

STAFF REPORT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ZONING MEETING CITY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO MAY 10, 2012

6. APPLICATION: Z12-015 (ACCELA # 12335-00000-00107)

Location: 2435 BILLINGSLEY ROAD (43235), being 3.04± acres

located on the south side of Billingsley Road, 5± feet east of

Dunsworth Drive. (590-225214).

**Existing Zoning:** L-C-4, Limited Commercial District

**Request:** CPD, Commercial Planned Development District.

**Proposed Use:** Modifying the CPD Text to allow the sale of used automobiles. **Applicant(s):** David A. Brown, Esq; 5100 Parkcenter Avenue, Suite 100;

Dublin, Ohio 43017.

**Property Owner(s):** Tire America Inc; 823 Donald Ross Road; Juno Beach,

Florida, 33408.

Planner: Dana Hitt; 645-2395; dahitt@columbus.gov.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

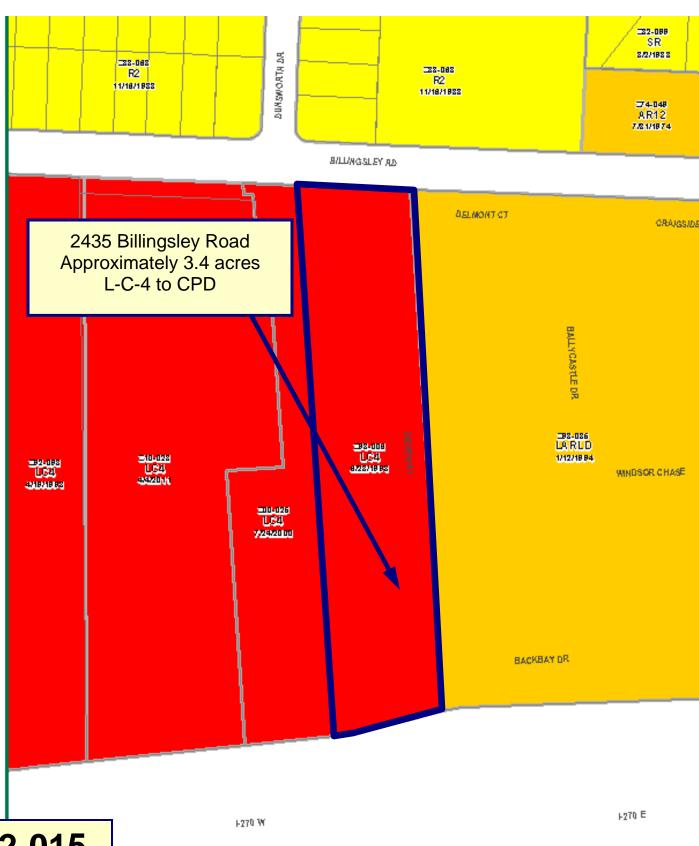
 This application is to rezone this site from the L-C-4, Limited Commercial District to the CPD, Commercial Planned Development District to allow for the exclusive sale of used automobiles. The current text only allows used automobiles to be sold if new automobiles are sold on site as well.

- To the north, across Billingsley Road are single-family dwellings zoned in the R-2, Residential District. To the south across I-270, is an office development zoned in the C-2, Commercial District and single-unit dwellings in the SR, Suburban Residential District. To the east are multi-unit dwellings zoned in the L-ARLD, Limited apartment district. To the west is an automobile service facility, zoned in the L-C-4, Limited Commercial District.
- The site lies within the boundaries of the Northwest Plan (2007) but the Plan provides no specific recommendations for this site.
- The CPD text carries forth the commitments in Z93-006, updates some references and deletes limitations that are now unnecessary with the adoption of the new landscaping and parking lot landscaping regulations.

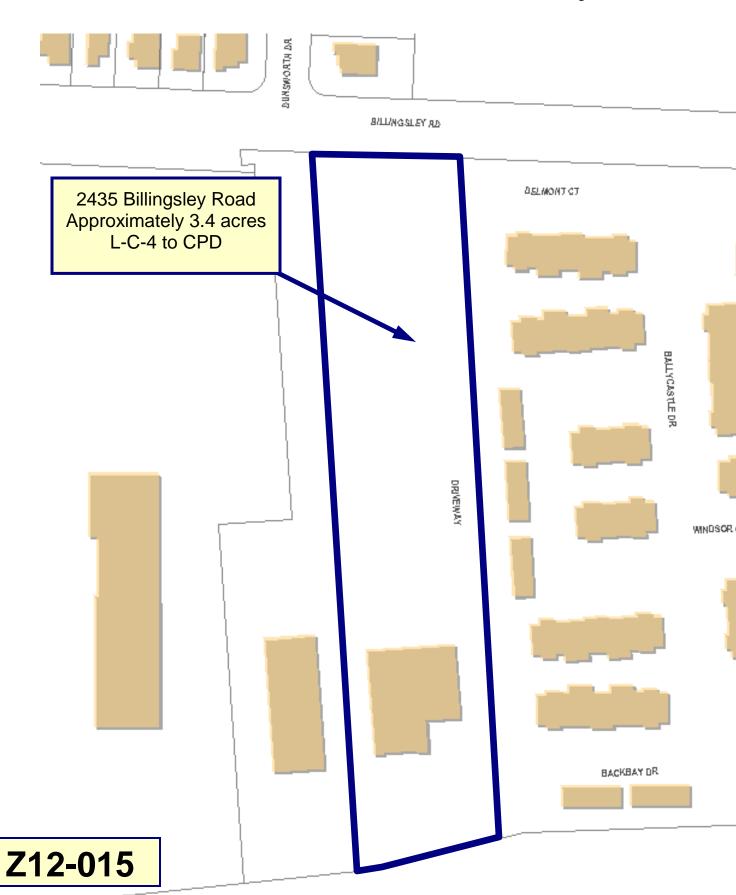
#### CITY DEPARTMENTS' RECOMMENDATION: Disapproval. \*

