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Agenda Item No: B 362-13

Supplemental

Information

To: City Council
From: City Manager and Staff

Council Meeting Date: Jan 21, 2014

Re: Hoeper Subdivision, Plat 2 (Case #13-210) - Supplemental information

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A request by Cherme Properties, Inc (owner) for approval of a 2-lot final minor subdivision to be known as "Hoeper Subdivision Plat 2". The subject 6.47 acre tract is located approximately 100 east of Parkview Drive on the south side of E. Walnut Street east of Stephens Lake Park. This item was tabled from the December 16, 2013 Council meeting until January 6, 2014 to allow staff time to provide Council additional information regarding compliance with minimum access provisions. (Case # 13-210)

DISCUSSION:

During public comments on the proposed 2-lot subdivision, a concerned citizen asked if the subdivision plat complies with minimum access requirements. The subdivision does comply but the applicable subdivision regulations are not straightforward.

Section 25.54.1 of the Subdivision Regulations provides for minimum access to subdivided property. The complete section reads as follows:

Section 25-54.1 Maximum number of lots having a single access.

- (a) Not more than one hundred (100) R-1 zoned lots nor more than fifty (50) R-2 zoned lots nor more than six (6) acres of R-3 zoned land nor more than the number of acres of PUD-zoned land that would permit more than 100 dwelling units may be final platted when the design of the subdivision is such that only one (1) point of public street access is provided for those lots or tract of land. Once two points of public street access have been provided, not more than two hundred (200) R-1 zoned lots, one hundred (100) R-2 zoned lots, twelve (12) acres of R-3 zoned land or no more than the number of acres of PUD-zoned land that would permit more than 200 dwelling units may be final platted unless one of the two points of public street access is an arterial or collector street located through or directly adjacent to the subdivision or a third point of public street access is provided. The above limitations shall also apply to land having a mixture of different residential zoning districts on a proportional basis. A point of public street access shall consist of a connection to a through street.
- (b) Streets which dead-end or "stub" into property which is adjacent to the property being subdivided shall not count as a second access until such time as the dead-end or "stub" street is connected to a through street and constructed to city standards.

The intent of the above language is to avoid subdivisions in which more than 100 dwelling units are served by a single means of access from a public street outside the subdivision. The standard is 100 lots for R-1 One-family dwelling District; 50 lots for R-2 Two-family dwelling District; six acres for R-3 Medium-density multiple-family dwelling; and the equivalent of 100 dwelling units for PUD Districts. Acres are used rather than lots when property is zoned R-3 because a single lot may contain all of the dwelling units in a multiple-family district whereas the number of lots is indicative of the number of dwelling units in R-1 and R-2 subdivisions. Used to its

maximum potential of one dwelling unit for each 2,500 square feet of lot area (17.4 dwelling units per acre), a six-acre tract zoned R-3 could potentially contain over 100 dwelling units.

Staff finds that the proposed Hoeper subdivision does satisfy the minimum requirements of 25-54.1, for the following reasons:

- 1. There is only one public road, Walnut, that can provide access to the property. This is true of all development on Walnut east of Old Highway 63 with the exception of Stephens Lake Park. East Walnut meets the very minimum requirement to be considered a "through street." Though it is a dead end, East Walnut is not a typical "cul-de-sac" street either and it provides access directly to the City's thoroughfare system.
- 2. Development of as many of 100 dwelling units is not possible given the environmental constraints on the property and City regulations. At the most, approximately 51 dwelling units could be built; after parking, landscaping, storm water management, and zoning height and area regulations are applied, it is unlikely development would yield that many units given the lot's irregular shape.
- 3. Development of the property could include a second driveway access on Walnut but this would be more of a luxury than a necessity given the maximum possible density of development.
- 4. There is an emergency use only access available at the East terminus of Walnut adjacent to the Broadway Marketplace shopping center service drive.
- 5. There are no practical alternatives, such as building a new public street to another side of the property. East Walnut developed piecemeal and all residential development along it could benefit from better connectivity, access and circulation but only a large-scale re-planning of the area would make that possible.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

VISION IMPACT:

http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Meetings/visionimpact.php

The proposed request supports strategy 5.3.1which states that future development should "use the city's development planning process to promote socio-economically diverse, mixed-use neighborhoods that are supported by citywide bicycle, pedestrian, and transit systems to reduce the need for automobile commuting." Platting of the site will permit, subject to regulatory compliance, more diverse housing to be created within this portion of the City.

