#### City of Mesa | Board of Adjustment

Study Session Minutes



#### Mesa Council Chambers Lower Level – 57 E 1<sup>st</sup> St Date: <u>January 15, 2025</u> Time: <u>5:00 p.m.</u>

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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Chair Alexis Wagner
Vice Chair Shelly Allen
Boardmember Nicole Lynam
Boardmember Heath Reed
Boardmember Troy Glover
Boardmember Todd Trendler

Boardmember Gerson Barrera

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

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** 

Kelly Whittemore Jennifer Merrill Sergio Solis Vanessa Felix

#### 1 Call meeting to order.

Chair Wagner excused Boardmember Gerson Barrera and declared a quorum present, and the Study Session was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

- 2 Staff Update: February 5, 2025, Study Session will include an annual training.
- 3 Review and discuss items listed on the Public Hearing agenda for January 15, 2025.
- \*3-a Staff member Jennifer Merrill presented case BOA24-00810 to the Board. See attached presentation.

Vice Chair Allen asked the meaning of ferris and non ferris.

Staff member Merrill answered iron material.

Vice Chair Allen asked if the company would operate on two different sites or move to the new location.

Staff member Merrill answered the applicant will be moving to the new location.

Boardmember Glover questioned if the site would have loud running mechanical equipment.

Staff member Merrill confirmed that the collection facility does not process the materials as part of the zoning ordinance requirements. It says that no large machinery can be operated that would be processing. The site will consist of collection and of moving materials from vehicles to the collection areas.

#### \*3-b Staff member Sergio Solis presented case BOA24-00972 to the Board. See attached presentation.

Boardmember Glover inquired about the property having two pad overlays.

Staff member Solis answered there are two existing Planned Area Development Overlays: One overlay for the existing industrial development and one for an employment and commercial center.

#### 4 Adjournment.

Vice Chair Allen moved to adjourn the Study Session and was seconded by Boardmember Reed. Without objection, the Study Session was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Merrill

Jennifer Merrill,
On behalf of Zoning Administrator (Mary Kopaskie-Brown)





# BOA24-00810 SA Recycling





### Request

- Substantial Conformance Improvement Permit
- To allow deviations from certain development standards for a large collection facility







### Location

 Approximately 215 feet north of the northwest corner of West Southern Avenue and South Center Street







### General Plan

#### **Employment**

- Wide range of employment
- Manufacturing, warehousing, and industrial operations







# Zoning

#### General Industrial (GI)

- Manufacturing, processing, storage, etc., including some outdoor activities
- Large collection facilities, a type of recycling facility, are permitted in the GI District with approval of a Special Use Permit (SUP)







### Site Photo



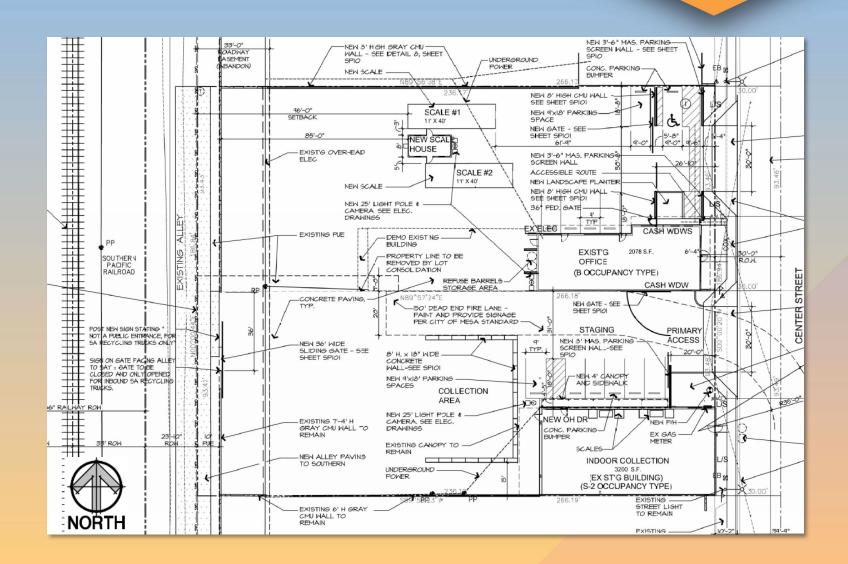
Looking west from Center Street





### Site Plan

- Two existing buildings
- Vehicle scales
- Collection areas
- Concurrent SPR & SUP request

