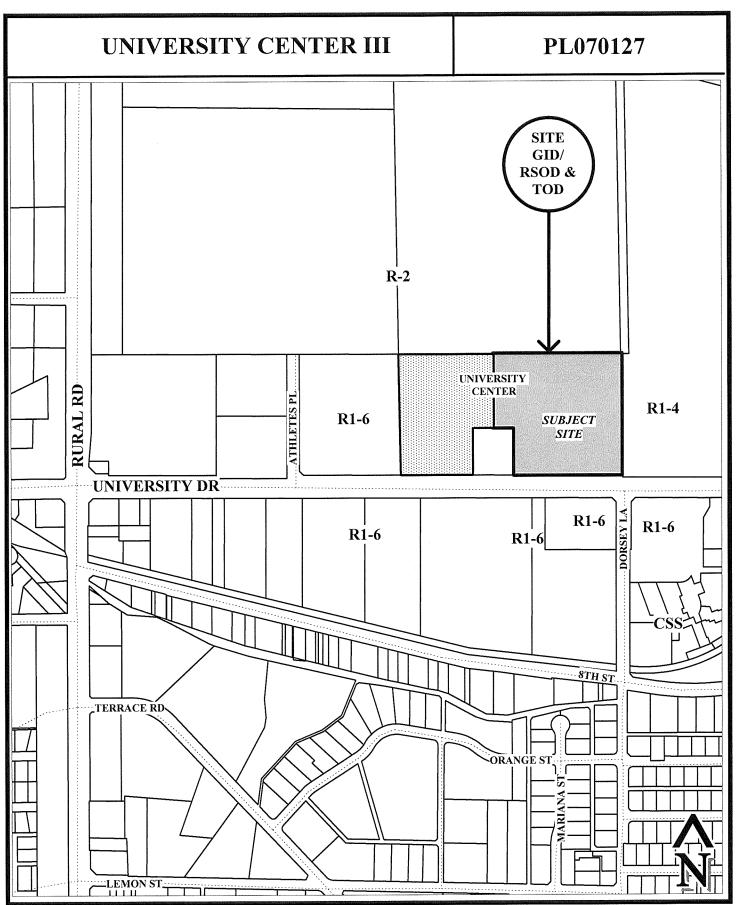
May 22, 2007 Development Review Commission approved DPR07070 a Development Plan Review including site plan,

building elevations, and landscape plan.

ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT CODE REFERENCE:

Section 6-307, Subdivisions







UNIVERSITY CTR OFFICE COMPLEX (PL070127)

GOLF COURSE

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ATTACHMENT 3



December 14, 2007

City of Tempe Development Services Department 31 East Fifth Street Tempe, AZ 85281

RE:

University Center III

1240 E. University Dr.

Tempe, AZ

To Whom It May Concern:

CMX at the request of the City of Tempe Real Estate Services Division, has prepared the attached Final Plat for University Center III.

This drawing defines previously unplatted property located within the City of Tempe and creates two lots. Lot 1 contains existing office buildings and related improvements. Lot 2 is currently undeveloped, but plans for a new office building are currently being reviewed by Development Services.

The property is currently zoned GID (Rio Salado Overlay) which allows for this type of development.

Please call me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Very truly yours,

CMX

George Swarstad

Project Manager/Applicant

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