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Approval of the requested 2-lot final minor plat as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

		FISCAL and	VISION NOI	ES:	
City Fiscal Impact Enter all that apply		Program Impact		Mandates	
City's current net FY cost	\$0.00	New Program/ Agency?	No	Federal or State mandated?	No
Amount of funds already appropriated	\$0.00	Duplicates/Expands an existing program?	No	Vision Implementation	n impact
Amount of budget amendment needed	\$0.00	Fiscal Impact on any local political subdivision?	No	Enter all that apply: Refer to Web site	
Estimated 2 year net costs:		Resources Required		Vision Impact?	Yes
One Time	\$0.00	Requires add'I FTE Personnel?	No	Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	5.3.1
Operating/ Ongoing	\$0.00	Requires add'l facilities?	No	Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	N/A
		Requires add'l capital equipment?	No	Fiscal year implementation Task #	N/A

Introduced by		_
First Reading	Second Reading	
Ordinance No	Council Bill No	<u>B 362-13</u>
1A	N ORDINANCE	
subdivision; accepting easements; authorizing	of Hoeper Subdivision Plat 2, the dedication of rights-of-vaperformance contract; and for shall become effective.	vay and
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCI	IL OF THE CITY OF COLUM	MBIA, MISSOURI, AS
SECTION 1. The City Council he Plat 2, as sealed by the surveyor on Northe south side of Walnut Street, east of acres in the City of Columbia, Boone Council the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the positive street.	November 20, 2013, a minor s Stephens Lake Park, contain County, Missouri, and hereby	subdivision located on ing approximately 6.47 authorizes and directs
SECTION 2. The City Council he easements as dedicated upon the pla	•	of all rights-of-way and
SECTION 3. The City Manage contract with Cherme Properties, Inc. Hoeper Subdivision Plat 2. The form a set forth in "Exhibit A" attached hereto	in connection with the appro and content of the contract sh	val of the Final Plat of
SECTION 4. This ordinance s passage.	shall be in full force and efforce	ect from and after its
PASSED this day of _	, 201	3.
ATTEST:		
City Clerk APPROVED AS TO FORM:	Mayor and Presiding	Officer
City Counselor		

PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

This contract is entered into on this	<i></i>	lay of <u>OCT</u>	OBER, 20 j	3 between the City
of Columbia, MO ("City") and	RME	MARK	ERTIES	("Subdivider").
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City and Subdivider agree as follows:

- 1. Subdivider shall construct, erect and install all improvements and utilities required in connection with the final plat of <u>HOEPER SUBDIVISION PLAT 2</u>, including sidewalks and all improvements and utilities shown on the plat and related construction plans, within 36 months after the City Council approves the plat.
- 2. If street, utility or other construction of public improvements should occur on or adjacent to land in the subdivision at the initiative of the City Council, as benefit assessment projects, Subdivider agrees to bear Subdivider's equitable and proportionate share of construction costs, as determined by such assessments.
- 3. No utility service connections or occupancy permits shall be issued to the Subdivider or to any other person for any structure on land in the subdivision unless and until all utilities and improvements have been constructed, erected and installed in the structure and upon the lot or lots on which the structure is situated in accordance with all applicable ordinances, rules and regulations of the City.
- 4. No occupancy permit shall be issued to Subdivider or any other person for any structure constructed on land in the subdivision unless the street and sidewalk adjacent to the structure have been completed in compliance with the City's Standard Street Specifications.
- 5. City may construct, erect or install any improvement or utility not constructed, erected or installed by Subdivider as required by this contract. City may perform such work using City employees or City may contract for performance of the work. Subdivider shall reimburse City for all costs an expenses incurred by City in connection with the construction, erection or installation of improvements in utilities under this paragraph. Subdivider agrees to pay City all expenses and costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by City in collecting amounts owed by Subdivider under this paragraph.
- 6. City shall not require a bond or other surety to secure the construction of the improvements and utilities required in connection with the final plat.
- 7. The obligations of Subdivider under this contract shall not be assigned without the express consent of the City Council.

- 8. The remedies set forth in this contract are not exclusive. City does not waive any other remedies available to enforce Subdivider's obligations under this contract or to recover damages resulting from Subdivider's failure to perform its obligations under this contract.
- 9. This contract is not intended to confer any rights or remedies on any person other than the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this contract on the day and year first above written.

	CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI		
	BY:Mike Matthes, City Manager		
ATTEST:			
Sheela Amin, City Clerk			
APPROVED AS TO FORM:			
, City Counselor			

Subdivider CHERINE ARD PERTIES INC.
BY: Lead CHIMA



Source: Community Development - Planning

Agenda Item No:

To: City Council

From: City Manager and Staff

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Council Meeting Date: Dec 2, 2013

Re: Hoeper Subdivision, Plat 2 (Case #13-210)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A request by Cherme Properties, Inc (owner) for approval of a 2-lot final minor subdivision to be known as "Hoeper Subdivision Plat 2". The subject 6.47 acre tract is located approximately 100 east of Parkview Drive on the south side of E. Walnut Street east of Stephens Lake Park. (Case # 13-210)

DISCUSSION:

The applicant is requesting approval to subdivide an existing 6.47 acre R-3 zoned parcel into two lots for future development and to establish "legal lot" status on the tract. The subject acreage is traversed by the Hinkson Creek and two sanitary sewer easements which significantly impact its ultimate development.

Lot 101 (3.04 acres) has development potential on approximately 2.0-2.5 acres due to the sewer easement. Lot 102 has virtually no development potential as it is almost fully inside the floodway and the Hinkson Creek stream buffers. The applicant has submitted a tree preservation plan which identifies Lot 102 as being entirely encumbered by the "climax forest" preservation area for the tract. Lot 102 is being shown to make the acreage a "legal lot" so, if desired, it could be transferred to a new owner by referencing this plat.

The plat provides the necessary half-width road right-of-way upgrade for E. Walnut Street and a performance contract has been submitted which obligates the applicant to install a public sidewalk along its E. Walnut Street frontage.

