

**INVER GROVE HEIGHTS
PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers - 8150 Barbara Avenue**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES FOR May 15, 2012.

3. APPLICANT REQUESTS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.01 STEVE AND COLENE WOOG – CASE NO. 12-15V

Consider a **Variance** to construct an accessory structure larger than the maximum allowed. This request is for property located at 2927 – 96th Street.

Planning Commission Action _____

3.02 INVER GROVE HEIGHTS 2001 LLC (CUB FOODS) – CASE NO. 12-16PDA

Consider a **Planned Unit Development Amendment** to amend the site plan, elevation, and sign plan to add a drive-up window for the pharmacy along the north side of the Cub Foods building.

Planning Commission Action _____

3.03 VLADIMIR SIVRIVER – CASE NO. 12-14VAC

Consider a **Vacation** of an unimproved road right-of-way along the north western half of 49th Street between Boyd Avenue and Brent Avenue.

Planning Commission Action _____

3.04 VANCE GRANNIS JR – CASE NO. 12-18ZA

Consider an **Ordinance Amendment** to allow a DNR gun safety program with outdoor shooting range with conditions.

Planning Commission Action _____

4. OTHER BUSINESS

5. ADJOURN

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES - CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

Tuesday, May 15, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Chambers - 8150 Barbara Avenue

Chair Bartholomew called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Tom Bartholomew
Armando Lissarrague
Paul Hark
Victoria Elsmore
Tony Scales
Harold Gooch

Commissioners Absent: Dennis Wippermann (excused)
Pat Simon (excused)

Others Present: Allan Hunting, City Planner
Heather Botten, Associate Planner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the May 1, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted.

MIDWEST MOTORS LLC – CASE NO. 12-11V

Reading of Notice

Commissioner Hark read the public hearing notice to consider the request for a variance to relocate a sign that exceeds maximum height requirements, for the property located at 1037 Highway 110. 3 notices were mailed.

Presentation of Request

Heather Botten, Associate Planner, explained the request as detailed in the report. She advised that the applicant is requesting an eight foot variance to relocate a 42 foot high sign that exceeds maximum height requirements. City Code states that the maximum sign height on a property should not exceed the principle structure by more than 10 feet. The Toyota building is 24 feet in height, therefore they would be allowed a 34 foot high sign. The applicant would like to move the existing sign about 400 feet to the north. The applicants have three proposed locations, all of which are agreeable with staff. The sign being moved loses its land use approval as it was approved for a specific location. The existing sign location will be replaced with a new electronic message center sign. Staff recommends approval of the request with the condition listed in Alternative A, with the practical difficulty and uniqueness as stated in the report. Staff received general inquiries from abutting property owners Mauer Chevrolet and Kremer Spring.

Commissioner Gooch asked for clarification of the proposed new and existing signs.

Ms. Botten replied that the existing sign is being requested to be moved to Location 1, 2 or 3 as shown in the report. A new 40 foot high electronic sign will be installed where the existing sign is currently located. The new sign does not need additional approvals as it is replacing a sign previously approved by City Council.

Chair Bartholomew noted that including the new sign there would be about 400 square feet of signage on the property which is well under the maximum 770 gross square feet allowed by the Zoning Code.

Commissioner Hark asked if staff was agreeable with all three proposed locations.

Ms. Botten replied in the affirmative.

Commissioner Hark asked if the Planning Commission would be agreeing on any of the three proposed locations should this be approved.

Ms. Botten replied in the affirmative, stating the Planning Commission also had the option of tying their approval into a specific location. She noted that the applicants prefer Location 1.

Opening of Public Hearing

The applicant, Jeff Stearns, Chanhassen, advised he was available to answer any questions.

Chair Bartholomew asked if the applicant was agreeable with the condition listed in the report.

Mr. Stearns replied in the affirmative.

Planning Commission Discussion

Chair Bartholomew advised he supported the request.

Planning Commission Recommendation

Motion by Commissioner Gooch, second by Commissioner Lissarrague, to approve the request for a variance to relocate a sign that exceeds maximum height requirements, for the property located at 1037 Highway 110, with the condition listed in the report.

Motion carried (6/0). This item goes to the City Council on May 29, 2012.

SHAW CONSTRUCTION INC. – CASE NO. 12-12GZA

Reading of Notice

Commissioner Hark read the public hearing notice to consider the request for a zoning code amendment to conditionally allow the sales and service of semi-trucks, trucks, and trailers including equipment, parts, and tires in the I-2 district, a conditional use permit for outside storage and the sales and service of semi-trucks, trucks and trailers including equipment, parts, and tires, and a variance from the outdoor storage setback requirements from an Agricultural zoning district. 5 notices were mailed.

Presentation of Request

Allan Hunting, City Planner, explained the request as detailed in the report. He advised that the applicant is proposing to develop the site for a truck service and repair facility for CATCO Company. The property would be developed in phases, with the first phase being a building of approximately 20,000 square feet in size. The building would be for the repair of vehicles and there would be some outdoor storage for the trucks and trailers that have been repaired or are waiting to be repaired. Future phases include total additions of approximately 17,000 square feet. The property is zoned I-2. Currently truck service and repair is not an allowed use in that zone; therefore the applicant is asking for a zoning code amendment. Two conditional use permits are also being requested 1) to allow service of semi-trucks, trucks, and trailers including equipment, parts and tires as a conditional use, and 2) to allow outdoor storage of trucks and trailers. Because the property abuts Agricultural zoning, the applicant is also requesting a variance from the 100 foot outdoor storage setback and the fencing requirement. The applicant is proposing to utilize the rear portion of the property, including property up to 40 feet from the property line, for outdoor storage

of trucks and trailers in for repair. Staff supports the variance request since the ultimate end land use for all properties in the area will be industrial. Staff recommends approval of all the requests with the seven conditions listed in the report.

Chair Bartholomew asked if the final building coverage would be less than the 51,000 square foot maximum allowed.

Mr. Hunting replied in the affirmative, stating the proposed building total would be 37,000 square feet.

Chair Bartholomew asked if staff heard from any of the abutting neighbors.

Mr. Hunting replied that they had not.

Opening of Public Hearing

The applicant, Jack Shaw, Shaw Construction, Eden Prairie, advised he was available to answer any questions.

Chair Bartholomew asked the applicant if he was in agreement with the conditions listed in the report.

Mr. Shaw replied in the affirmative.

Chair Bartholomew asked what the outdoor storage would consist of.

Mr. Shaw replied primarily commercial trucks and trailers either post or pre-repair. He advised the trucks would be filtered into the building via the north side, repaired, and then parked in the storage area until the customer picked them up.

Commissioner Lissarrague asked if this would significantly impact the traffic in the area.

Mr. Hunting stated that 117th Street was designed to handle higher industrial traffic volumes.

Commissioner Lissarrague asked if the majority of the traffic would be on Clark Road, 117th Street, and Highway 52.

Mr. Shaw replied in the affirmative.

Commissioner Gooch asked if the proposed building was a relocation of an existing CATCO facility.

Mr. Shaw replied in the affirmative, stating they would close their existing facility in Eagan and move it to this upgraded facility.

Chair Bartholomew asked how many associates were expected to be employed at this facility.

Mr. Shaw replied 12-15.

Dave Goldner, St. Anthony Village, representing CATCO, stated approximately 30% of the company's business was shop related, with the other 70% being part sales.

Shirley Pike, 11025 Courthouse Boulevard, asked if the proposed 29 parking stalls were just for the first phase of the construction or the total for the entire project.

Mr. Hunting replied 29 parking stalls were being proposed for the first phase on the southern half of the site. Required parking spaces for all the proposed future phases would be located along the north property line. He stated the asphalt for the proposed future phases would be put in with the first phase; however, it would not be striped for parking.

Ms. Pike asked for clarification of a statement in the report that the property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by the zoning ordinance.

Mr. Hunting stated that is a standard conditional use permit comment. The request is reviewed against that and in this case a CUP is being requested to make the use consistent.

Ms. Pike asked if the three Agricultural lots to the east of the subject parcel could be rezoned for industrial uses prior to the property owners being ready to move.

Mr. Hunting replied that the Agricultural zoning would stay in place until such time as a landowner sold to someone proposing to redevelop the site. Until that time the properties would be considered legal non-conforming and could be added onto, replaced if they were involved in a fire, and they could also be sold to someone wanting to retain them as a residential property.

Ms. Pike asked to see a drawing of the proposed CATCO building.

Mr. Hunting displayed a rendering of the proposed building which featured concrete tip-up panels, painted banding along the top of the building, and overhead doors.

Chair Bartholomew asked what color the panels were.

Mr. Shaw replied they were gray.

Al Sachwitz, 11105 Courthouse Boulevard, stated his property was much higher in elevation than the subject property and his only concern was regarding potential erosion due to the steep grade between the parking lot and his property and the proposed 40 foot setback.

Mr. Hunting stated that Engineering reviewed the request and feels that the proposed grading plan and reestablishment of vegetation will prevent erosion issues.

Planning Commission Discussion

Chair Bartholomew stated he supported the request.

Commissioner Hark stated he was surprised there were no objections from the neighbors in regard to the lack of fencing; however, since they had no concerns he was agreeable with the request.

Commissioner Lissarrague stated he supported the request.

Planning Commission Recommendation

Motion by Commissioner Gooch, second by Commissioner Elsmore, to approve on a white ballot the request for a zoning code amendment to allow service of semi-tanks, trucks, and trailers including equipment, parts and tires as a conditional use in the I-2 zoning district, a conditional use permit to allow the operation of the sales and service of semi-tanks, trucks, and trailers including equipment, parts, and tires, a conditional use permit to allow outdoor storage of trucks and trailers, and a variance from the outdoor storage setback and screening requirements from an Agricultural zoning district for the property located at 10982 Clark Road.

Motion carried (6/0). This item goes to the City Council on June 11, 2012.