The requested CPD, Commercial Planned Development District would remove the prohibition on the sale of used cars without new cars being sold as well. Staff finds no difference in the off site impact between the sale used cars or the sale of new cars. The proposal is still consistent with the established zoning and development patterns of the area. However the proposed text proposes a prohibition on "Buy here Pay here" auto sales which Staff finds unenforceable. Furthermore, the proposed text appears to introduce restaurants as an allowed use on the site which Staff does not support. Should those two issues be resolved, Staff would then recommend approval.

\* The applicant did address these issues prior to the Development Commission meeting resulting in Staff changing their recommendation to approval.



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April 25, 2012

David Brown then presented additional information for his client's zoning amendment text request for the property located at 2435 Billingsley Road (Automax USA). This had been tabled from the last FNWC meeting. There was a lengthy discussion of the proposal and the text changes; the main point being the ability to sell used cars on the lot without having a new car dealership located there. It was noted that the dealership had already opened and the FNWC members were concerned that the dealership had opened without the proper zoning clearance. Brown explained that his client had received a new dealer license from the State of Ohio to sell Cobras, consequently under the current text he could go ahead and open his operation. He said the owner could probably operate as he is now, but still wants to get the amended text in place to cover some of the other issues; specific language that would prohibit a "buy here, pay here" type of used car dealership. There was additional discussion about moving the driveway to the middle of the lot from the east side, which was considered to be an improvement. Tree landscaping along the east side was discussed to screen the lot from the residential apartments on that side.

The FNWC expressed its concern that a lot of the limitation text from the previous CPD text had been deleted. Brown stated that the City told him to remove it since it was already addressed in the regular zoning code and did not need to be repeated. FNWC members said they would prefer that the specific limitations remain in the text, especially the lighting restrictions because of the residential units across the street and adjacent to the lot on the east. Specific concern was noted about the illumination of the display pads near Billingsley Road because of the residential units across the street. It was noted that zoning rules can change and the FNWC would rather these restrictions remain in place. Brown said he would try and see that the language was retained, subject to approval by the City. Brown is to put together a better landscape plan and engineering drawings because of FNWC concerns over water runoff from the paving of the lot. It was also noted that the plan was calling for up to 120 parking spaces instead of the initial 60 parking spots. This is scheduled to go to the Development Commission on May 10. Brown said that the final engineering plan, landscape plan and the above-noted CPD text issues were all that remained to be completed.

The FNWC then talked more about the Automax property and the concerns the group had concerning the CPD text changes, as well as the engineering and landscaping plans. It was the moved and seconded, to conditionally approve the CPD zoning text amendments for the property located at 2435 Billingsley Road subject to: a satisfactory review of the final engineering plan, a landscaping plan which would include the addition of at least 8-10 evergreen trees along the east side of the lot which were of a minimum height of 6 to 8 feet to be a buffer for the residential property located on that side. In addition, the current CPD limitation text for the main lot lighting, display pad lighting and setback language should remain in the proposed text. Motion passed.

The FNWC then reviewed the Minutes from the last meeting. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the FNWC, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Herner

## FNWC Secretary



### REZONING APPLICATION

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Being first duly cautioned and sworn (NAME)  David A. Brown, Esq.  of (COMPLETE ADDRESS) 5100 Parkcenter Avenue, Suite 100, Dublin, Ohio 43017  deposes and states that (he/she) is the APPLICANT, AGENT or DULY AUTHORIZED ATTORNEY FOR SAME and the following is a list of all persons, other partnerships, corporations or entities having a 5% or more interest in the project which is the subject of this application in the following format:		
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Mr. Christopher Lucas 1693 Abbotsford Green Drive Powell, Ohio 43065	2. Tire America, Inc. c/o Mr. Tim Barker 823 Donald Ross Road Juno Beach, FL 33408	
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Check here if listing additional parties on a separate page.		
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