No development plans have been submitted for this tract of land and none are required prior to approval of this requested subdivision action. Prior to issuance of a building permit for the develop-able lot (Lot 101) building plans will be reviewed to insure compliance with all applicable City regulations (building codes, storm water, and zoning). This parcel as been zoned R-3 since its annexation and initial zoning in 1964.

At its November 21, 2013, meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission considered the request and voted (7-0) to approve it. In arriving at its recommendation, the Commission requested clarification regarding the nature of the request (i.e. that it was not rezoning the property), asked about possible safety issues, and made reference to the sidewalk location within Stephens Lake Park as rational for not having such improvements along E. Walnut Street.

One adjacent property owner spoke on the request and noted concern relating to traffic, the condition of the bridge crossing Hinkson Creek, environmental impacts, and emergency access. Additional correspondence (attached) from two citizens was provided to the Commission citing concerns with the lack of development information being provided, environmental impacts to Hinkson Creek, and the need for more sidewalks to serve area residents.

A copy of the staff report, locator maps, reduced copy of the plat, correspondence and meeting minutes are attached.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

VISION IMPACT:

http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Meetings/visionimpact.php

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SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Approval of the requisted 2-lot final minor plat as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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AGENDA REPORT PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING November 21, 2013

SUMMARY

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DISCUSSION

The applicant is requesting approval to subdivide an existing R-3 zoned parcel into two-lot for future residential development. Lot 101 (3.04 acres) is partially encumbered by the Hinkson Creek floodway and 100-year flood plain as well as is bisected (north-south) by a sewer easement. These conditions will limit the ability to develop this lot since improvements are not permitted within floodway and development of the site for multi-family uses would be required to comply with the parking and setback requirements.

Lot 102 (3.32 acres) is almost fully encumbered by the Hinkson Creek stream buffer and floodway making the site undevelopable. As a result of these conditions, there is no need to mark the site "not for development". This lot is being shown to make the acreage a "legal lot" so, if desired, it could be transferred to a new owner by referencing this plat.

The plat provides the necessary half-width road right-of-way upgrade for E. Walnut Street and a performance contract has been submitted which obligates the applicant to install a public sidewalk along its E. Walnut Street frontage. The plat has been reviewed by applicable City departments and outside agencies and found to comply with the Subdivision Regulations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the subdivision plat

REFERENCE MATERIALS

- Aerial and topographic locator maps
- Hoeper Subdivision Plat 1
- Tree Preservation Plan

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

Area (acres)	6.47
Address	None assigned
Topography	Sloping east to west toward creek
Vegetation	Heavy tree cover to the east and west of cleared sewer easement
Watershed	Hinkson Creek

SITE HISTORY

Annexation date	1964	
Initial zoning designation	R-3	
Previous rezoning requests	None	
Land Use Plan designation	Neighborhood District	
Existing use(s)	Undeveloped	
Existing zoning	R-3	

UTILITIES & SERVICES

Sanitary Sewer	
Water	All City Services
Electric	All City Services
Fire Protection	

ACCESS

E. Walnut Street		
Location	South side of site	
Major Roadway Plan	Unimproved City-maintained collector street (66' right-of-way) required. Plan	
classification	provides ½ width upgrade	
CIP projects	N/A	

PARKS & RECREATION

Neighborhood Parks Plan		
Trails Plan	No existing or proposed trails adjacent to site.	
Bicycle/Pedestrian Network Plan	No bike/ped facilities are proposed on or adjacent to the site.	

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

All property owners within 200 feet and City-recognized neighborhood associations within 1,000 feet of the boundaries of the subject property were notified by postcard of a concept review meeting, which was held on October 29, 2013.