OTHER

Mr. Hunting announced Mike Schaeffer's resignation from the Planning Commission and thanked him for his service to the City.

Chair Bartholomew thanked Commissioner Schaeffer as well, and asked if that position would be filled in tandem with the upcoming appointments to the Commissions.

Mr. Hunting replied that Commissioner Schaeffer's position would be appointed at a special meeting on May 21, 2012 along with the filling of the three positions whose terms were expiring.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bartholomew adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Fox
Recording Secretary

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PLANNING REPORT CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

REPORT DATE: May 31, 2012 **CASE NO.:** 12-15V

HEARING DATE: June 5, 2012

APPLICANT AND PROPERTY OWNER: Steve and Colene Woog

REQUEST: A variance to construct an accessory building larger than 1,600 square feet.

LOCATION: 2927 – 96th Street

COMP PLAN: RDR, Rural Density Residential

ZONING: E-1, Estate Residential

REVIEWING DIVISIONS: Planning

PREPARED BY:  Heather Botten
Associate Planner

BACKGROUND

The applicants' property is 2.5 acres in size. City Code allows property 2.5 acres – 5 acres in size one detached accessory building up to 1,600 square feet in size in the E-1 or A zoning district. The applicant would like to construct one accessory building 2,016 square feet in size (36'x56'). The 2,016 square foot building would be constructed with vinyl siding, matching the house.

The applicants have stated that the additional size would be to store their own personal items, including a 30 foot trailer. The accessory building would be in compliance with setbacks, impervious surface, and exterior building materials. The closest home is about 250 feet away. The property is wooded; the accessory building would be visible from the street but not from the abutting homes.

SPECIFIC REQUEST

The following specific application is being requested:

- A.) A **Variance** to construct an accessory building 2,016 square feet in size whereas 1,600 square feet is allowed by code.

SURROUNDING USES: The subject site is surrounded by the following uses:

North, West, East, and South -

Single-family; zoned E-1, Estate Residential;
guided RDR, Rural Density Residential

EVALUATION OF REQUEST:

City Code Title 10, Chapter 3. **Variances**, states that the City Council may grant variances when they are in harmony with the general purposes and intent of the zoning ordinance and consistent with the comprehensive plan and establishes that there are practical difficulties in complying with the official control. In order to grant the requested variances, City Code identifies criteria which are to be considered practical difficulties. The applicant's request is reviewed below against those criteria.

1. *The variance request is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the city code and consistent with the comprehensive plan.*

The City Council reviewed the accessory structure size requirements in 2006. Prior to 2006 all lots less than 5 acres were allowed a 1,000 square foot accessory building. The Council revised the ordinance, Section 10-15-18C states: *On lots 2.5 acres or more, but less than 5 acres in size which are located in an A or E-1 zoning district, detached accessory structures to single-family residential uses shall not exceed a gross floor area of 1,600 square feet.*

With this in mind, granting the variance may establish a precedence that is contrary to the intent of the City Code. In respect to the land use the property is in harmony with the intent of comprehensive plan as the lot is guided rural residential.

2. *The property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by the zoning ordinance.*

City Code allows for larger accessory buildings on lots 2.5 acres or greater in rural areas promoting rural uses on property. The applicant's property is right at the cut off to be allowed either a 1,000 square foot accessory building or a 1,600 square foot accessory building. Allowing a structure larger than 1,600 square feet could set a precedent for other rural lots in the City larger than 2.5 acres. The maximum accessory building size standards are not precluding the homeowner from reasonable use of the property.

3. *The plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner.*

The property is 2.5 acres in size. The applicants have an attached garage and are allowed a 1,600 square foot detached building. The request for a larger structure would be for the property owners own personal use. This variance may be considered a convenience to the applicant, not a practical difficulty.

4. *The variance will not alter the essential character of the locality.*

Because the lots are wooded the accessory building would not be visible from the abutting homes. Allowing a structure larger than 1,600 square feet could set a precedent for other 2.5 acre lots in the area. The surrounding lots range from about 2.5 acres to 2.66 acres.

5. *Economic considerations alone do not constitute an undue hardship.*

Economic considerations do not appear to be a basis for this request.

ALTERNATIVES

The Planning Commission has the following alternatives available for the requested action:

- A. Approval** If the Planning Commission finds the size variance to be acceptable, the Commission should recommend approval of the request with at least the following conditions:
1. The site shall be developed in substantial conformance with the site and elevation plan on file with the Planning Department.
 2. The accessory structure shall not be used for commercial uses, storage related to a commercial use, or home occupations.
 3. A grading/erosion control plan shall be required at the time of the building permit application
- B. Denial** If the Planning Commission does not favor the proposed request, it should be recommended for denial, which could be based on the following rationale:
1. Denying the variance request does not preclude the applicant from reasonable use of the property.
 2. Approval of the variance could set a precedent for other accessory building size variances.
 3. Staff does not believe there are practical difficulties in complying with the official control as the lot is 2.5 acres in size and allowed a 1,600 square foot accessory building.

RECOMMENDATION

Variances may be granted when the applicant for the variance establishes that there are practical difficulties in complying with the zoning ordinance. "Practical difficulties," as used in connection with the granting of a variance, means that the property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by the zoning ordinance; the plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner; and the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality.

Staff believes the applicant did not identify practical difficulties to comply with the ordinance as a 1,600 square foot accessory building could be constructed on the property and the size standards are not precluding the homeowner from reasonable use of the property. For the reasons listed in alternative B staff is recommending denial of the proposed request.

Attachments: Exhibit A – Location/Zoning Map
Exhibit B – Applicant Narrative
Exhibit C – Site Plan
Exhibit D – Elevation Plan



Woog - Case No. 10-15V Variance

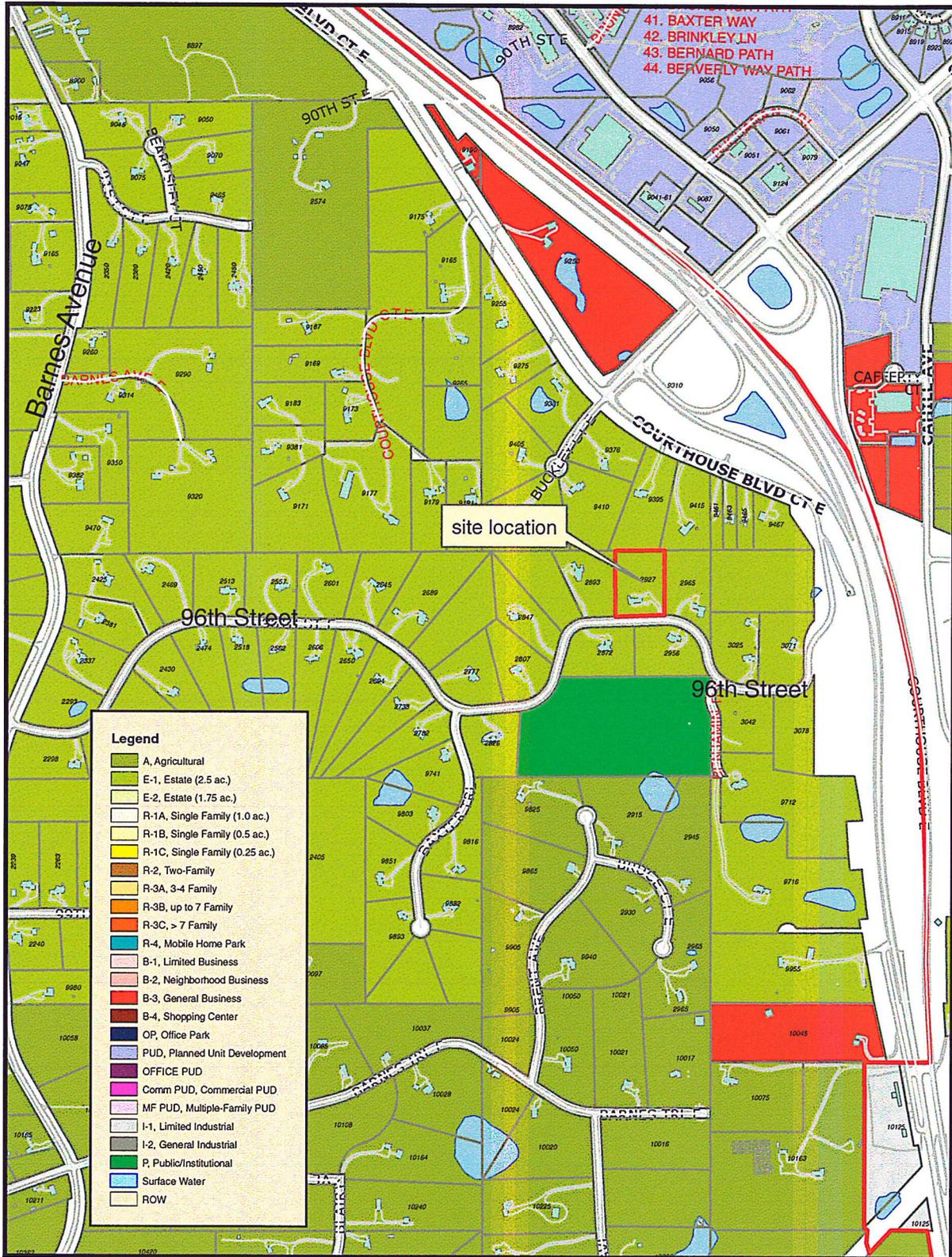


Exhibit A
Location and Zoning Map

May 7th 2012

Revised May 18, 2012

To: City of Inver Grove Heights

From: Steve and Colene Woog

RE: Variance Request @ 2927 96th St. E.

Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

Dear, City of Inver Grove Heights Planning Departments and City Council.

