City of Mesa | Board of Adjustment

Study Session Minutes



Mesa Council Chambers Lower Level – 57 E 1st St Date: March 6, 2024 Time: 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chair Alexis Wagner
Vice Chair Shelly Allen
Boardmember Nicole Lynam
Boardmember Heath Reed
Boardmember Ethel Hoffman
Boardmember Troy Glover

Boardmember Chris Jones

(*Boardmembers and staff participated in the meeting through the use of audio conference equipment)

STAFF PRESENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Margaret Robertson Evan Balmer Charlotte Bridges Joshua Grandlienard Sergio Solis Vanessa Felix

1 Call meeting to order.

Chair Wagner excused Boardmember Jones and declared a quorum present, and the Study Session was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

- 2 Staff Update: no update
- 3 Review and discuss items listed on the Public Hearing agenda for March 6, 2024.
- *3-a Staff member Sergio Solis presented case BOA23-00870 to the Board.

See attached presentation.

Boardmember Reed asked if there are any air encroachments in the zoning code.

Staffmember Balmer answered there is no code regarding air encroachment or easement.

*3-b Staff member Joshua Grandlienard presented case BOA23-00975 to the Board.

See attached presentation.

*3-c Staff member Joshua Grandlienard presented case BOA23-01021 to the Board.

See attached presentation.

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*3-d Staff member Joshua Grandlienard presented case BOA23-01031 to the Board.

See attached presentation.

*3-e Staff member Charlotte Bridges presented case BOA24-00048 to the Board.

See attached presentation.

4 Adjournment.

Boardmember Reed moved to adjourn the Study Session and was seconded by Vice Chair Allen. Without objection, the Study Session was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evan Balmer, On behalf of Zoning Administrator (Mary Kopaskie-Brown)





BOA23-00870

Sergio Solis, Planner I

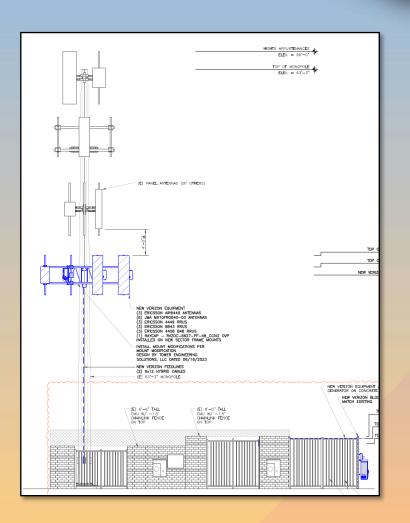
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Request

 Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a fourth carrier to co-locate on an existing freestanding communication facility.







Location

- Within the 1900 block of E Broadway Road
- South of E Broadway Road
- West of S Gilbert Road







General Plan

Neighborhood Village

 Commercial and mixed-use nodes of activity, generally between 15 and 25 acres in size, that serve the surrounding neighborhoods.







Zoning

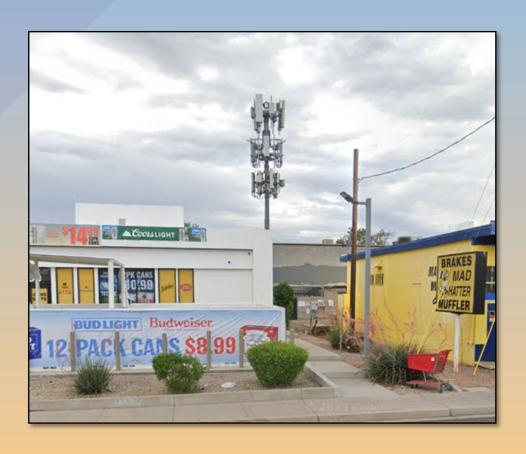
Limited Commercial (LC)







