

STAFF REPORT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ZONING MEETING CITY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO MAY 8, 2008

1. APPLICATION: Z07-036

Location: 1350 NORTH HIGH STREET (43201), being 3.48± acres

located at the southeast corner of North High Street and East Seventh Avenue (University Area Commission; 010-

030432).

**Existing Zoning:** C-4, Commercial, and R-4 Residential Districts. **Request:** CPD, Commercial Planned Development District.

**Proposed Use:** Retail shopping center.

**Applicant(s):** Topvalco, Inc.; c/o David L. Hodge, Atty.; Smith and

Hale; 37 West Broad Street, Suite 725; Columbus, OH

43215.

Property Owner(s): Topvalco, Inc.; 4111 Executive Parkway; Westerville, OH

43081.

Planner: Shannon Pine, 645-2208, <a href="mailto:spine@columbus.gov">spine@columbus.gov</a>

#### **BACKGROUND**:

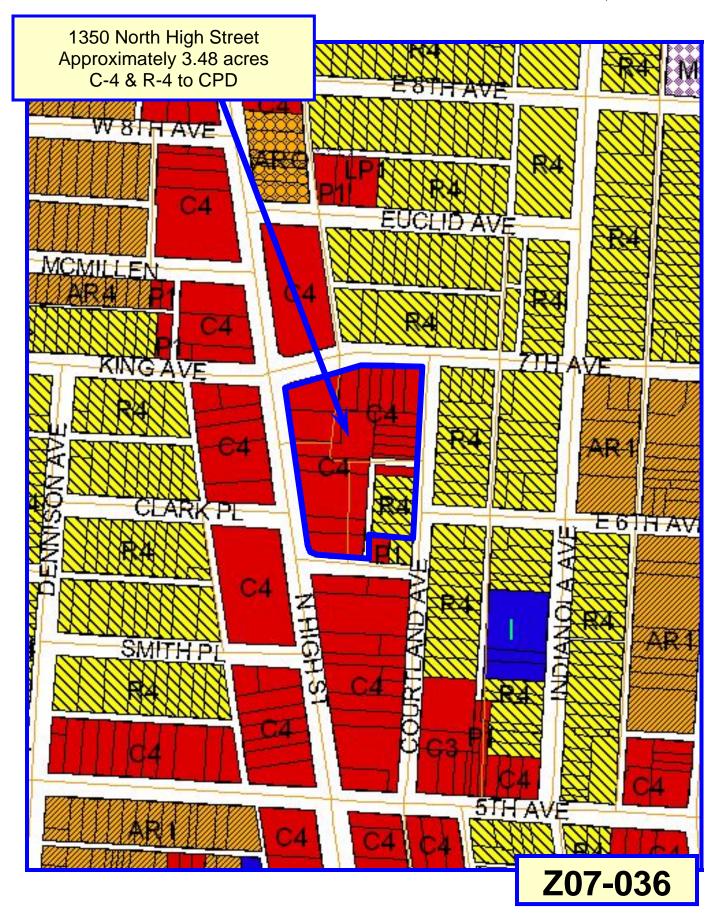
- The 3.48± acre site is developed with a grocery store zoned in the C-4, Commercial District, and vacant land in the R-4, Residential District. The applicant requests the CPD, Commercial Planned Development District to construct a 54,469 square-foot grocery store with an 1,850 square-foot attached mixed-use tenant space at the corner of North High Street and Sixth Avenue, and a separate 8,666 square-foot mixed use commercial building at the corner of North High Street and East Seventh Avenue.
- o To the north across East Seventh Avenue are a retail shopping center in the C-4, Commercial District, and a church and multi-family residential development in the R-4, Residential District. To the east across Courtland Avenue is mixed-use residential development in the R-4, Residential District. To the south is a parking lot in the P-1, Parking, and R-4, Residential Districts, and across East Sixth Avenue is a sanitation supply company in the C-4, Commercial District. To the west across North High Street is a mixture of commercial and residential development in the C-4, Commercial District.
- o The site is located within the Urban Commercial Overlay, and lies within the boundaries of the *University Neighborhoods Revitalization Plan* (1996), the *Plan for High Street* (2000), the *University /High Street Development & Design Guidelines* (2002), and the *Weinland Park Neighborhood Plan* (2006). Each Plan has considered redevelopment of the Kroger site as a priority, and the proposed development is consistent with each of the Plans' land use recommendations.
- o The site is located within the boundaries of the University Area Commission whose

recommendation is for approval of the requested CPD District.

- o The site is located within the boundaries of the University Planning Overlay, which requires a recommendation from the University Area Review Board for rezoning requests. The UARB has recommended approval of the requested CPD District.
- o The CPD text includes development standards that address landscaping, outdoor display and lighting controls, and includes variances to the Urban Commercial Overlay standards for window glass along the High Street façade for the Kroger store, screening for the trash compactor, and for the High Street access. Additional variances for loading area, maneuvering, a 50% parking reduction, and a loading space reduction are included in the request. The development plan illustrates the building and parking locations and proposed access points. The applicant has also committed to include bicycle parking on site to encourage other means of transport to the development.
- o The *Columbus Thoroughfare Plan* identifies North High Street as a 4-2D arterial requiring a minimum of 60 feet of right-of-way from centerline.