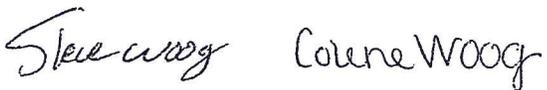
We are writing to request a variance for an auxiliary building on our property @ 2927 96th St. East, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077.

We moved into our new home on 96th Street East in May of 2010. We have been planning the addition of a detached garage since we move in and are now ready to build. The City Ordinance allows for up to a 1600 sq. foot building at our location. We would like to build it up to 2016 sq. feet. We will meet all of the side yard as well as the front and rear setbacks required by the City Code. We have already completed a lot line survey. The garage will also meet the other building code requirements. The variance will be for the foundation size only. The structure will match the home with like kind and quality materials, frame construction, vinyl siding, asphalt shingles, etc...

There are many reasons for our request. We have a number of cars, ATV's, snowmobiles, trailers, personal lawn equipment, boats, our children's toys, etc. We were asked by the Site Review Committee to explain the reason for the larger structure. The reason for the wide structure is we would like to have a 10 foot and an 18 foot garage door for ease of maneuvering vehicles and trailers in and out. Also, the depth as we have a 30 plus foot enclosed trailer we would like to leave attached to the vehicle while parked. We would like to keep all of these items inside the garage for screening as well as protecting them from elements. This will also allow us to keep our property uncluttered, safer and just look better to our passing neighbors and other residents. The front of the proposed garage will be only partially visible from the road. (96th St. E) Our property has ample screening with many trees and the topography. Many of our neighbors support the project.

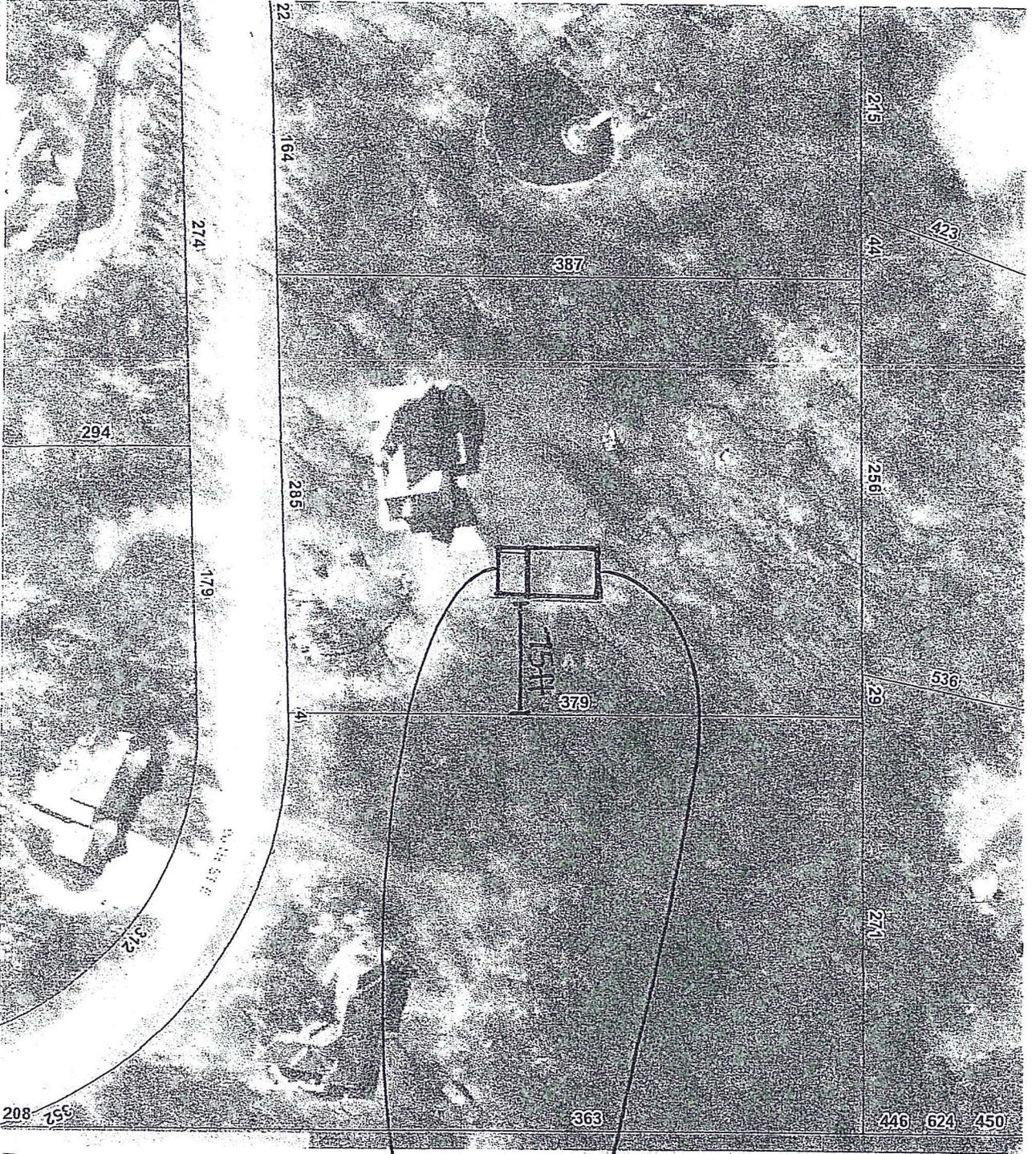
Please accept this letter as our official request for a Variance to build a detached garage at our residence.

Thank You,

 Steve and Colene Woog

Steve and Colene Woog

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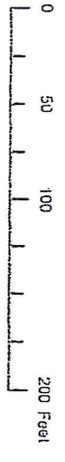


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- Dedicated Right of Way
- Water
- Multi-owner Parcel
- Water In Tax Parcel
- Right of Way Easement

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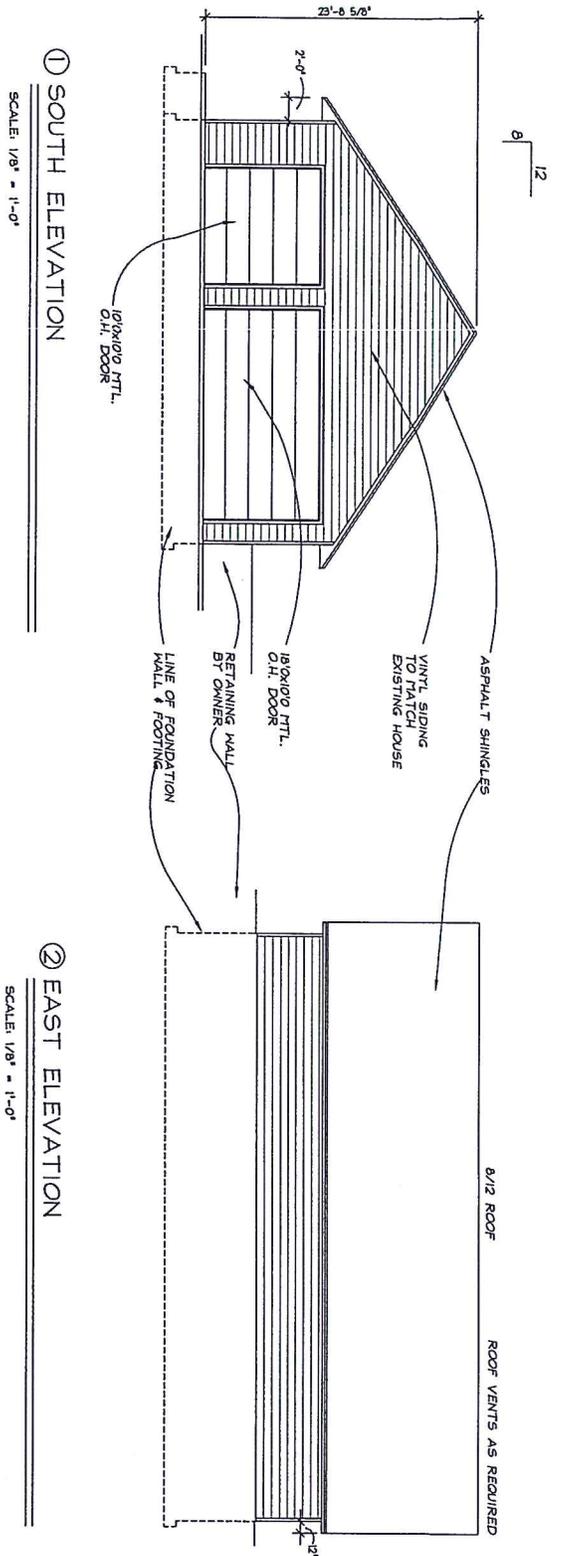
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Dakota County, MN

Monday, May 07, 2012



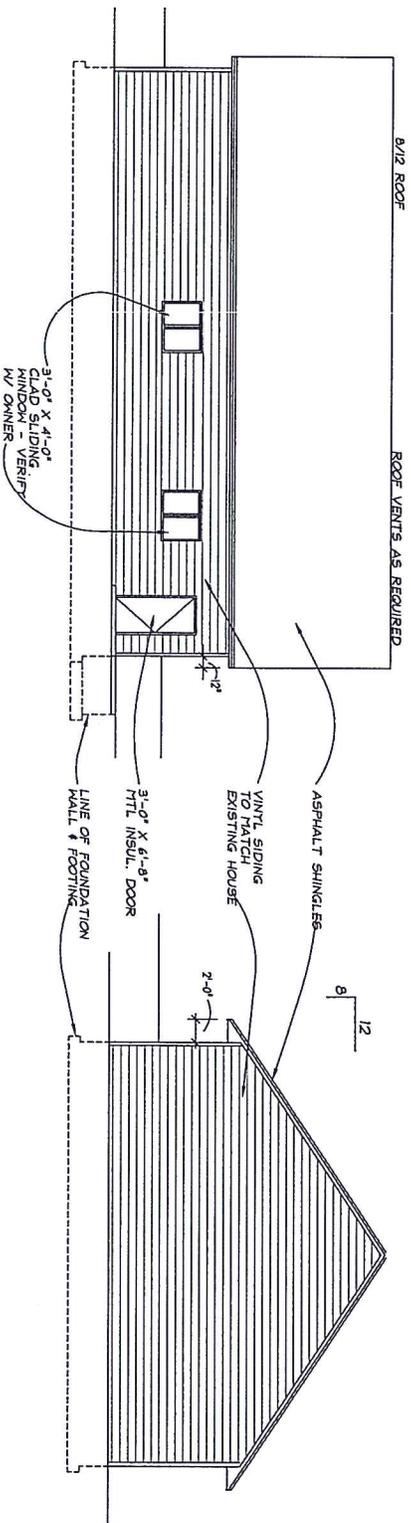


① SOUTH ELEVATION

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

② EAST ELEVATION

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



③ WEST ELEVATION

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

④ NORTH ELEVATION

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

WOOG GARAGE
98TH STREET EAST
INVER GROVE HEIGHTS, MN.