Site Photos





Looking south from E Broadway Road





Renderings



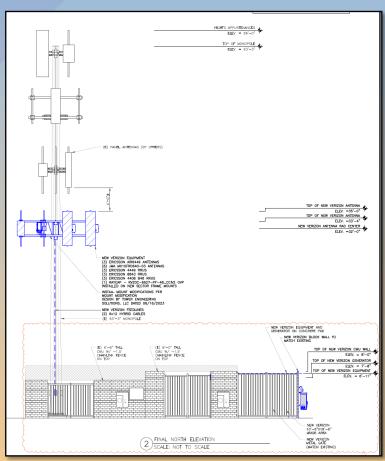


Looking southeast from E Broadway Road

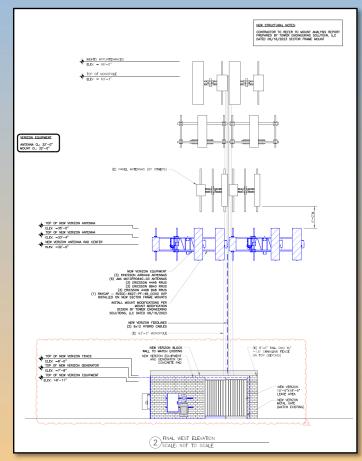




Elevations



Proposed North Elevation
Looking south from E Broadway Road

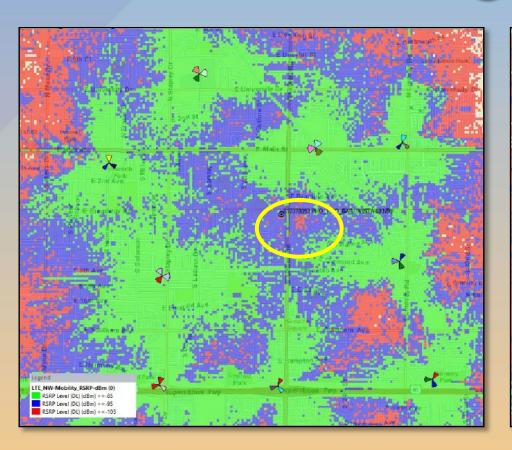


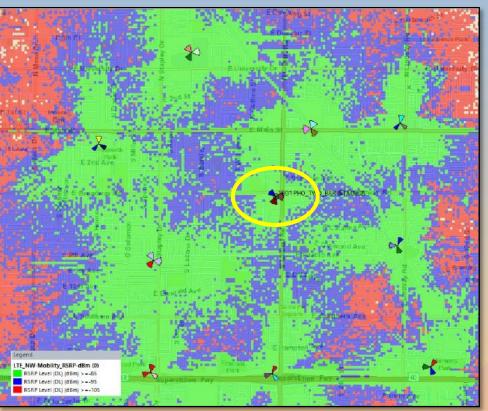
Proposed West Elevation
Looking east from west property line





Coverage Map









Citizen Participation

- Notified property owners within 500 feet of site.
- Staff did not receive any feedback.







Approval Criteria

Section 11-70-5.E SUP Criteria

- Project will advance the goals and objectives of the General Plan and other City plan and/or policies;
- ✓ Location, size, design, and operating characteristics are consistent with the purposes of the district where it is located and conform with the General Plan and any other applicable City plan or policies;
- Project will not be injurious or detrimental to the surrounding properties, the neighborhood, or to the general welfare of the City; and
- ✓ Adequate public services, public facilities and public infrastructure are available.





Findings

- ✓ Complies with the Mesa 2040 General Plan
- ✓ Meets the SUP findings of Section 11-70-5.E of the MZO
- ✓ Complies with Section 11-35-6E for Approval of a WCF

Staff recommends Approval with Conditions





BOA23-00975





Request

- SubstantialConformanceImprovement Permit
- To allow deviations from certain development standards
- To allow for an expansion of an existing Commercial Cleaners

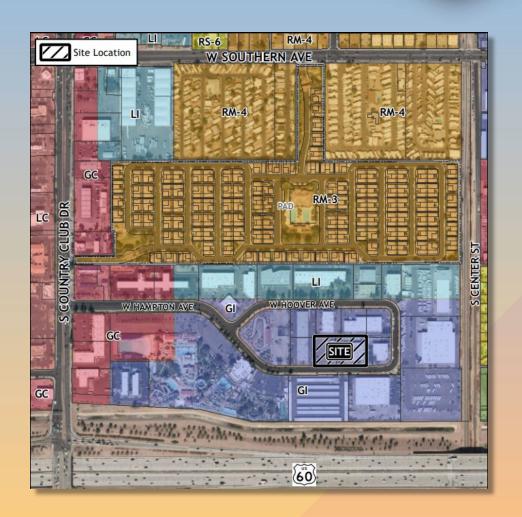






Location

- 102 W Hampton Ave
- North side of Hampton Ave
- South of Southern Ave
- East of S Country Club Drive