Report prepared by Pat Zenner





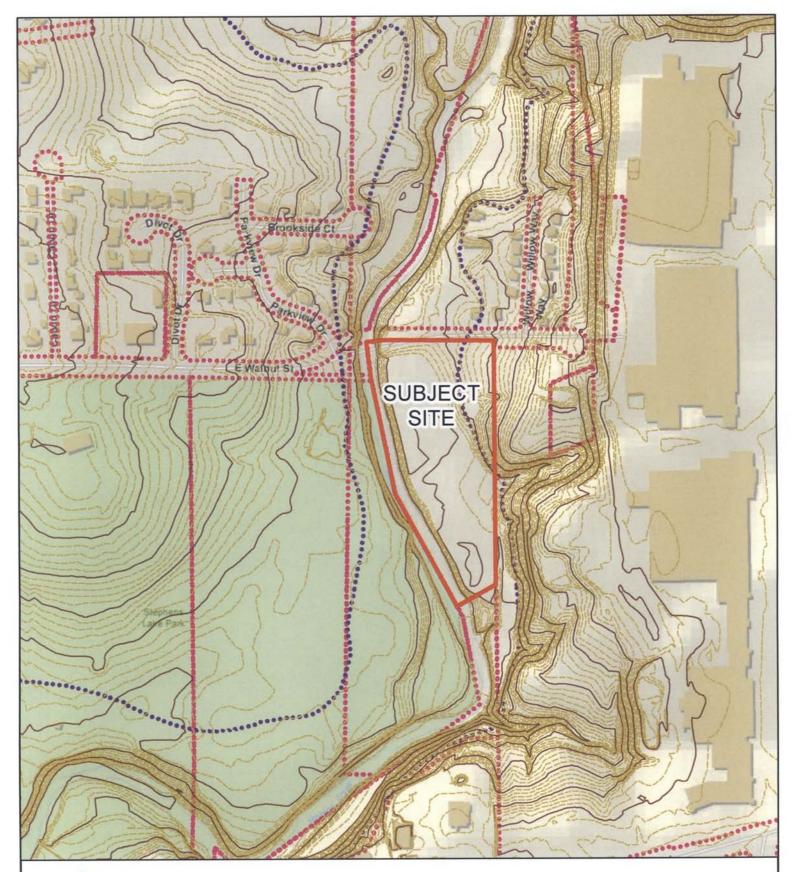
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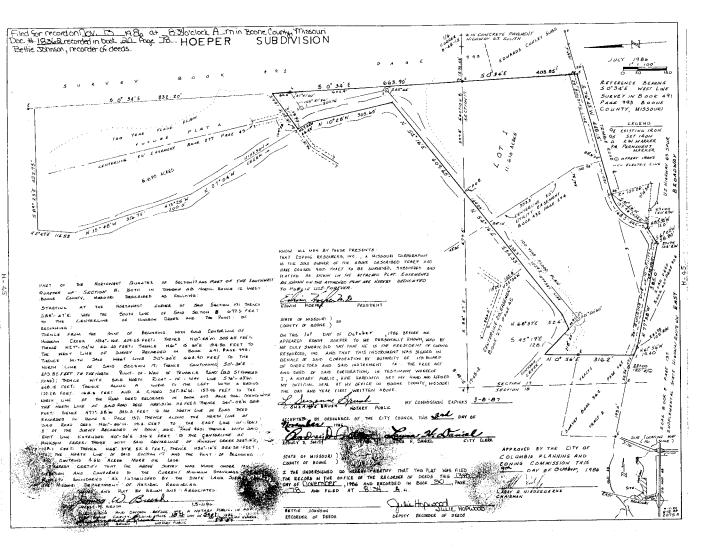
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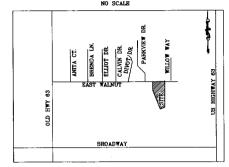


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SITE LOCATION MAP



KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:
THAT, CHERME PROPERTIES, INC., A MISSOURI CORPORATION, IS THE
SCLE OWNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT AND HAS CAUSED SAID
TRACT TO BE SURVEYED, SUBDIVIDED AND PLATTED AS SHOWN ON THE
PLAT. STREET RIGHT OF WAY FOR EAST WALNUT STREET, AND ALL THE
EASEMENTS AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED PLAT ARE HERBEY DEDICATED
TO THE CITY OF COLUMBAI FOR THE PUBLIC USE FOREVER.

DONALD C. MITZEL PRESIDENT

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) SS
COUNTY OF BOONE)

ON THIS DAY OF THAT HE IS THE PRESIDENT AS STATED ABOVE AND THAT HE IS THE PRESIDENT AS STATED ABOVE AND THAT THIS INSTRUMENT WAS SIGNED IN BEHALF OF SAID CORPORATION BY AUTHORITY OF INSTRUMENT WAS SIGNED IN BEHALF OF SAID CORPORATION OF THE THAT OF THE THAT HE IS THAT HAD DEED OF SAID CORPORATION. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I, A NOTARY PUBLIC, HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIRED MY OFFICIAL SEAL AT MY OFFICE IN BOOME COUNTY, MISSOURI THE DAY AND YEAR FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.

NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

APPROVED BY THE CITY OF COLUMBIA PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THIS _____ DAY OF ______, 2013

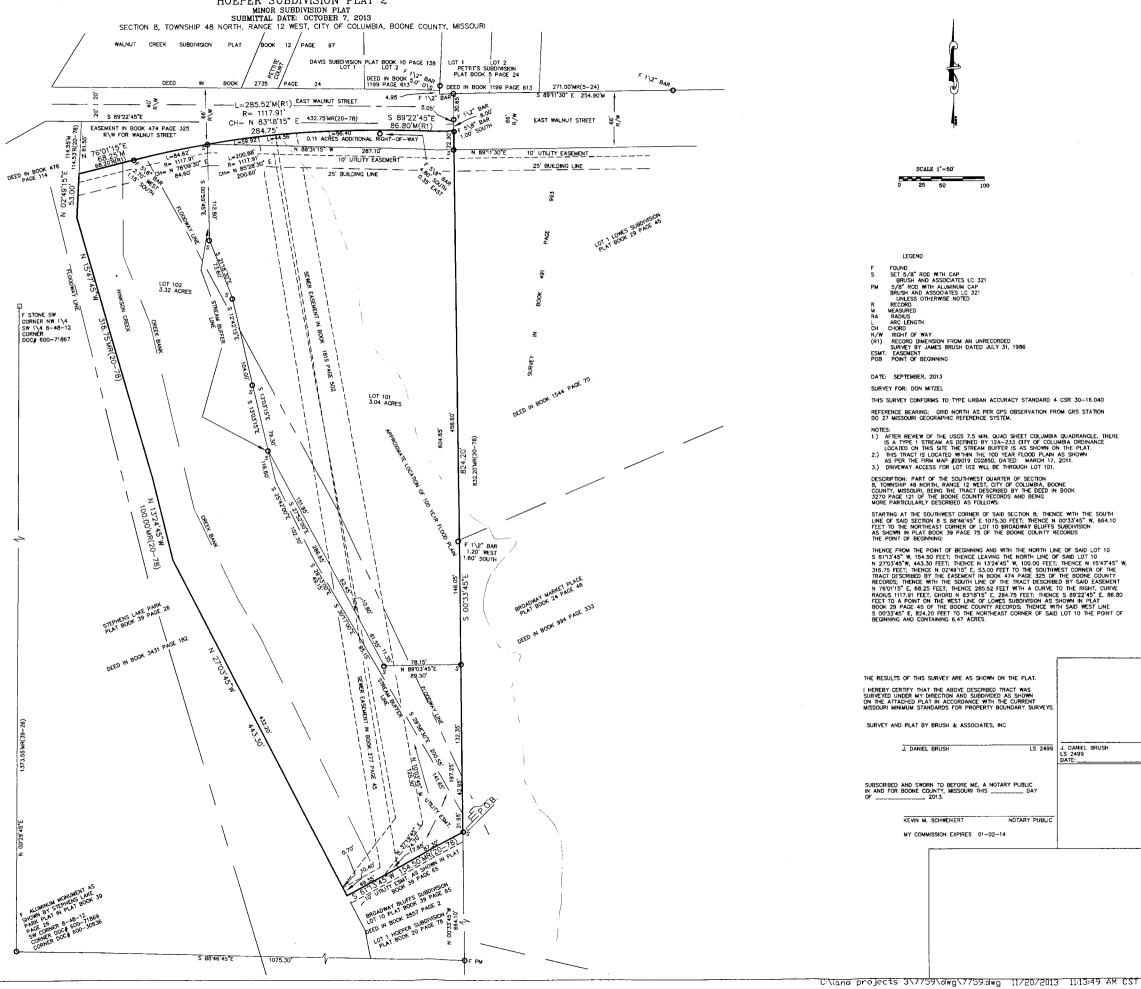
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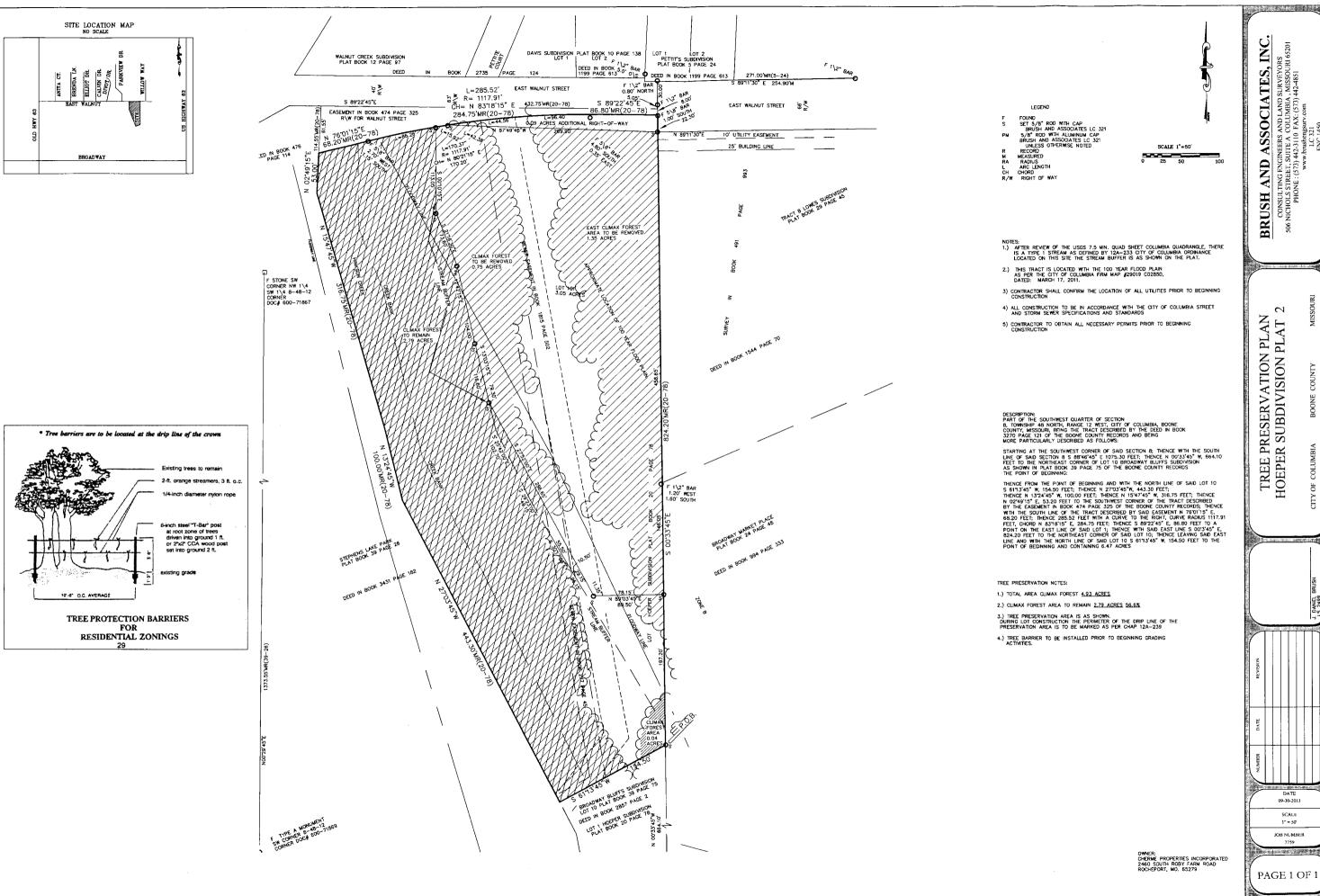
ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF ______ 2013.

