City of Mesa | Board of Adjustment

Study Session Minutes



Mesa Council Chambers Lower Level – 57 E 1st St Date: April 3, 2024 Time: 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Alexis Wagner
Vice Chair Shelly Allen
Boardmember Nicole Lynam
Boardmember Chris Jones
Boardmember Heath Reed

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Boardmember Ethel Hoffman Boardmember Troy Glover

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

STAFF PRESENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kelly Whittemore Evan Balmer Jennifer Merrill Joshua Grandlienard Chloe Durfee Daniel Sergio Solis Vanessa Felix

1 Call meeting to order.

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

- 2 Staff Update: no update
- 3 Review and discuss items listed on the Public Hearing agenda for April 3, 2024.
- *3-a Staff member Chloe Durfee Daniel presented case BOA24-00055 to the Board. See attached presentation.
- *3-b Staff member Joshua Grandlienard presented case BOA24-00057 to the Board. See attached presentation.
- *3-c Staff member Sergio Solis presented case BOA24-00133 to the Board. See attached presentation.

Boardmember Jones asked how many events the applicant had in 2023.

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Staff member Solis answered that the applicant was approved for up to 25 events per calendar year. The events anticipated are consistent with the number of past events held.

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 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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





BOA24-00055





Request

- Substantial Conformance Improvement Permit to allow deviations from certain development standards
- Update an existing development to expand a medical office and improve the overall site

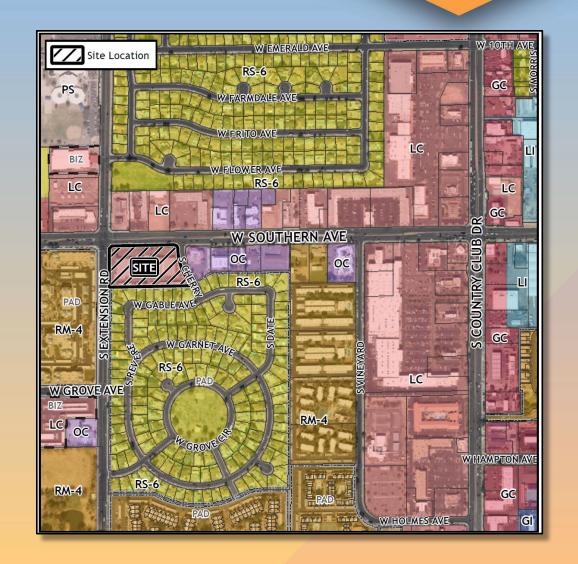






Location

- 777 W Southern Ave
- West of Country Club
 Drive on the south side of
 Southern Avenue



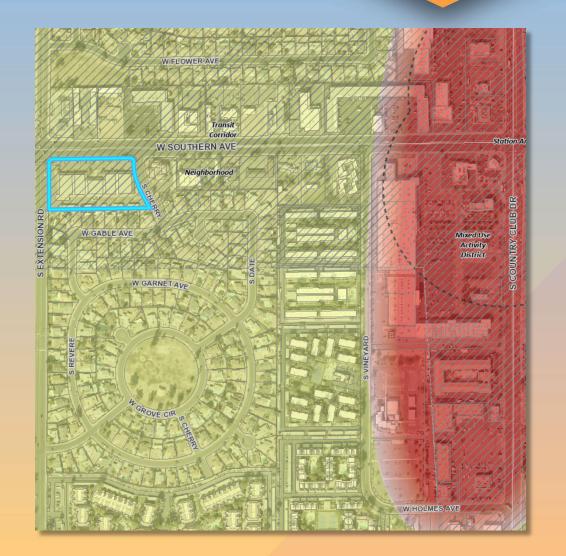




General Plan

Neighborhood/Transit Corridor

- Safe places for people to live where they can feel secure and enjoy their surrounding community
- Wide range of housing options and supporting uses
- Transit and pedestrian oriented development