General Plan

Employment

Variety of Employment
 Opportunities in high quality settings







Zoning

- General Industrial (GI)
 - Proposed Use is allowed by right







Site Photos



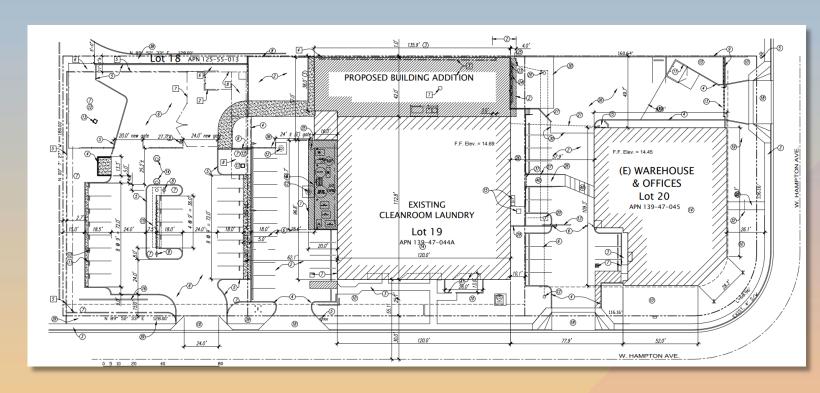
Looking north from W Hampton Ave





Site Plan

- Existing structure to remain
- Proposed addition to the north of the existing structure
- Updates to perimeter landscaping
- Parking lot includes a paved surface as well as additional landscaping







SCIP Development Standards

Development Standard	MZO Requirements	Applicant Proposal	
Perimeter Landscaping [MZO Table 11-33-3]	15-foot setback adjacent to the property lines	No additional landscaping for the northern property line	
Setback of Cross Drive Aisles and Parking Spaces — [Section 11-32-4.A]:	Parking spaces along main drive aisles connecting directly to a street and drive aisles that cross such main drive aisles shall be set back at least 50 ft from the property line abutting the street.	10 feet	
Foundation Base for Exterior Walls with a Public Entrance [MZO 11-33-5]	A minimum 10-foot-wide foundation base shall be provided, measured from face of building to face of curb along the entire length of the exterior wall adjacent to parking stalls.	0 feet	





Citizen Participation

- Notified property owners within 500', HOAs and registered neighborhoods
- Neither staff nor the applicant have received any comments







Approval Criteria

Section 11-73-3 SCIP Criteria

- Significant alterations to the site would need to occur to bring the site into full conformance with current MZO development standards
- ✓ Full compliance would discourage redevelopment of the site
- ✓ No new non-conforming conditions will be created
- Proposed request is compatible with, and not detrimental to, adjacent properties or neighborhood





Findings

- Complies with the 2040 Mesa General Plan
- ✓ Meets the SCIP findings of Section 11-73-3 of the MZO

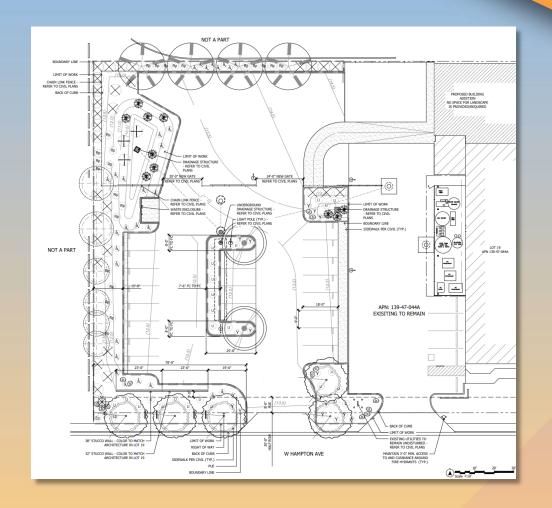
Staff recommends Approval with Conditions