PLANS BY:

TODD GABRIEL
8786 RIVER HEIGHTS WAY
INVER GROVE HEIGHTS, MN. 56078
PH: (651) 457-5512



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TITLE	EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS
DRAWN AND CHECKED DATE	5/7/2002
PROJECT NAME	WOOG
DATE DRAWING TO BE ELEV.	
SHEET	3 OF 4

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P L A N N I N G R E P O R T
C I T Y O F I N V E R G R O V E H E I G H T S

REPORT DATE: May 25, 2012

CASE NO: 12-16PDA

APPLICANT: Inver Grove Heights 2001 LLC (Cub Foods)

PROPERTY OWNER: SCP PE Cahill, LLC

REQUEST: PUD Amendment

HEARING DATE: June 5, 2012

LOCATION: 7850 Cahill Avenue

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Community Commercial

ZONING: B-2/PUD

REVIEWING DIVISIONS: Planning
Engineering

PREPARED BY: Allan Hunting
City Planner

BACKGROUND

The applicant is proposing to add a drive through lane for the pharmacy in Cub Foods. The drive through lane would be located on the north side of the building and would utilize part of the existing parking lot on the north side. The parking area would be reconfigured to allow the drive through lane to be alongside the building and the row of parking would be relocated outward on the edge of the lane. There is also some signage changes proposed to update the pharmacy signage and provide some directional arrows.

The property is zoned B-2/PUD and was approved with a specific site plan and signage plan. Any changes require an amendment to the original PUD.

EVALUATION OF THE REQUEST

The following land uses, zoning districts and comprehensive plan designations surround the subject property:

North Multiple family residential; zoned R-3B; guided MDR

East Multiple family residential; zoned R-3B; guided MDR

West Commercial; zoned B-3; guided CC

South Simley Lake; zoned P; guided Public/Open Space

PLANNED UNIT AMENDMENT REVIEW

Parking/Drive-through. The proposed drive-through lane would reorient existing parking along the north side of Cub Foods. This parking area is used primarily by customers of the strip retail shop building on the north side of the site. There are currently 15 parking stalls along the building. The parking area would be moved out away from the building to make room for the drive-up lane. Parking would be reduced to 10 spaces after the redesign. Overall parking for the center would be short 11 including the proposed 5 space reduction, based on standard parking requirements. Since this is a PUD, variances are not required. Based on day to day parking demand for the site, the reduction of 5 spaces would not have a negative impact.

The traffic pattern proposed is set up to have the cars turn into the parking area heading east, then turn into the drive-up (heading west) from the parking lot. The applicant has provided turning radius sketch information showing a car and trailer making the turning movement through the drive-through and out of the area. This illustrates that the location and design is adequate for the turning movements required

The parking lot on the north side would still comply with minimum aisle widths and parking stall size since this area was wider than normal to begin with. The cars would exit the drive-up and enter the main access lane at the north end of the store. Staff does not expect this additional entry point to cause any conflicts as it is away from the main store doors and where pedestrian and vehicle traffic is the heaviest.

Signage. Applicant is proposing to update signage by removing the existing Cub Foods Pharmacy sign on the west side of the building, which is 264 square feet in size, with an updated pharmacy sign with directional arrow that would be 207 square feet in size. The existing Cub Foods sign on the north side of the building (115 sq ft) would be removed and replaced with new Cub Foods Pharmacy sign that would be 120 square feet in size. The overall signage square footage on the building would be less after the changes. Staff has no concerns with the proposed signage.

Canopy. A new canopy would be constructed to cover the drive-up window. Over all dimensions would be 18 feet tall, by 30 feet long and would protrude from the building approximately 6 feet.

Engineering. The Engineering Division is requesting that the applicant provide a grading plan showing grades, sediment and erosion control, and inlet protection. The project's impact to the nearby inlet basin will need to be verified.

ALTERNATIVES

The Planning Commission has the following actions available on the following request:

- A. **Approval.** If the Planning Commission finds the application to be acceptable, the following action should be taken:
- o Approval of an Amendment to the Cahill Plaza Planned Unit Development to add a drive-through lane and canopy for the Cub Foods pharmacy and add additional signage subject to the following conditions:
 - 1. The site shall be developed in substantial conformance with the following plans on file with the Planning Department except as may be modified by the conditions below.

Site Plan	dated 5/22/12
Signage Plan	dated 3/26/12
 - 2. Prior to issuance of building permits, a grading plan showing grades, sediment and erosion control, and inlet protection shall be approved by the Director of Public Works. The project's impact to the nearby inlet basin will need to be verified.
- B. **Denial.** If the Planning Commission does not favor the proposed application the above request should be recommended for denial. With a recommendation for denial, findings or the basis for the denial should be given.

RECOMMENDATION

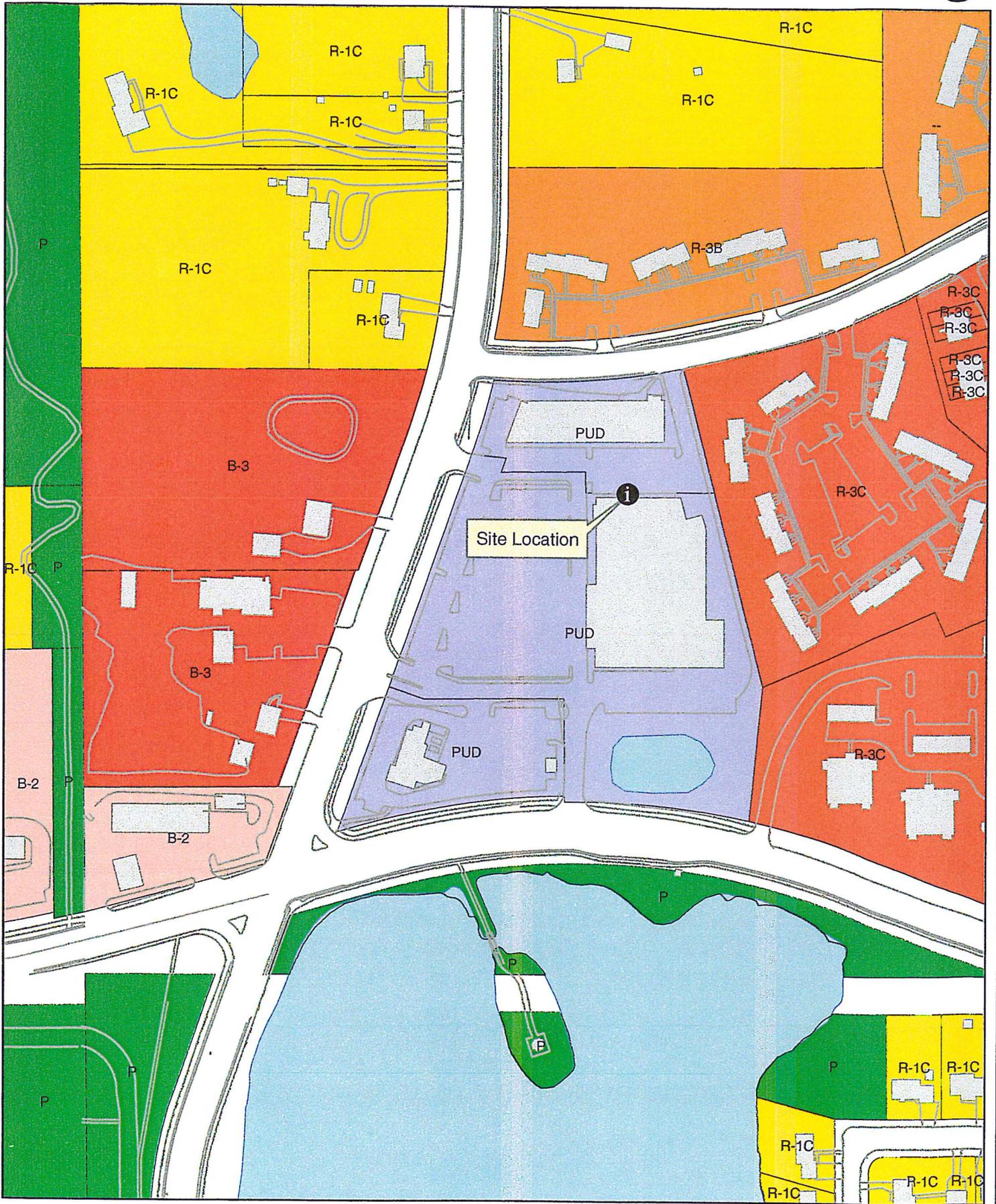
Staff recommends approval of the request as presented.