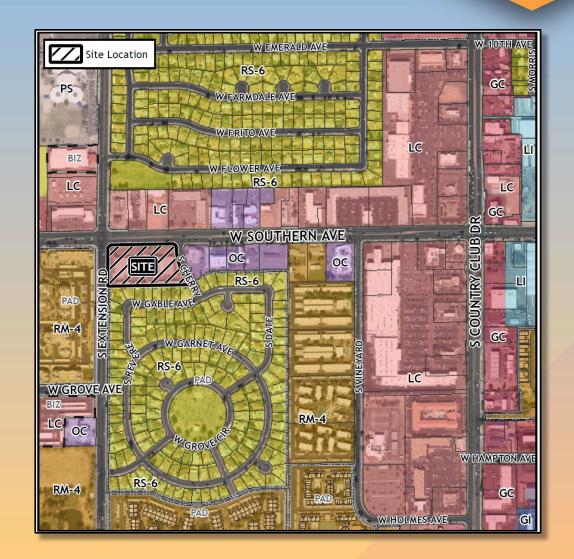




Zoning

Limited Commercial (LC)

 Proposed use is permitted







Site Photos



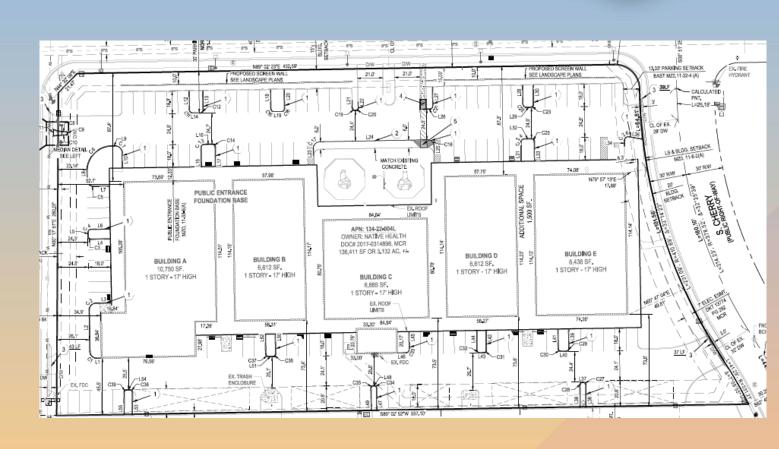
Looking south from Southern Ave





Site Plan

- Combining Buildings D and E with additional 1,500 sq. ft. space included
- Access from Extension, Southern, and Cherry
- 148 parking spaces required
- 148 parking spaces provided
- New striping and new landscape islands through out the parking lot

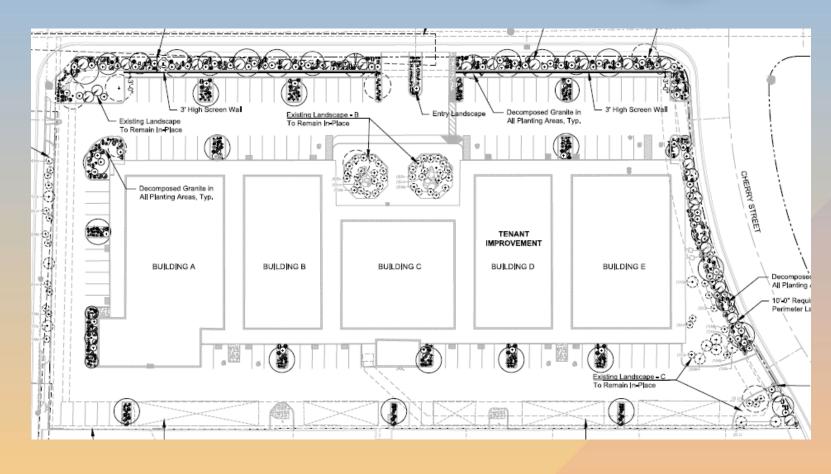






Landscape Plan

- Updates to perimeter landscaping
- Updates to 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 Southern Avenue	Parking spaces along main drive aisles connecting directly to a street and drive aisles that cross such main	30 feet
Cross drive aisle parallel to Extension Road	drive aisles shall be set back at least 50 ft from the property line abutting the street.	0 feet
Parking Spaces along main drive aisle connecting to Cherry		13.33 feet
Connection to Public Sidewalk – [Section 11-30-8.A]		
Cherry	An on-site walkway shall connect the main entry to a public sidewalk on each street frontage of the site.	Not Provided
Extension Road	parametrial on each street normage of the site.	Not Provided
Foundation Base – [Section 11-33-5.A]		
North Side	15 feet	12′ 4″