Landscape Plan

PLANT MATERIALS LEGEND								
	Tree Mulga	Acasi:	Box (in) Qt a 15 gal. 2					
	Acasia aneura Eucalyptus papuana Ghost Gum		ura papuana 24" 4					
	Quercus virginiana Southern Live Oak Tree to Remain Unisturbed*		ive Oak					
		o recin	val. 0					
Extra Large Shrubs	Size	Qty	Groundcovers	Size	Qty			
Caesalpinia pulcherrima Red Bird of Paradise Dodonaea viscosa	5 gal.	3	© Eremophila prostrata 1 gal. 3 Outback Sunrise Eremophila (Y) Lantana sp.					
Green Hopseed Bush	5 gal.	30	'New Gold' Lantana	1 gal.	17			
Large Shrubs	Size	Qty	Cacti/ Accents	Size	Qty			
Leucophyllum langmaniae ' Lynn's Legacy Sage	Lynn's L 5 gal.	egacy 25	Deer Grass	1 gal.	10			
Medium Shrubs	Size	Qty	Yucca recurvifolia Soft Leaf Yucca	5 gal.	1			
Ruellia peninsularis Desert Ruellia	5 gal.	24	Inerts	Qty				
Leucophyllum frutescens 'C Compact Texas Sage	ompacta 1 gal.	30	Decomposed Granite; Size to match existing	7,929				
Small Shrubs	Size	Qty	TOTAL TREES PROVIDED=17					
Olea europaea 'Little Ollie' Dwarf Olive 5 gal.			36" BOX MIN. TREE REQUIRED=5(25%) 36" BOX MIN. TREES PROVIDED=6(35%)					
Boulder Legend Size		Qty	24" BOX MIN. TREE REQUIRED=9(50%) - 24" BOX MIN. TREES PROVIDED=9(50%)					
Salvaged +/- 3'x3'x2' 1 Detail 9, Sheet LA7.1			15 GAL. TREE REQUIRED=5(25%) 15 GAL. TREE REQUIRED=2(15%) *TREES TO REMAIN IN PLACE ARE ACCOUNTED AS 36" BOX.					







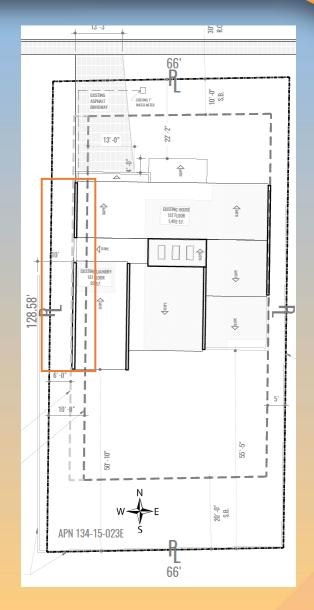
BOA23-01021





Request

 Variance to allow a primary residence to be rebuilt to the original sideyard setback of 6 feet, in the RS-6 District







Location

- 611 W 6th Avenue
- West of Country Club Drive
- South of Broadway Road



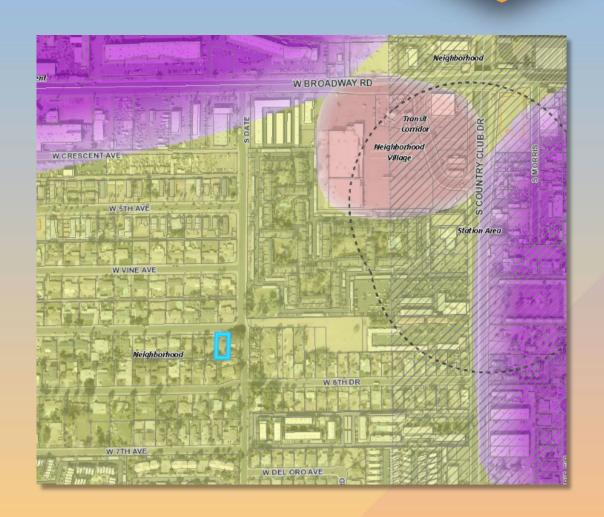




General Plan

Neighborhood

- Safe places for people to live
- Wide range of housing options allowed
- Existing use complies with the goals of this character area







Zoning

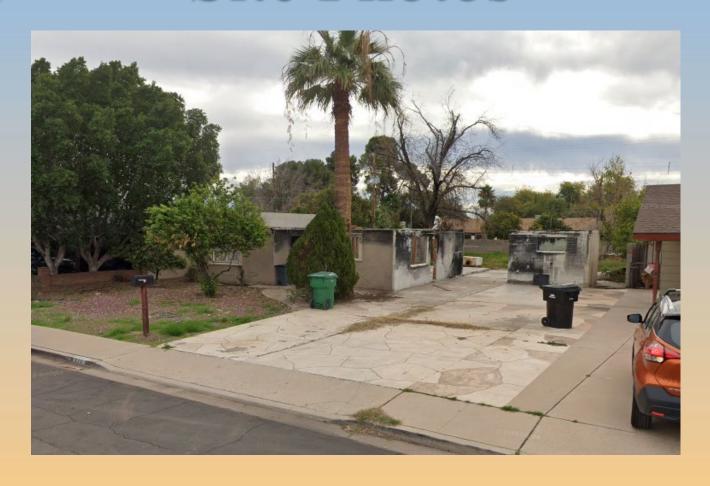
- Single Residence-6 (RS-6)
- Single residence use permitted
- Was a legal non-conforming structure prior to the fire but status has now expired