Attachments: Location Map
Applicant Narrative
Site Plan
Signage Plan
Existing Site Plan



Location Map

Case No. 12-16PDA



NARRATIVE

LAND USE APPLICATION TO CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS FOR PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT

Inver Grove Heights 2001 L.L.C., c/o SUPERVALU INC (SUPERVALU) is applying for a Planned Unit Development Amendment to allow a Drive-Up Window for the pharmacy business in its Cub Foods store at 7850 Cahill Road, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota.

If the application is approved, SUPERVALU will construct a drive-up pharmacy window on the north side of its Cub Foods store. This location is connected to the in-store pharmacy department. SUPERVALU has analyzed the amount of stacking expected to be generated by this addition, and has concluded that: (1) The proposed drive-up lane is adequate; (2) the magnitude of additional traffic is small in comparison to the existing traffic on site; and (3) on-site circulation patterns can be developed to ensure safety and convenient traffic flow. Additionally, as you will note on the attached concept site plan, that stop signs and "Do Not Enter" sign have been added at the exit of the drive-up lane.

The existing parking stalls total 300 stalls. SUPERVALU has designed the drive-up lane so that only 4 parking stalls have been eliminated to allow for the drive-up window lane. The remaining 296 parking stalls are only fractionally different than what presently exists, going from 4.4 to 4.3 CMA. C [cars] M [Roman numeral for 1,000] A [area of building] which means the number of cars per 1,000 square feet of building area. Those who may park in the 4 removed stalls would have the option of parking in the larger Cub parking lot. The parties to the shared parking agreement related to this shopping center have consented to this site plan.

SUPERVALU will typically staff the drive-up window from 9AM to 9PM Monday through Friday and from 9AM to 6PM Saturday and Sunday. While there will be an intercom system, which is of a privacy nature to comply with the Board of Pharmacy requirements. The drive-up window is 4'x 8'.

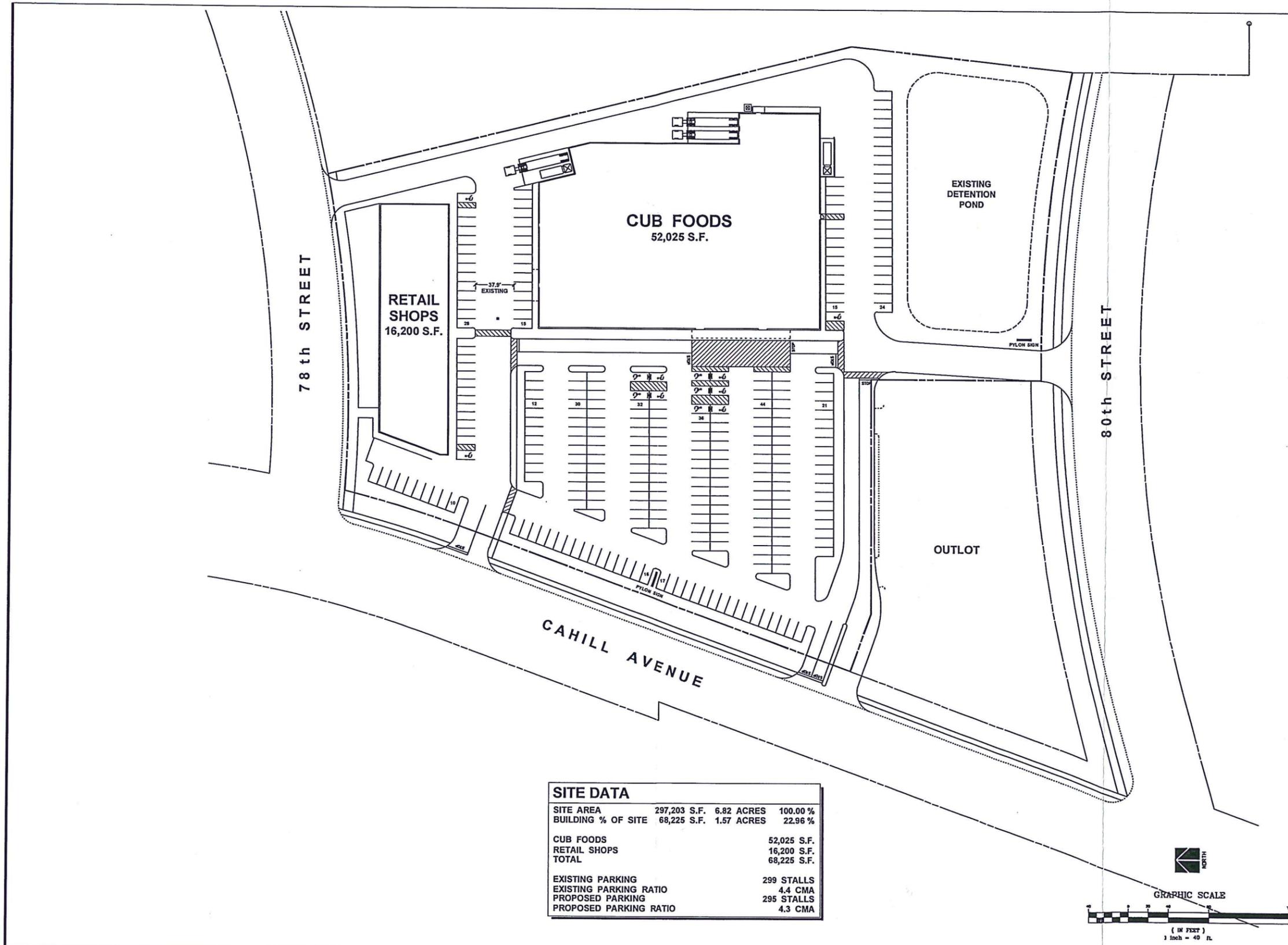
SUPERVALU will provide lighting consistent with the City guidelines. The only lighting added for the drive-up window will be 3-4 recessed flat lenses under the overhanging canopy that shine downward.

SUPERVALU will be placing signage on the drive-up canopy. Current signage is as follows: a) Cub Foods [414.23 square feet]; b) 24 hour savings [111 square feet]; c) TCF Bank [26 square feet]; d) Cub Pharmacy [264 square feet], all of which totals 815.23 square feet. The signage package attached depicts: (1) the proposed signage on the north elevation on the new drive-up canopy, which totals 220.43 square feet; and (2) the proposed changes to the existing pharmacy signage on the west elevation, where Option B would be the preference. Option B is smaller, substitute signage, for what presently exists.

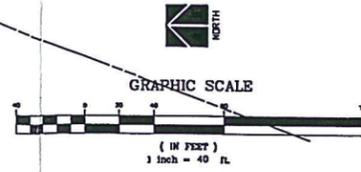
SUPERVALU is seeking to provide this drive-up window as a convenience for its customers and the community. Drive-Up windows are increasingly common as an added benefit to its customers, who are continually expecting more conveniences for their needs. At this location, SUPERVALU also provides a TCF Bank facility. This drive-up service allows customers an additional option.

Attachments:

1. Concept Site Plan, which includes drainage plan and turning maneuvers.
2. Existing Conditions
3. Site Aerial Photo
4. North Elevation Photo
5. Example Proposed Drive-Up Window
6. New canopy dimensions
7. Existing signage photos with dimensions
8. Signage Package-2 pages



SITE DATA			
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PROJECT NUMBER	1689-02	
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Cub Pharmacy

Drive-Thru



3' 10" H "CUB"
2' 7" H "PHARMACY"
1' 5" H "DRIVE-THRU"

OVERALL: 10' 8" X 19' 5"
TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE: 207.11 SQUARE FEET

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Cub Pharmacy

Drive-Thru



3' 10" H "CUB"
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1' 8" H "DRIVE-THRU"

OVERALL: 10' X 22' 5"
TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE: 224.17 SQUARE FEET

A.

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Cub Pharmacy

3' 10" H "CUB"
3' H "PHARMACY"
10" THICK SWOOSH

OVERALL: 11' X 24'
TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE: 264

EXISTING VIEW

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PHARMACY DRIVE THRU TRANSACTION WINDOW