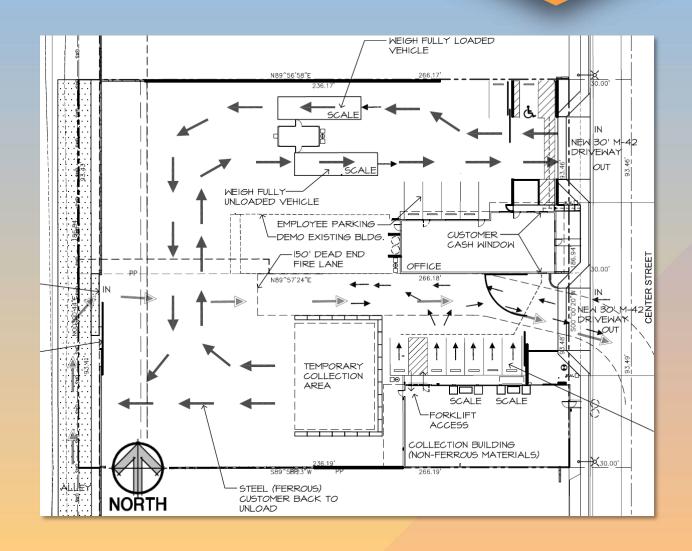






### Circulation Plan

- Public access from Center Street
- Commercial vehicles for transporting materials for off-site processing will enter from alley and exit onto Center Street





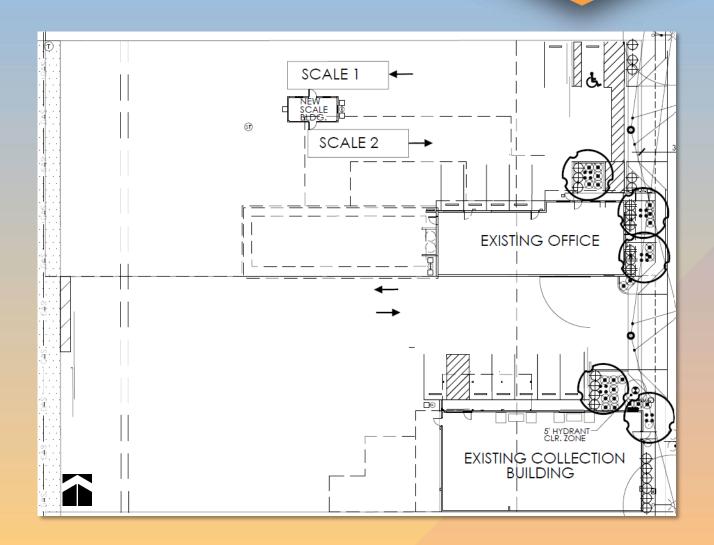


# Landscape Plan



ACACIA ANEURA MULGA (SRP/APS APPROVED) 36" BOX

- ROSEMARINUS PROSTRATA
  TRAILING ROSMARY
  5 GALLON
- HESPERALOE PARVIFLORA
  RED YUCCA
  5 GALLON
- DASYLIRION WHEELERII
  DESERT SPOON
  5 GALLON
- LANTANA MONTEVIDENSIS
   'GOLD MOUND'
   5 GALLON







### Elevations







Development Standard	MZO Requirements	Applicant Proposal
Maximum Lot Coverage - Table 11-7-3	90 percent	99 percent (existing)
Minimum Setback along Property Lines for Building and Parking Areas (ft.)— Table 11-7-3:		
Front and Street-Facing Side (Center Street)	20 feet	0 feet (existing parking at northeast corner of site)
Outdoor Storage - Section 11-30-7(B)(1)		
Screening and Setbacks, Screening Walls	Screening walls and fences shall be at least eight (8) feet in height.	Screening walls and fences (existing) shall be at least eight (7) feet (4) inches in height.