Site Photos



Looking southeast from 6th Avenue





Site Plan

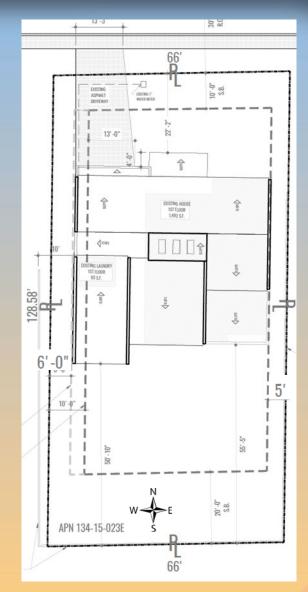
Current Code:

- Min. side setback: 5 ft
- Min. aggregate side setback:
 15 ft

Legal Non-Conforming status expired 1 year after fire

Requesting:

 Aggregate side setback of 11 ft







Citizen Participation

- Notified property owners within 150 feet
- Staff has not received any calls







Approval Criteria

Section 11-80-3 Variance Criteria

- There are special circumstances applicable to the property, including its size, shape, topography, location, or surroundings, and
- ✓ That such special circumstances are pre-existing, and not created by the property owner or appellant; and
- ✓ The strict application of the zoning Ordinance will deprive such property of privileges enjoyed by other property of the same classification in the same zoning district; and
- ✓ Any variance granted will assure that the adjustment authorized shall not constitute a grant of special privileges inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the vicinity and zone in which such property is located.





Findings

- ✓ Complies with the 2040 Mesa General Plan
- ✓ Meets required findings for a Variance in Section 11-80-3 of the MZO

Staff recommends Approval with Conditions





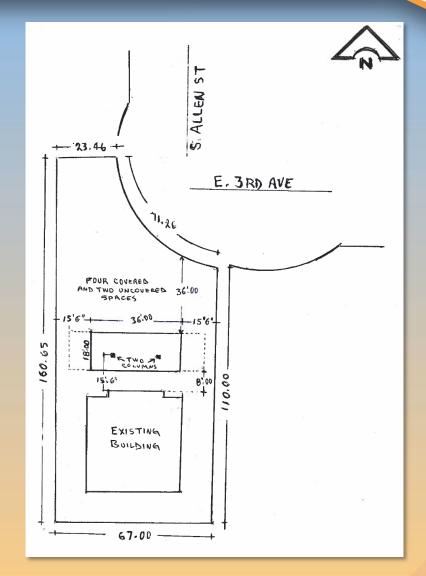
BOA23-01031





Request

 Modification of the Stapley Terrace PAD to allow a reduction of the required setback areas and the building separation for the covered carport