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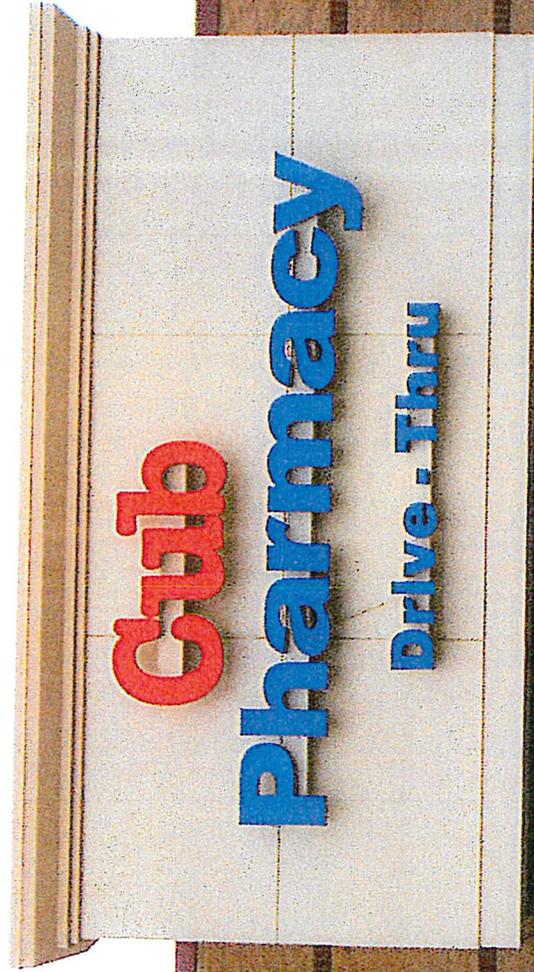
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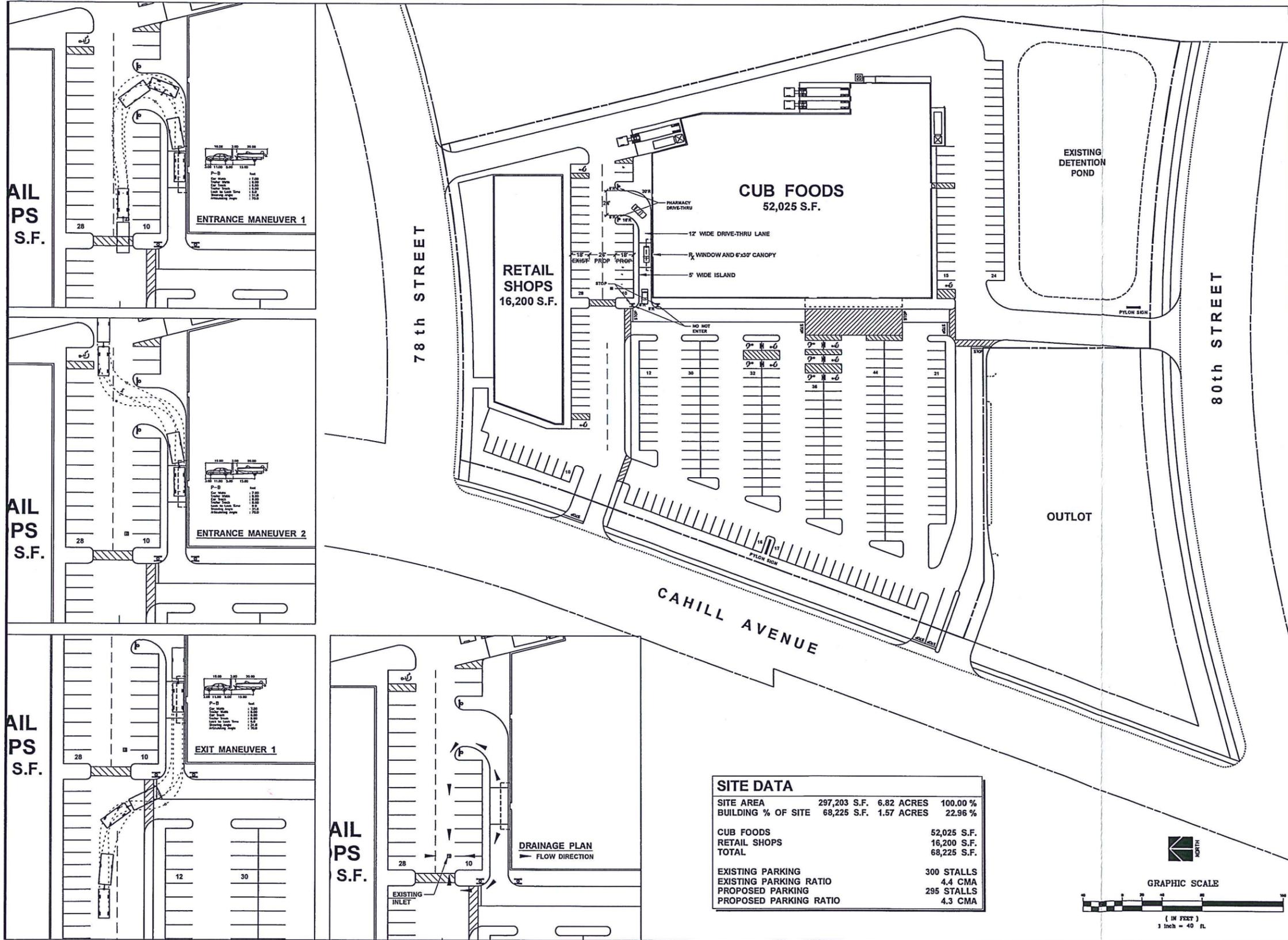
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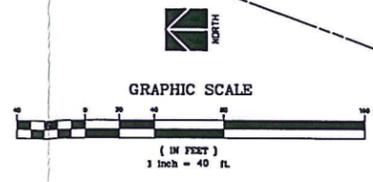
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EXAMPLE:
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-Maplewood East location





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CUB FOODS
CAHILL AVE. & 80th ST.
INVER GROVE HEIGHTS, MN.

SITE NUMBER: **NORTHERN**

PROJECT NUMBER: **1689-02**

SHEET TITLE: **CONCEPT SITE PLAN**

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Engineering staff supports the vacation of right-of-way provided easements are granted to the City. They have reviewed the request and determined a need to utilize the area within the ROW for future storm, sanitary, watermain and street public improvements. Therefore, Engineering is requesting to retain the existing footprint of 49th Street right-of-way as public easement for the purposes of Street, Trail, Drainage and Utility purposes. Secondly, Engineering is requesting an additional 10-foot easement abutting the 30-foot easement totaling 40 feet. This 40-foot easement would keep any structures built on the property at a reasonable distance and allow for future public improvements as deemed necessary. Additionally, Engineering is requesting a 10-foot drainage and utility easement on the front property line along Boyd Avenue and a five-foot drainage and utility easement along the northerly side yard property line. No building or structure improvements would be allowed in the easement area.

The Planning, Park, and Fire Departments take no exception to the proposed vacation of right-of-way.

ALTERNATIVES

The Planning Commission has the following alternatives for the requested action:

A. Approval: If the Planning Commission finds the Vacation of right-of-way and the Dedication of easements to be acceptable, the Commission should recommend approval of the request with at least the following conditions:

1. The vacation of right-of-way shall be consistent with the survey dated January 31, 2012 on file with the Planning Department except as may be modified by the conditions below.
2. The applicant shall meet the conditions outlined in the City Engineers review letter dated May 31, 2012 including the requested easements.
3. The easement agreements shall be prepared by the City Attorney and executed by both the City and the property owner prior to the vacation of the right-of-way.
4. A \$1500 Engineering escrow shall be submitted for the expenses related to producing agreements and project review for the City Attorney and Engineering Staff.

B. Denial: If the Planning Commission does not favor the proposed Vacation or portions thereof, the above request should be recommended for denial. With a recommendation for denial, findings or the basis for the denial should be given.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information in the preceding report, staff is recommending approval of the vacation of right-of-way provided there are dedication of easements and agreements as listed in Alternative A.

Attachments: Zoning and Location Map
 Area to be Vacated
 General area of easements to be dedicated to the City