ROBERT MCDAVID MAYOR

SHEELA AMIN CITY CLERK

HOEPER SUBDIVISION PLAT 2





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Patrick Zenner <przenner@gocolumbiamo.com>

Planning And Zoning Commission: 11-19-2013 07:15:42 am

dsteinmetz@mediacombb.net <dsteinmetz@mediacombb.net>

Tue, Nov 19, 2013 at 7:15 AM

To: przenner@gocolumbiamo.com

The following form submission was received on the City of Columbia website. The sender has been notified of the successful receipt of this request. Recipients should respond to this request within a reasonable time frame, normally within 1 to 3 business days. For more information regarding origin of this message or to report spam contact the Webmaster at webmaster@gocolumbiamo.com.

Below are the results of a Web form submitted on: November 19th, 2013 at 07:15AM (CST).

Name: David Steinmetz

Email Address: dsteinmetz@mediacombb.net

Comments: I am unable to attend the Thursday night meeting because of a previous out of town commitment. However, I do wish to make a few comments concerning the development of the Hoeper Subdivision Plat 2.

Columbia prides itself on doing things that best benefits the people of Columbia. This project does not benefit the citizens of our city in the best possible way. That area is a natural extension of Stephens Park and should be purchased by the city to be used as a nature park or something similar to it.

The Hinkson creek is a wildlife corridor and the woods adjacent to the creek is a bedding area for the all the wild life (Deer, raccoon, fox, groundhogs, etc).

The DNR is always citing the city of Columbia for Hinkson Creek not meeting the environmental standards. Why would anyone allow a development to take place in an area that already has problems? Despite all the environmental requirement that the developer will meet, it will not stop the people who live there from playing havoc with the creek. It will become a dumping ground for anything from hazardous materials to any type of junk that residents want to dispose of. I have seen this take place from the bridge.

Assuming that the development will occur, I have a major concern. The increase in traffic will cause some serious safety conditions for East Walnut. We currently have no sidewalks and no shoulders and no parking. From Old 63 to the dead end, we have people riding bikes, motorized wheelchairs, baby carriages, and plenty of walkers. The entire length of East Walnut needs provisions for these people. It is a very stressful situation to be approaching the top of a hill and being confronted with another vehicle in one lane and a motorized wheelchair in your lane.

I attended a meeting several weeks ago in which the coordinator stated that the sidewalk in the park satisfies the city requirement. I also notice that there is a sidewalk adjacent to the park sidewalk on the west side and the south side of Stephens Park.

Just thinking of the necessary upgrades to the road that are necessary for the safety of those who use East Walnut, is the development the most economically way for the City to go. I certainly don't think that satisfying the wishes of a developer over the benefits of the citizens is best for the City of Columbia. Parks and recreations division seems to always be looking for projects to do and perhaps purchasing that property would be of more benefit.

Building a sidewalk in front of the proposed development is required according to the meeting coordinator. That does very little for the entire length of East Walnut.

Thank you for your time and I hope the City will review the suggestions I have made. I am a property owner in the area.

David Steinmetz

To: Pat Zenner, Senior Planner, Department of Community Development

From: Lindsey Smith, Resident and Member of East Walnut St. Neighborhood Association

Re: Case 13-210 Summary of Neighborhood Concerns about R-3 Development on East Walnut St.

The neighborhood is asking the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider the negative impact of multi-unit development at the easternmost end of East Walnut Street.

Traffic

This development will add an additional traffic load of up to 1000 or more trips per day¹ on East Walnut Street. East Walnut is a narrow, unguttered road with no sidewalks.

It is also the longest single access street in Columbia, with the access (from Old 63) one mile west from the proposed development. East Walnut Street already has a higher traffic load than the number of residences in the area indicates, as Stephens Lake Park usage adds hundreds of cars each weekend and during special events on the north side of the park, which includes the Reichmann Pavilion events venue. In addition the Burrell Mental Health facility traffic must empty onto East Walnut Street and the intersection with Old 63.

Emergency and Evacuation

The proposed development can add an additional 80-120 residents to an area of East Walnut Street with no emergency access except the street entrance one mile away on Old 63 or a chained gate on the cul de sac behind Lowes. In a city the size and scope of Columbia it seems antiquated that emergency services need rely on a bolt cutter to serve residents in need.