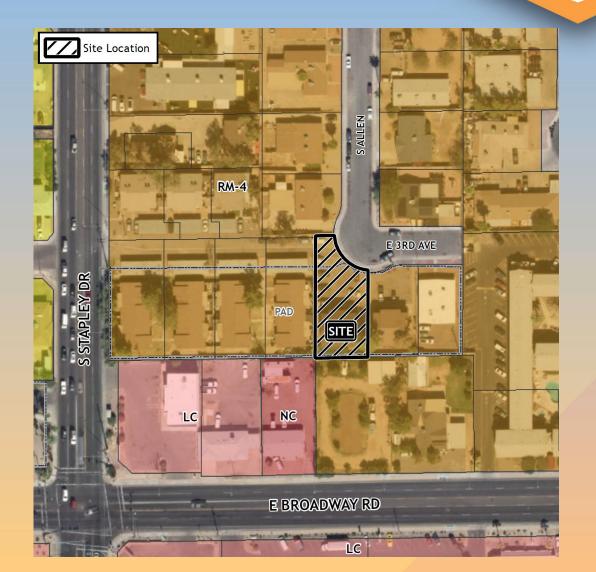






Location

- North of East Broadway Road
- East of South Stapley Drive



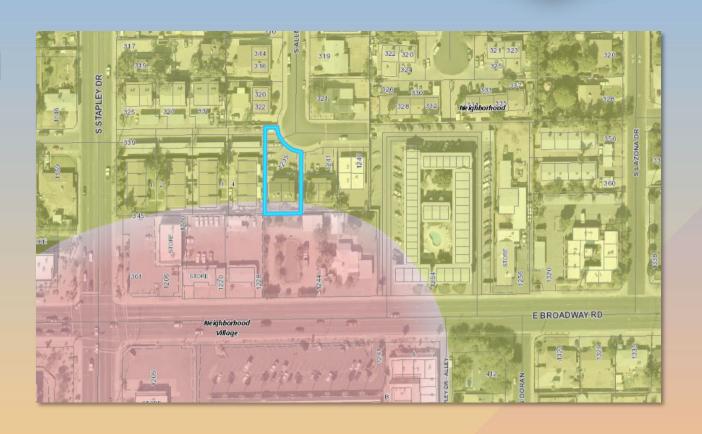




General Plan

Neighborhood/Neighborhood Village

- Safe places for people to live
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- Existing use complies with the goals of this character area







Zoning

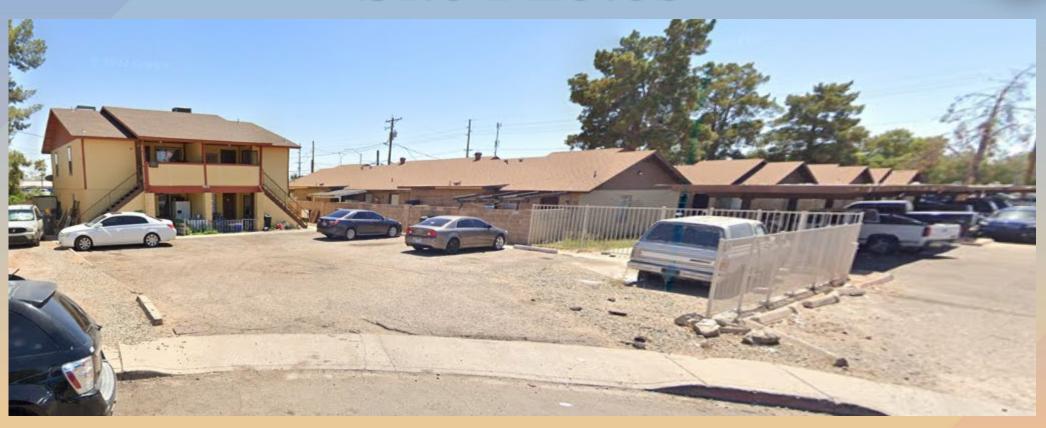
 Multiple Residence-4 with a Planned Area Development overlay (RM-4-PAD)







Site Photos



Looking south towards the site from East 3rd Avenue





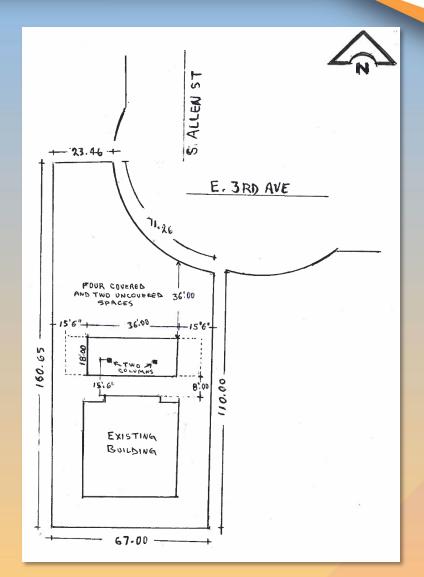
Site Plan

Carport canopy (distance to canopy edge):

- 15'6" from east and west property lines
- 8' building separating

Current Code requires:

- 20' side setbacks
- 20' carport building separation

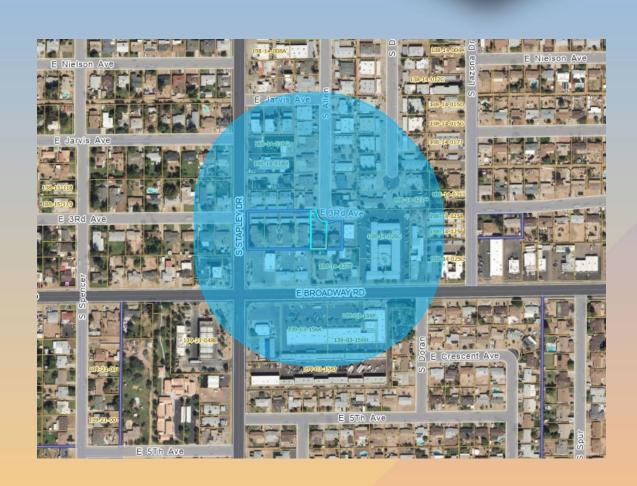






Citizen Participation

- Notified property owners within 500', HOAs and registered neighborhoods
- Neither staff nor the applicant have received any comments







Approval Criteria

Section 11-22-5(E) Planned Area Development, Conformance with Approved Plan - Modification after Initial Construction

... any minor extension, alteration, or modification of an existing building or structure may be reviewed and approved by the Board of Adjustment, if the request is found to be consistent with the purpose and intent of the approved development plan.





Findings

- ✓ Complies with the 2040 Mesa General Plan
- ✓ Modification is consistent with the purpose and intent of the approved development plan
- ✓ Meets the requirements for a Planned Area Development, Conformance with Approved Plan - Modification after Initial Construction from Section 11-22-5(E) of the MZO

Staff recommends Approval with Conditions





BOA24-00048





Request

- Substantial Conformance Improvement Permit
- To allow deviations from certain development standards
- To allow for the development of a financial institution with drive-up ATMs

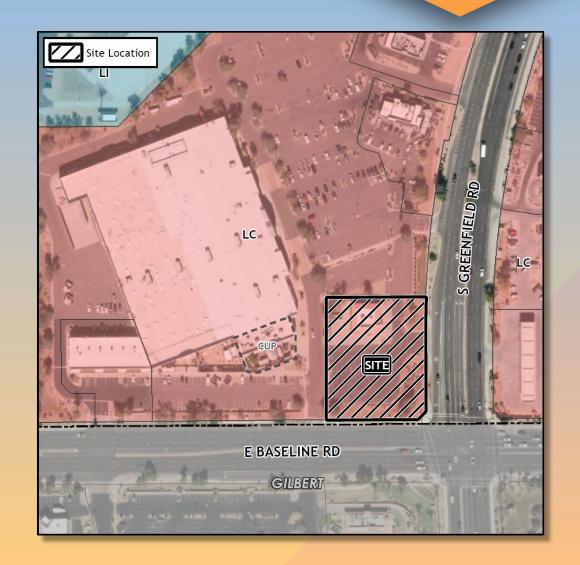






Location

- 4354 East Baseline Road
- Northwest corner of Greenfield and Baseline Roads



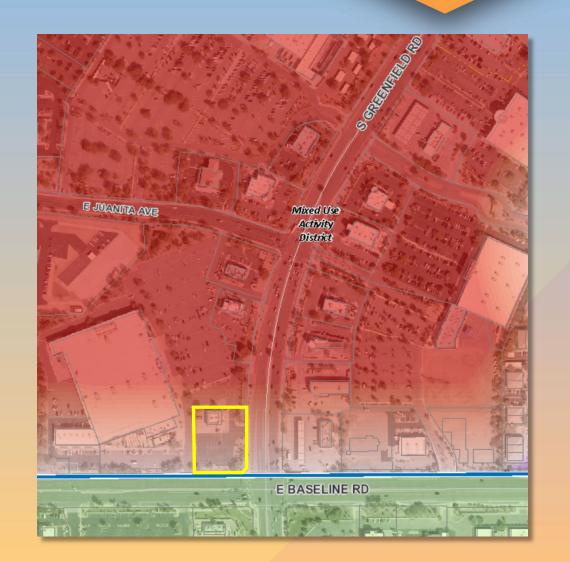




General Plan

Mixed Use Activity District

- Large scale and regional activity areas with a significant retail commercial component
- Designed and developed to attract customers from a large radius