Case No. 12-14VAC Vacation

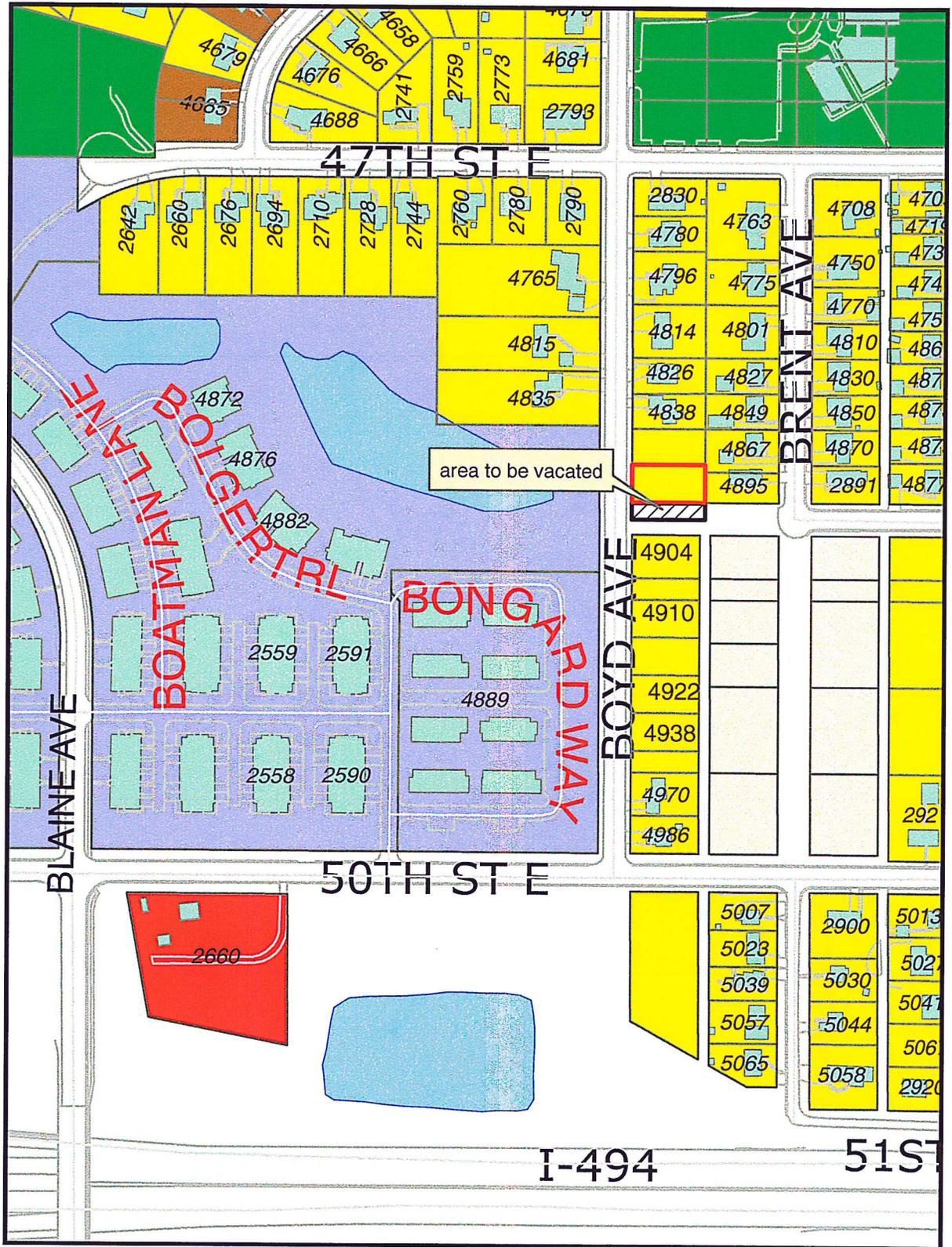
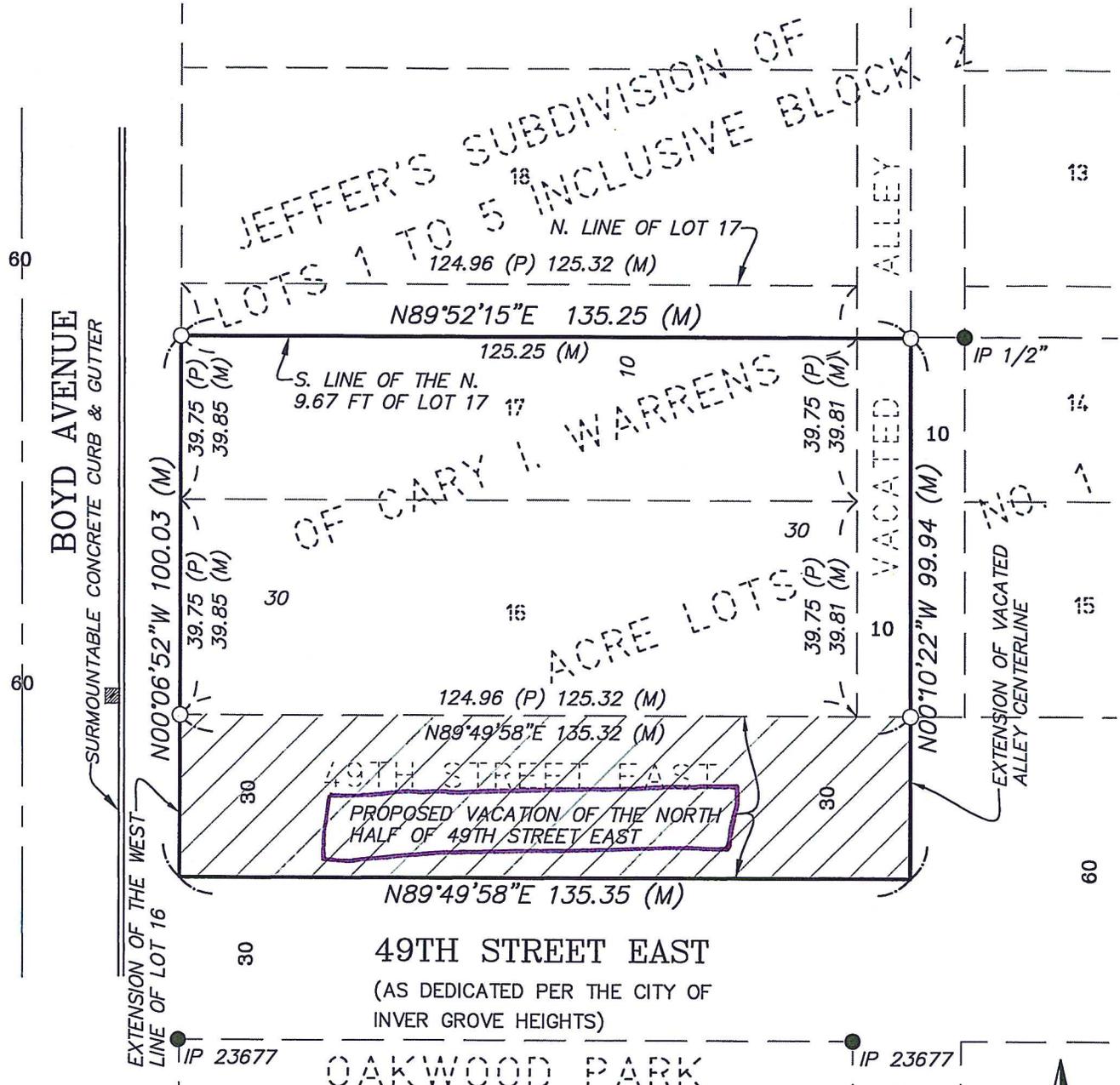


Exhibit A
Location and Zoning Map

49TH STREET EAST VACATION EXHIBIT "B"



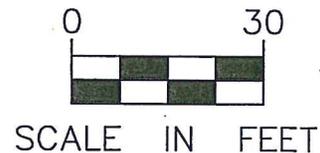
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- ▨ DENOTES STORM CATCH BASIN

FOR: Yaroslav Murza
PID# 20-38700-00-170
Inver Grove Heights, MN



CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this survey was prepared under my supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Land Surveyor under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

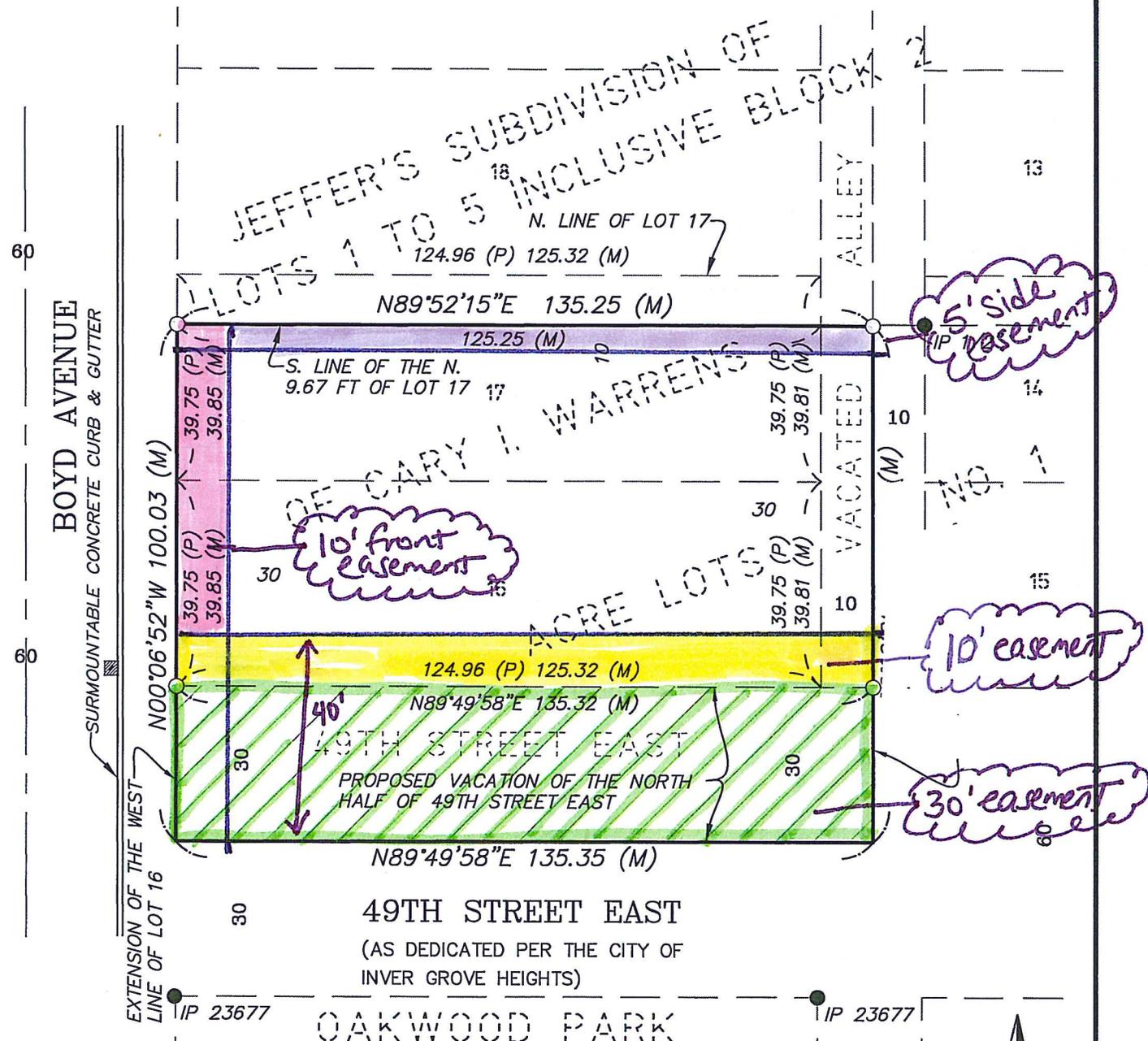
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** basements to be dedicated to the City **



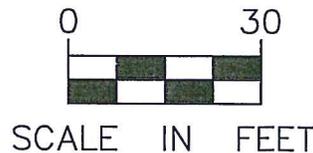
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P L A N N I N G R E P O R T
C I T Y O F I N V E R G R O V E H E I G H T S

REPORT DATE: May 25, 2012

CASE NO: 12-18ZA

APPLICANT: Vance Grannis, Jr.

PROPERTY OWNER: Vance Grannis Jr.

REQUEST: Zoning Ordinance Amendment

HEARING DATE: June 5, 2012

LOCATION: 7850 Cahill Avenue

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: N/A

ZONING: N/A

REVIEWING DIVISIONS: Planning
Public Safety (Police)

PREPARED BY: Allan Hunting
City Planner

BACKGROUND

The applicant has made application to amend the zoning ordinance to allow DNR approved/sponsored gun safety training programs with an outdoor shooting range. Mr. Grannis was approach by the DNR about the possibility of allowing a gun safety training program on his property. Mr. Grannis and family own approximately 50 acres south of Hwy 55, west side of Barnes Avenue. This is the same property that Mr. Grannis has presented some ideas and concepts to both the Planning Commission and City Council for a future nature preserve development. This idea continues to be conceptual at this point and no formal application for any land use associated with Mr. Grannis's plan has been submitted.

The City Code section on firearms would also have to be amended to allow the discharge of a firearm. The Police Chief and City Attorney are working on this amendment and will present to the City Council.

