



Village Planning Committee Meeting Summary Z-11-21-8

Date of VPC Meeting	April 12, 2021
Request From	C-2 and P-1
Request To	C-2 HP and P-1 HP
Proposed Use	Historic Preservation overlay for Valley National Bank Branch #10 (now McDowell Place Senior Center)
Location	Southwest corner of 19th Street and McDowell Road
VPC Recommendation	Approval, per the staff recommendation
VPC Vote	10-0

VPC DISCUSSION:

Committee member Patrick Panetta joined during this item, bringing quorum to 10.

Kevin Weight, Principal Planner with the Historic Preservation Office, provided an overview of the site's location and history, displayed aerial and historic photographs, and reviewed the site's contribution to the expansion of banking in Phoenix and how the site meets the eligibility criteria for the Historic Preservation Overlay.

Wayne Rainey asked what staff thinks the use of the building can be by preserving it. **Mr. Weight** responded that the current use of the building is a Senior Center owned by the Neighborhood Services Department and there is no intention of changing the use at this time.

Dana Johnson shared that he supports this request, had gone into the building when it was still a bank, and asked if there will be any future requests to preserve bank buildings within the Miracle Mile District. **Mr. Weight** responded that they are optimistic to see more historic preservation cases in the area given that they do have City Council approved grant funding for the area which could incentivize more historic designations.

Ryan Boyd asked if the outbuilding on the western side of the site would be affected by this request and if the site was to rezone would be Historic Preservation Overlay remain. **Mr. Weight** replied that if there is a building along the western side of the site it should remain, and if the site was to rezone the Historic Preservation Overlay would

remain unless the applicant asked for it to be removed, and that staff is supportive of keeping the Historic Preservation Overlay on the site.

Public Comment:

None.

Motion:

Dana Johnson motioned to recommend approval of Z-11-21, per the staff recommendation. **Janey Pearl Starks** seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Ryan Boyd expressed concern with preserving a building that is auto-centric but is happy that the Historic Preservation designation doesn't preclude a different use of the site.

Wayne Rainey shared that he echoes the comments of Mr. Boyd

Vote

10-0, Motion to approve Z-11-21 per the staff recommendation passed, with Committee Members Boyd, Burns, Gaona, Johnson, Lockhart, Panetta, Rainey, Starks, Sonoskey and R. Johnson in in favor.

STAFF COMMENTS REGARDING VPC RECOMMENDATION:

None.