#### **CITY DEPARTMENTS RECOMMENDATION:** Approval.

The requested CPD, Commercial Planned Development District will allow a new grocery store development with mixed-use commercial components. The request is consistent with land use recommendations of the *University Neighborhoods Revitalization Plan* (1996), the *Plan for High Street* (2000), the *University /High Street Development & Design Guidelines* (2002), and the *Weinland Park Neighborhood Plan* (2006), and with the established zoning and development patterns of the area.







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Redevelopment Concepts:

Kroger and North High Street -- Create a Gateway Linking the Neighborhood to North High Street

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- ◀ Redevelop Kroger Site:
  - Extend supermarket to North High Street.
  - New library on North High Street.
- ◆ Share parking for all the above uses.
  - Former library site becomes new housing.
  - Dollar store redevelops as new housing.



- ◆ Redevelop Kroger Site:
  - ▶ Extend supermarket to North High Street.
  - New retail: "out building" on North High Street.
  - Former library site becomes community center.
  - Dollar store redevelops as new library.



- ◆ Redevelop Kroger Site:
  - > Extend supermarket to North High Street.
  - New retail: continuous frontage on North High Street.
  - Expand parking for Kroger to the east.
  - Former library site becomes community center.
  - Dollar store redevelops as new library.



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Housing	70 units	0 units	10 units
Commercial	0 s.f.	0 s.f.	0 s.f.
Retail	68,000 s.f.	72,000 s.f.	83,000 s.f.
Civic	24,000 s.f.	24,000 s.f.	24,000 s.f.







Source: Goody Clancy & Associates

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At its regular meeting on April 16, 2008, the University Area Commission adopted the following resolutions:

## 1428 N. High Street – Rezoning from ARO to CPD

The UAC recommends approval of the rezoning from ARO to CPD in substantial compliance with the site plan dated 2/27/08 with the CPD permitting all C4 uses and including a parking reduction from 20 (based n 1<sup>st</sup> fl. retail use and 3 apts on 2<sup>nd</sup> fl.) spaces required to 9 spaces provided. **Approved Vote: Unanimous** 

## 1350 N. High St. (Kroger site) - CPD

The UAC recommends approval of a CPD to permit redevelopment of this site in substantial compliance with the site plan and CPD text dated 4/16/08 with the following modifications:

The required 60% first floor glass area shall be between 6' and 14' above grade and shall consist of not less than 30% window glass complying with applicable code and up to 30% window glass for which the treatment and locations shall be approved by the University Area Review Board. All deciduous trees on street locations shall be a minimum caliper of 4 inches. Additionally, the UAC strongly recommends that the configuration of the High Street entrance/exit be revised to a more appropriate and pedestrian-friendly urban design. **Approved Vote: Unanimous** 

Inherent in this recommendation is the understanding that the existing store will be demolished and separate action by the UAC to approve that demolition will not be required.

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# **University Area Review Board**

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### RECOMMENDATION

date property address issued to March 28, 2008
253 East 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Z07-036)
David Hodge or Jeff Brown (Smith & Hale LLC)

To the members of City Council:

The University Area Review Board has reviewed the proposal for the said property and on March 27, 2008 passed the following motion:

To recommend City Council approve the rezoning and variance requests for 1350 North High Street (Z07-036) as set forth in the CPD text, drawings and application with the following conditions:

Ted Goodman motions to approve the zoning for the site with the following conditions:

- 1) That a stronger pedestrian environment be considered throughout the site and specifically oalong High Street.
- 2) That the auto entrance on High Street be removed from the proposal; or that the right-in/right-out be redesigned with tighter radiuses and narrower lanes; or that the auto entrance be a full access entry no larger than 24' wide and a median on High Street be installed to not allow left turns too and from High Street.
- 3) That the applicant should reconsider the loading bay and redesign it such that the trucks are routed to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and High Street and are not permitted on Courtland Avenue.
- 4) That the High Street (East elevation) facade should have sufficient activity to animate this portion of the street. Kroger should consider placing an entrance at High Street or have one of their departments located at this location.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel B. Ferdelman, AIA University Area Review Board staff -----Original Message-----

**From:** Joyce Hughes [mailto:jhughes005@columbus.rr.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2008 9:58 AM

To: Pine, Shannon L.

**Cc:** Julius Jefferson; dhodge@smithandhale.com; jlbrown@smithandhale.com

Subject: Kroger Store Development at 7th and High Street

Good morning Ms. Pine.

My name is Joyce Hughes, and I am the president of our Weinland Park Community Civic Association. On Wednesday evening, April 23, 2008, Mr. Jeffrey Brown, and Mr. David Hodge met with the community to present Kroger's plans to build a new facility designed to adequately serve our community. During the presentation, the community had an opportunity to ask many questions, and received adequate and thoughtful answers.

The community supports the plan for an overdue updated facility that will meet our needs. Because of their commitment to meet with the community periodically, give updates, and address community concerns such as timelines and employment opportunities, we are encouraged and pleased to have Kroger as a community stakeholder.

Joyce Hughes, President Weinland Park Community Civic Association

It takes families to make a community; It takes the community to raise our children; It takes all of us working together for the good of our Community!

## **PROJECT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**



Parties having a 5% or more interest in the project that is the subject of this application.

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STATE OF OHIO COUNTY OF FRANKLIN	APPLICATION # 207-036
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Zero Columbus based employees	2,530 Columbus based employees
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☐ Check here if listing additional parties on a separate	p page.
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