These 80-120 additional residents will also be dependent on the Hinkson bridge to exit the neighborhood. The entire area lies within the 100 year flood plain; should a catastrophic weather event (such as have occurred in places as close as Joplin MO and northern Colorado in the past several years) occur and the Hinkson bridge become impassable, the city will have permitted an additional evacuation liability of 4x the residents currently living there, with all these residents trying to evacuate through a locked gate.

Bridge

The street bridge is narrow and unmaintained. The neighborhood is concerned about whether it can support the repeated weight of traffic of earthmovers and dump trucks required to grade and stabilize this property as well as the additional permanent traffic associated with the development. The old truss bridge is a liability for the city; though closed by Parks and Recreation in the spring of 2013, the gates

¹ R-3 open-zoned; developer can put 17 units per acre on 2.7 acres (40 units possible); if units house 3- 4 individuals each, there could be an additional 120+ residents with cars associated with 10 additional trips (transportation load number used by the City of Columbia to calculate number of trips per resident) per individual on the road each day.

are down and the bridge is in use by pedestrians and tourists who take pictures of fall foliage on it. A salvage operation and removal is indicated in order to permanently remove the dangers associated with a derelict structure.

Hinkson Creek and Stormwater

This is the last natural area of stormwater mitigation behind the Conley development. It is fully 7 acres of mature forest and unpaved area. The loss of this natural buffer means an increase in flow and drainage into the Hinkson at a time when the collaborative adaptive management effort to reduce pollution there is making progress. The two stormwater retention basins in the area which the Kroenke Group was required to build by the DNR in 2008 as stormwater mitigation for the run-off from the Conley development have not themselves been dredged or maintained for three out of the five years they have been in place.

Impact on Non-Motorized Transportation Community

Many Columbia pedestrians, cyclists, and electric wheelchair users from throughout the city use East Walnut Street as an east-west connector to the Conley development and beyond. In fact, they often take the bus to the stop at Old 63 and East Walnut and walk, bike or wheel the length of East Walnut Street to access the shopping area from the path exiting the gated cul-de-sac. The proposed development with the associated additional traffic load is situated where non-car commuters must come off the sidewalks in Stephens Lake Park and onto the road and bridge where there is no sidewalk or protection for them. With an additional up to 1200 car trips crossing the bridge daily, this will create a bottleneck with a significant risk for injury to cyclists, pedestrians and wheelchair users.

Stephens Lake Park

The development and associated traffic will increase the pressure on park access during special events. Lighting from the development will significantly impact the wild area established at the eastern edge of the park, as the developer is only required to maintain the 50 foot stream buffer of trees and wooded area.



Patrick Zenner <przenner@gocolumbiamo.com>

P&Z agenda - plat

 Wed, Nov 20, 2013 at 11:59 AM

Pat,

I do not understand how it is that the Hoeper Project - 13-210 - can go forward without the required (City Ordinance Section 25-25 Preliminary plat review and Section 25-27 Final plat review)compliance with City ordinances. These ordinances clearly require a developer to reveal HOW all the required ordinances will be complied with.

In addition, the proposed subdivision is adjacent to Hinkson Creek - which does NOT meet Water Quality Standards - and how the developer proposes to deal with stormwater runoff is of utmost importance. Until the developer reveals density which has to do with impervious surfaces for parking and how stormwater runoff is dealt with, the Sierra Club is opposed to this project.

Moreover, until the plat meets the requirements of City of Columbia ordinances, it should not go forward.

Ken Midkiff

EXCERPTS

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION NOVEMBER 21, 2013

IV. SUBDIVISIONS

Case #13-210

A request by Cherme Properties, Inc. (owner) for approval of a two-lot final minor subdivision to be known as "Hoeper Subdivision Plat 2". The subject 6.47 acre tract is located approximately 100 feet east of Parkview Drive on the south side of East Walnut Street east of Stephens Lake Park.

Mr. Reichlin: Staff report, please.

Staff report was given by Mr. Pat Zenner of the Planning and Planning and Development Department. Staff recommends the approval of the subdivision plat.

MR. REICHLIN: Are there any questions of Staff? Seeing none, it's been our practice to allow public comment. This isn't a public hearing, but if you have something you would like to say, you're welcome to come to the podium. Please state your name and address and try and keep your comments limited. Is there anybody in the audience who would care to comment on this matter?