SCIP Development Standards

Development Standard	MZO Requirements	Applicant Proposal
Foundation Base Landscaping – [Section 11-33-5.B]	1 tree per 50 linear feet	Existing conditions with the addition of new landscape islands
Building Setbacks – [Section 11-6-3.A]		
South	15 feet	0 feet
East	20 feet	8′ 3″
Landscape Setbacks – [Section 11-6-3.A]		
South	15 feet	0 feet
East	20 feet	8′ 3″
West	15 feet	0 feet





Citizen Participation

- Notified property owners within 500 feet
- 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





BOA24-00057





Request

- Special Use Permit
- To enlarge a strucutre that extends into a nonconforming yard for a garage addition

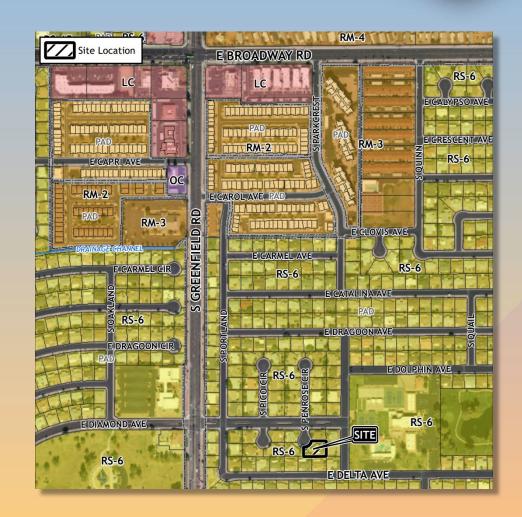






Location

- 735 South Penrose Circle
- South of Broadway Road
- East of Greenfield 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

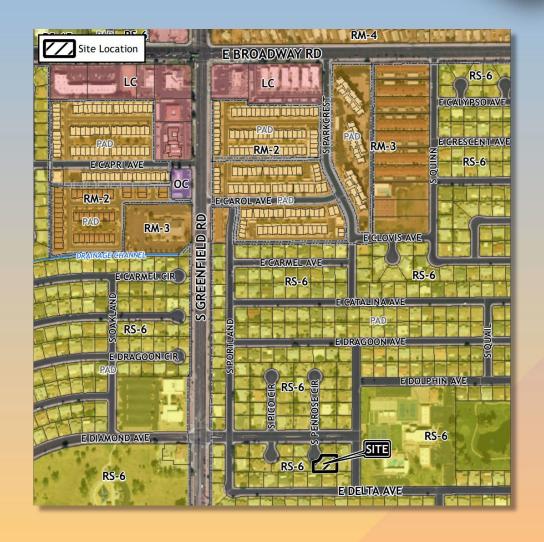






Zoning

- RS-6-PAD
 - Existing Use is allowed by right







Site Photos



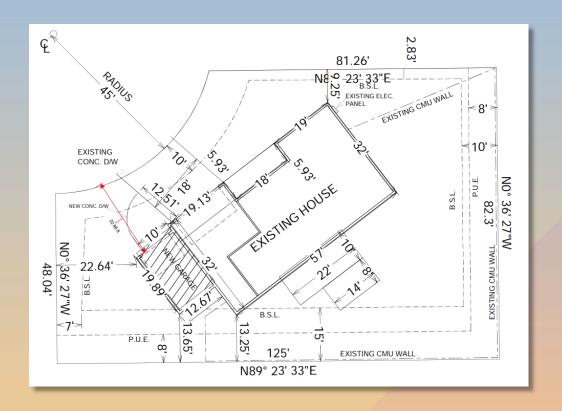
Looking south from Penrose Circle





Site Plan

- New garage addition proposed for the west side of the home
- Existing home was built at an angle creating the need for an SUP







Citizen Participation

- Notified property owners within 150', HOAs and registered neighborhoods
- Neither staff nor the applicant have received any comments







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 2040 Mesa General Plan

✓ Meets the SUP findings of Section 11-70-5.E of the MZO

Staff recommend Approval with Conditions





BOA24-00133

Sergio Solis, Planner I

April 3, 2024





Request

Special Use Permit
 (SUP) to exceed the
 maximum number of
 special events allowed
 in one (1) calendar year.