Development Standard	MZO Requirements	Applicant Proposal
Screening of Mechanical Equipment – Section 11-30-9(A)(1): Roof-Mounted Equipment  Except the AG, RS, DR-1and RSL districts, all exterior mechanical equipment, whether on a roof, on the side of a structure, or on the ground, shall be screened from public view.	Roof-mounted equipment screening shall be constructed as an encompassing monolithic unit, rather than as several individual screens (i.e., multiple equipment screens, or "hats," surrounding individual elements shall not be permitted). The height of the screening element shall equal or exceed the height of the structure's tallest piece of installed equipment.	Existing rooftop mechanical equipment on the office (northern) building is not required to be screened from public view
Setback of Cross Drive Aisles – 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.		
East Property Line	50 feet	0 feet minimum





Development Standard	MZO Requirements	Applicant Proposal
Perimeter Landscaping – Table 11-33-3.A:  1 Tree and 6 Shrubs per 25 Linear Feet of Street Frontage (East Property Line)	8 trees and 45 shrubs	2 trees and 31 shrubs
Required Landscape Yards — Section 11-33-3(B)(2)(a)(ii):		
North, West and South Property Lines	Properties that are not part of a group C-O-I Development, as defined in Chapter 87, must provide a 15-foot landscape yard except where a cross-access drive aisle occurs within the required landscape yard.	Properties that are not part of a group C-O-I Development, as defined in Chapter 87, must provide a <b>0-foot landscape yard</b> except where a cross-access drive aisle occurs within the required landscape yard.
Interior Parking Lot Landscaping – Landscape Islands – Section 11-33- 4(B)(1):	Parking lot landscape islands shall be installed at each end of a row of stalls and in between for maximum 8 contiguous parking spaces.	No parking lot landscape islands provided (existing)





Development Standard	MZO Requirements	Applicant Proposal
Foundation Base along Exterior Walls – Exterior Walls without a Public Entrance – Section 11-33-5(A)(2)(a):		
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 (north elevations).	10 feet	0 feet (existing)
A minimum 5-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 drive aisles (south elevation of office building).	5 feet	0 feet (existing)





# Citizen Participation

- Notified property owners within 1,000', HOAs and registered neighborhoods
- One neighbor contacted staff with concerns:
  - Dust
  - Noise







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

Staff recommends Approval with Conditions





# BOA24-00972 QuikTrip # 1439





## Request

 Major modification to an existing Special Use Permit (SUP) for a Comprehensive Sign Plan (CSP)







### Location

- North of E. Elliot Road
- · West of S. Ellsworth Road
- East of the Loop 202 FWY







### Mesa 2040 General Plan

# Mixed Use Activity/ Employment Districts

Strong and viable centers of commercial activity

Mesa Gateway Strategic Development Plan

**Elliot Road Corridor** 







# Zoning

 Light Industrial with two Planned Area Development overlays (LI-PAD-PAD)