MS. SMITH: Thank you for taking my comments and thank you for your service, Commissioners. My name is Lindsey Smith; I live at 2603 East Walnut Street. I understand that as you consider this subdivision plat that this is an administerial function and that, you know, it's -- it's essentially a pass-through sort of thing. The -- I think the neighborhood -- and I am speaking for the neighborhood association tonight as we weren't sure that our neighborhood association leader would be able to be here. She is, but I will speak. The neighborhood just wants to bring public awareness to, I guess we would say, our plight. East Walnut Street runs the north border of Stephens Lake Park. It is one of the longest single access roads in the City of Columbia, maybe the longest, I'm not sure. The potential development will be one mile from that access point to Old 63. Stephens Lake Park, while a lovely amenity, does add a lot of traffic to that street, which is narrow, unguttered, and there are no sidewalks. The subdivision or the potential development will go in right across the Hinkson Bridge, which is narrow and doesn't have pedestrian improvements. And I think that as the Stephens Lake Park has become, you know, more developed with lovely sidewalks, people are using Stephens Lake Park and then East Walnut Street to transit up to the Conley shops. There is a gated cul-de-sac right at the end of East Walnut Street, which the neighborhood has been assured will not be open and it's not really practical to open it, but there is a path that goes beside that and it is used daily by many cyclists, pedestrians, and electric wheelchair users from around the City. So development right there, although there will be sidewalks on the development, you're going to be -you could be adding, as Mr. Zenner said, it's a multifamily development, two acres, you know, potentially 17 units per acre. If those are three- and four-person, you know, apartments, we're talking about, you know, 50 or more people living right there, which Richard Stone, the traffic engineer in the City of Columbia, told me, you know, then you count that as at least, you know, six to ten more trips on the road every day. So you're putting a lot of pressure on that little bridge with a lot of nonmotorized transit going on there. Traffic is a big concern with the entire neighborhood. It will increase the congestion at the end of East Walnut Street as we try to make lefts or even simply make a right at some times of the day onto Old 63. Emergency and evacuation is a consideration. This is fully one mile from Old 63. This development would be one mile from Old 63. Is that my, like, you need to wrap it up? So it does seem like in the instance of emergency, it would be a difficult to evacuate quadruple the number of people that already live there. I -- you know, I sent my concerns out to all of you and I know Mr. Zenner distributed them, as well. And the neighborhood just wants to bring the situation to your attention and thank you very much.

MR. REICHLIN: Is there anybody else who wishes to speak? Not seeing anybody, comments of Commissioners? Mr. Lee?

MR. LEE: Mr. Zenner, does Staff have any concerns about emergency services or anything like that if this is approved?

MR. ZENNER: At this juncture, based on the fact that we don't know what the true impact of the development may be, it is difficult for us to indicate what emergency-service impacts or concerns may exist. Obviously, on a roadway that is this long, which we do not generally promote nor permit within our subdivision development, there is always a concern associated with access in and out, considering you have a single point. You know, the reality is is that the parcel has been this way since 1964. The roadway system, unfortunately, is in its place. We can only look at what the development will offer at the time that it comes in and then take appropriate actionary steps in order to ensure that fire safety and emergency accessibility to the development is adequate, but you can't really correct the roadway system that's already there without either making a connection further to the east, which was significantly resisted when the development to the east was constructed to get to Conley, and that's why we have a cul-de-sac with an emergency gate and/or we do something further to the north to where you connect some of these cul-de-sacs, which may not be practical either. So short answer, we don't know what the true impact will be until I have a set of plans sitting in front of me and then when we get it, our fire-code requirements are going to kick in in order to address the safety issues that can be addressed based on the circumstances that this parcel is currently in.

MR. LEE: Thank you.

MR. REICHLIN: Anybody else? Seeing no -- Ms. Loe?

MS. LOE: I just wanted to clarify because I do -- I appreciate the concerns being brought to our attention, so I just want to clarify that what we're discussing at this point is a parcel that's currently zoned R-3 and be -- is being subdivided into two parcels, so we're just -- we're approving that subdivision, but we're retaining the current R-3 zoning?

MR. ZENNER: That is correct, Ms. Loe.

MS. LOE: Okay.

MR. REICHLIN: Anybody else? Mr. Wheeler?

MR. WHEELER: Well, yes. Say it's -- I mean, it's -- it's already zoned. We're talking about a subdivision process, which, as -- as this speaker said, this is administrative -- an administrative function really of the P&Z Commission. Frankly, it's -- it's met all technical aspects of -- of the process and there would be no valid reason that I can think of that we wouldn't recommend approval of this, even though she's brought up a very good point that there are many concerns of many folks. I was around here when Stephens Park came in. It was agreed that the City actually asked to be allowed to count the sidewalk or the pedway within Stephens Park as their sidewalk when they were developing the park. So -- So the offset was that -- that Walnut was not improved or not widened in the sidewalk there by not putting it on the south side of Walnut, which we all thought was a pretty good idea, given the cost associated with it. But -- but, you know, it is a narrow roadway, but we are talking about something that is previously zoned and I can think of no good reason that we would not approve the subdivision.

MR. REICHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Wheeler. May we have a roll call, please.

MR. WHEELER: We have to have --

MR. STRODTMAN: We need a motion.

MR. WHEELER: Yeah.

MR. REICHLIN: May we have a motion, please. Do you want to take a stab at it?

MR. WHEELER: Well, I'd recommend approval of the -- of the applicant or the subdivision.

MR. STRODTMAN: I'll second. I'll second.

MR. REICHLIN: Roll call, please.

MR. STRODTMAN: Okay. A motion has been made and seconded for Case No 13-210, the "Hoeper Subdivision Plat 2" for a two-lot final minor subdivision. The motion has been to approve.

Roll Call Vote (Voting "yes" is to recommend approval.) Voting Yes: Mr. Stanton, Mr. Strodtman, Mr. Lee, Ms. Loe, Mr. Reichlin, Mr. Tillotson, Mr. Wheeler. Motion carries 7-0. MR. STRODTMAN: The motion has passed and will be moved to the City Council.