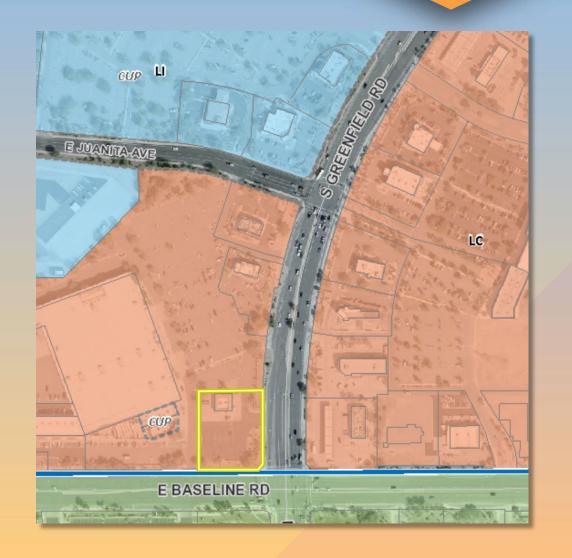




Zoning

Limited Commercial (LC)

 Proposed use is permitted







Site Photo



Looking north from Baseline Road





Site Photos



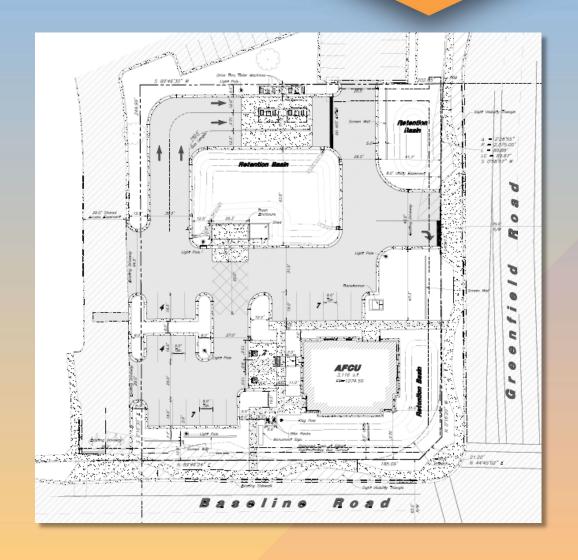
Looking west from Greenfield Road





Site Plan

- New 3,116 square foot building
- Access drive from Greenfield Road and cross access with adjacent commercial center to additional access drives
- 8 parking spaces required
- 24 parking spaces provided
- AUP to allow the number of provided parking spaces to exceed 125%
- Drive-up ATMs (2 separate lanes)

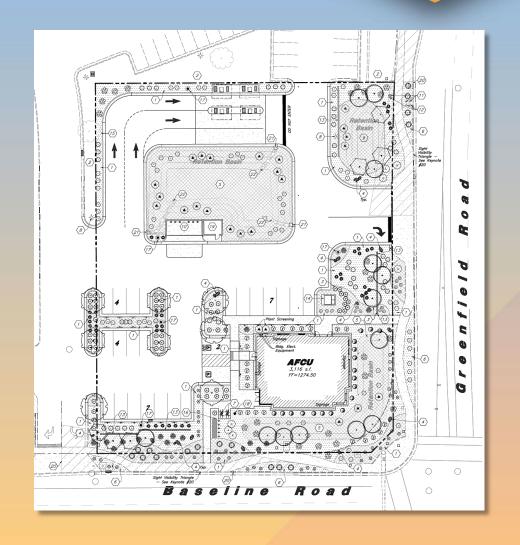






Landscape Plan

- Updates to perimeter plant material
- Medians and parking lot landscape islands contain plant material







SCIP Development Standards

Development Standard	MZO Requirements	Applicant Proposal
Setback of Cross Drive Aisles and Parking Spaces — [Section 11-32-4.A]:		
Cross drive aisle parallel to Greenfield Road	Parking spaces along main drive aisles connecting directly to a street and drive aisles that cross such main drive aisles shall be set back at least 50 ft from the	41.7 feet
Cross drive aisle parallel to Baseline Road	property line abutting the street.	40 feet





Elevations

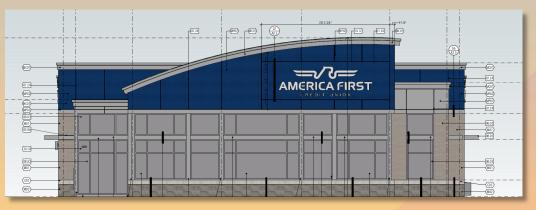




West



East



North





Citizen Participation

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- Neither staff nor the applicant have received any comments







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Staff recommends Approval with Conditions





Board of Adjustment