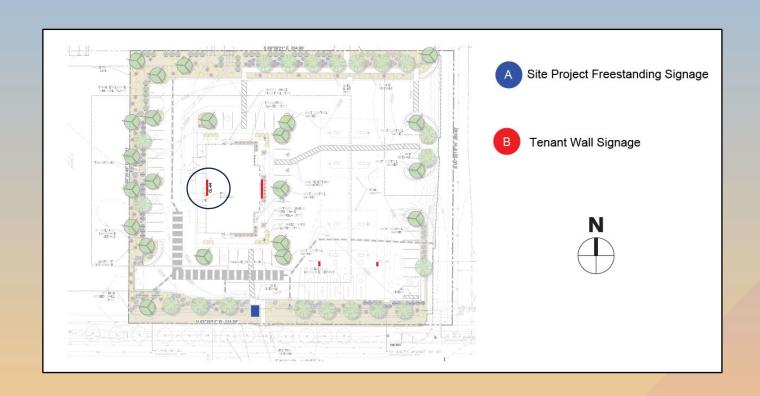
### Site Plan

#### **Existing CSP**

- 1 Monument Sign
- 3 Attached Signs
   Freestanding Building
   Signs

#### **Proposed**

- 1 Monument Sign
- 4 Attached Signs





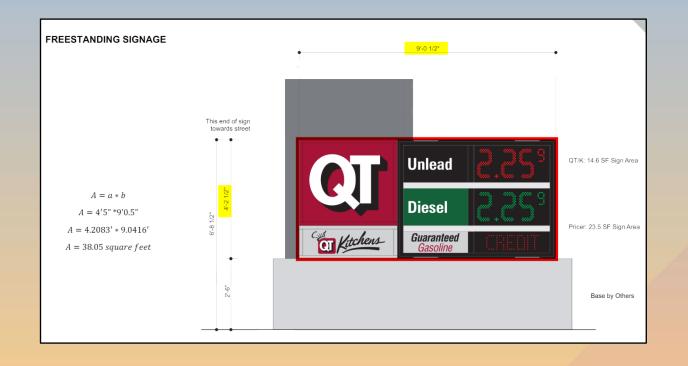


### Sign Plan – Existing Freestanding Monument Sign

#### **Dimensions:**

+38 sq. ft. of sign area

+7 ft. in height

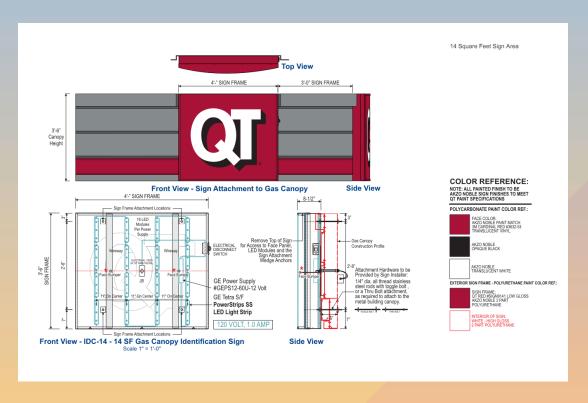






### Sign Plan – Existing Attached Building Signs









### Sign Plan – Proposed Attached Building Sign

 (1) additional on west/rear elevation











### Proposed Sign Allowances

MZO Table 11-43-3-D-1
Standard Attached
Sign Allowances per
<b>Occupancy; Front Foot</b>
of Building Occupancy:
81 to 199-feet

Max. Number of Permitted Signs: 3 Signs

Max. Aggregate Sign Area Calculation: 160 sq. ft. is allowed Max. Number of Permitted Signs: 4 Signs

Max. Aggregate Sign Area Calculation: 245 sq. ft. is allowed

As proposed

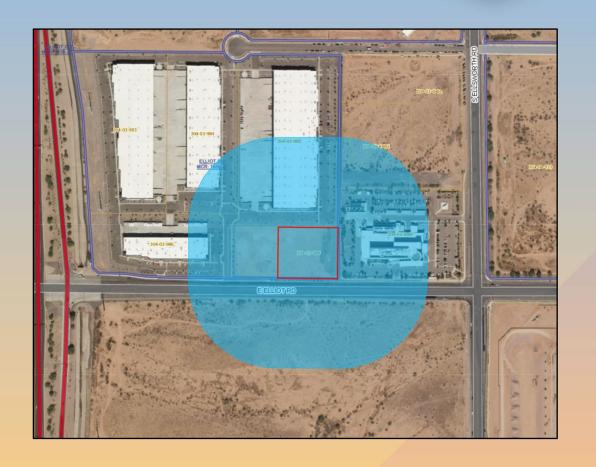
As proposed





# Citizen Participation

- Property owners and businesses located within 500 feet of the subject site were notified
- No feedback received







## Approval Criteria

#### Section 11-46-3.D CSP Criteria

- ✓ The site contains unique or unusual physical conditions that would limit or restrict normal sign visibility.
- ✓ The development exhibits unique characteristics of land use, that represent a clear variation from conventional development.
- ✓ The proposed signage incorporates special design features that reinforce or are integrated with the building architecture.





## Approval Criteria

#### Section 11-70-5.E Special Use Permit 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.