Location

- West of Country Club Drive
- North of Emerald Avenue







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

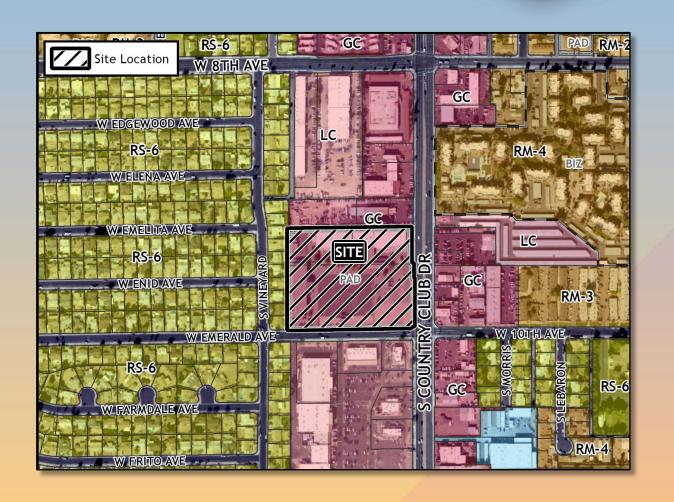






Zoning

- General Commercial with a Planned Area Development overlay (GC-PAD)
 - Retail and related serviceoriented businesses to serve the larger surrounding residential uses.







Site Photos



Entrance from Country Club Drive



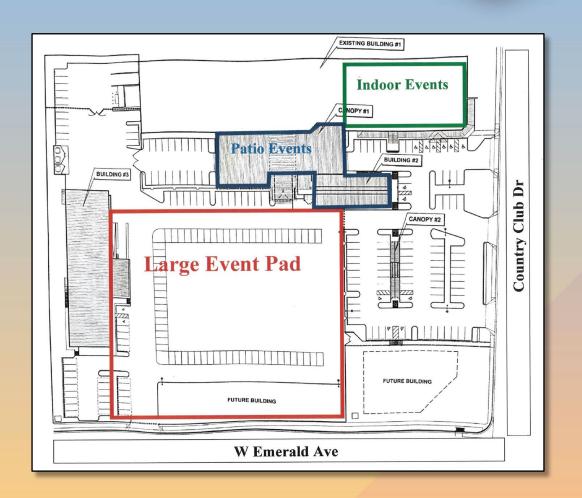
Entrance from Emerald Avenue





Site Plan

- 25 proposed events for 2024
- 90% will be single-day events
- No event to exceed 4 consecutive days
- Security staff on-site for all events

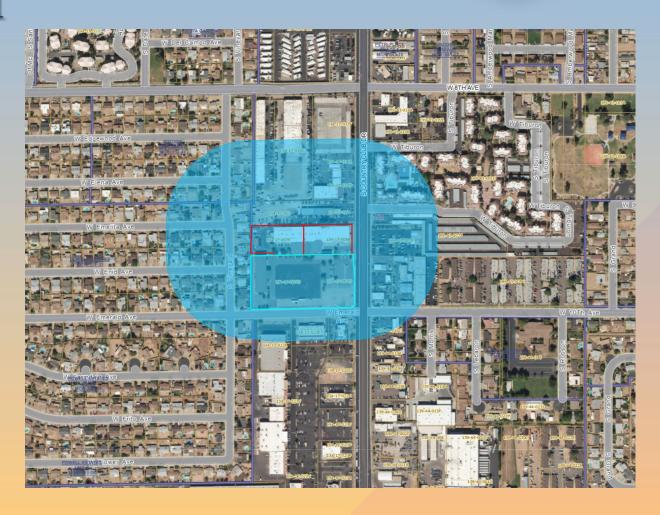






Citizen Participation

- Notified property owners within 500', HOAs and registered neighborhoods
- Staff and applicant have received no comments or concerns







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Findings

- ✓ Complies with the 2040 Mesa General Plan
- Criteria in Chapter 70 for a Special Use Permit

Staff recommends Approval with Conditions