EVALUATION OF THE REQUEST

After Mr. Grannis was contacted, he talked to the Police Chief and City Administrator about the proposal. Chief Stanger then went and visited the site to get an idea of where the shooting range would occur and to see if the site was acceptable for safety. Staff also met again with a representative from the DNR to get a better understanding of their gun safety program (some background information is included with this report).

Mr. Grannis has submitted a proposed ordinance amendment that would allow a DNR approved gun safety program with an outdoor shooting range as a permitted use in the E-1 district only. Mr. Grannis's land is zoned E-1. A list of possible conditions has also been submitted.

Staff has reviewed the request and has had discussions with Mr. Grannis. Some of the issues and or concerns that have been raised include:

- Possible limits on the number of events or sessions that could be held each year. To minimize possible impacts, it would seem reasonable to limit the event total.
- Noise from discharge of the firearm. The proposed gun safety programs are limited to .22 caliber ammunition shot by rifles. As presented to staff, the training is set up such that there are only a small number of students that fire at any one time. Time on the range is very structured and students are allowed only a certain number of shots while in different firing positions. The range is not open to the public. The range area is not intended to be an improved permanent area. Intent is to have the site looking undisturbed after each event.
- Logistics of site for parking, shelter, bathroom facilities. There could be a number of students at each event and a suitable parking area would to be provided. In Mr. Grannis's case, the property is large enough so parking area would not be a problem, but a suitable surface might be. Any building that may be occupied by the general public would need to comply with building code standards and so all those facilities would have to be approved by the Building Official.
- Since the creation of the city in 1965, the zoning code has never allowed outdoor shooting ranges in any zoning district. There was at one time, a gun range near what is now Hwy 52 in the northern part of the city. When the first code was adopted in 1965, this range would have been considered non-conforming since the use was not carried into the code. The land the gun range was on is now part of the Hwy 52 right-of-way and the range has not been in existence for many years.

There may be more issues/concerns than are raised above and that is why staff would recommend that if this type of use is found acceptable, the use should be allowed either as a conditional use or an interim use. In either case, an application for the specific location would be required with all the site plan type issues being addressed. All city departments would review and these comments would be part of the approval. It seems very important to staff that there be a notice mailed to surrounding property owners since there would be discharge of firearms and there could be some noise associated with it. Staff would recommend the approach be by interim use permit. It would essentially put this type of use on a trial basis and after so many years, the city would know the impacts, if any, created by the use and then it could be determined if the use should be allowed on a permanent basis or if it should be eliminated. The term of the use might be in the 3-5 year range. Allowing the use by either conditional use or interim use follow the

same process with a public hearing, neighbor notice and then review by council. If the use was allowed as a permitted use, there would be no planning commission or council review. Staff and the Police Chief would conduct the review.

The Police Chief has been involved in the early discussions of this amendment and has visited the site. He has found the proposed location to be acceptable and it does not appear to cause any public safety issues. The Chief has indicated he would support the request with his involvement in final approval of an actual location.

ALTERNATIVES

The Planning Commission has the following actions available on the following request:

- A. **Approval.** If the Planning Commission finds the application to be acceptable, the Planning Commission has three options for the amendment:
1. Approval of an Ordinance Amendment to allow a DNR gun safety program with outdoor shooting range as a permitted use with conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission.
 2. Approval of an Ordinance Amendment to allow a DNR gun safety program with outdoor shooting range as a conditional use with conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission.
 3. Approval of an Ordinance Amendment to allow a DNR gun safety program with outdoor shooting range as an interim use with conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission.
- B. **Denial.** If the Planning Commission does not favor the proposed application the above request should be recommended for denial. With a recommendation for denial, findings or the basis for the denial should be given.

RECOMMENDATION

IF the Planning Commission finds the request acceptable, staff recommends the use be allowed by interim use and have a 3-5 year time frame approval with the conditions listed in the draft ordinance.

Attachments: Applicant Proposed Ordinance (permitted use)
Proposed Ordinance (conditional use)
Proposed Ordinance (interim use)
Information from DNR
Memo from Police Chief
Maps of Applicant's Property

Section 3. Standards. The following standards apply in the “E-1” Estate District for gun safety programs.

1. Minimum Standards*

Contiguous or adjacent acres for gun safety shooting program and range	50 Acres
Distance of gun safety range from non-owner residences	minimum of 1/4 mile
Elevation of hillside behind targets	50 feet or more
Only 22 rifles with short non-lead ammunition may be shot on the range	
DNR must approve program and range	
Chief of Police must approve program and range subject to conditions and restrictions determined by the Chief	

*All standards are minimum requirements unless noted

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Passed this ____ day of _____, 2012.

George Tourville, Mayor

Attest:

Melissa Rheaume, Deputy Clerk

**CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING INVER GROVE HEIGHTS CITY CODE,
TITLE 10, (ZONING ORDINANCE) REGARDING ADDING LANGUAGE
ADDRESSING DNR SPONSORED GUN SAFETY PROGRAM WITH
OUTDOOR SHOOTING RANGE**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. Amendment. Title 10, Chapter 6, LAND USE MATRICES of the Inver Grove Heights City Code is hereby amended to add the following:

10-6-1: LAND USES IN ALL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS:

Use	Zoning District												
	A	E-1	E-2	R-1A	R-1B	R-1C	R-2	R-3A	R-3B	R-3C	R-4	MF-PUD	MU-PUD
Permitted Uses													
<u>DNR approved gun safety program with outdoor shooting range</u>		<u>C</u>											

Section Two. Amendment. Title 10, Chapter 15, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS, of the Inver Grove Heights City Code is hereby amended to add the following section:

10-15-34: DNR Sponsored Gun Safety Program with outdoor shooting range: Where conditionally permitted, the use shall be subject to the following conditions:

- A. The use shall only be allowed on land of a minimum of 50 acres of contiguous or adjacent land under the same control.
- B. The gun safety range shall be located a distance of at least ¼ mile from any non-owner residence.
- C. There shall be a minimum elevation of 50 feet of hill side behind the shooting range.
- D. Only .22 caliber rifles with short non-lead ammunition may be shot on the range.
- E. The program must be an instructional program authorized by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.
- F. No more than 6 (six) training sessions may occur at any one location or property per calendar year. Additional sessions may be approved by the Chief of Police.
- G. The Chief of Police must approve in writing the specific location of the shooting range and the Chief may impose conditions and restrictions with respect to the number of participants, the time and dates of the instructional program and number and placement of warning signs and duration of the program.
- H. The program must also comply with all regulations contained in Title XXX of the City Code.

Section Three. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its publication as provided by law.

Passed in regular session of the City Council on the ____ day of _____, 2012.

CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

By: _____
George Tourville, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Kennedy, Deputy City Clerk

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FOLLOWS:

Section One. Amendment. Title 10, Chapter 14, INTERIM USES, of the Inver Grove Heights City Code is hereby amended to add the following:

10-14-2: **INTERIM USES ENUMERATED:** The following land uses shall be deemed interim uses within the city:

- H. DNR Sponsored Gun Safety Program with outdoor shooting range shall be allowed only in the E-1, Estate Residential zoning district subject to the following conditions:
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MN DNR Firearm Safety Program (FAS)

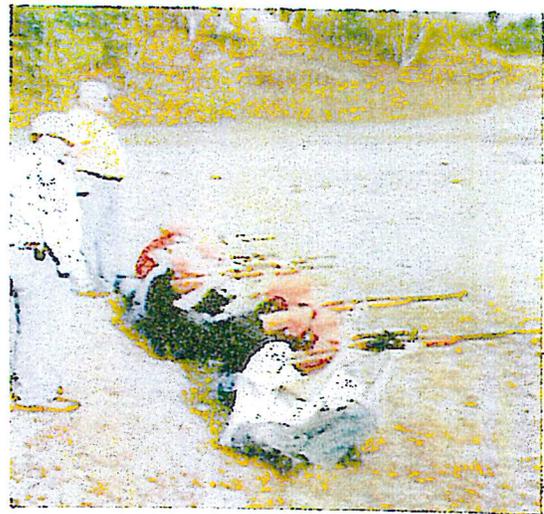
This document was prepared by 2nd Lt Alex Gutierrez - SW Metro Regional Training Officer and the MN DNR Safety Training and Education Division.

The FAS classes consist of a minimum of 12 hours of classroom and field experience in the safe handling of firearms and hunter responsibility.

The field experience allows students to learn and demonstrate commonly accepted principles of safety in hunting and the handling of firearms. It includes live fire on a rifle range.

Range portion of the DNR FAS Certification class consists of two DNR Certified FAS instructors coaching no more than 6 students at a time. Each student shoots a total of 15 rounds from a .22 caliber rifle which consists of 3 rounds standing, 4rds kneeling, 4rds sitting and 4rds lying down (prone). There will always be a minimum of two Certified FAS instructors at the range portion. The targets are placed at an average of height of no taller than 5 feet, with the bottom of the target usually 3 feet above ground.

All State of Minnesota certified safety training classes are covered under the State of Minnesota's liability insurance.



The positive effects of quality hunter education programs on hunter safety, behavior, satisfaction, retention and public acceptance of hunting are often overlooked. To address this concern, the MN DNR has placed an increased emphasis on improved methods of delivery and teaching techniques in the hunter education curriculum and making them more available to communities. There have also been a number of additions to the curriculum including landowner relations, ethical behavior, wildlife identification, wildlife management and conservation, hunting and wildlife laws and the enforcement of these laws.

“Three basic rules of firearms handling”

- Treat each firearm as if it is loaded
- Always control the muzzle of your firearm
- Be sure of your target and what is beyond

In 1947 there were 32 hunting incidents with 8 fatalities. There was one Firearm Safety class held in 1964 (19,062 certified) and there was no Firearm Safety until the program was officially started in 1974, where 27,847 were certified.

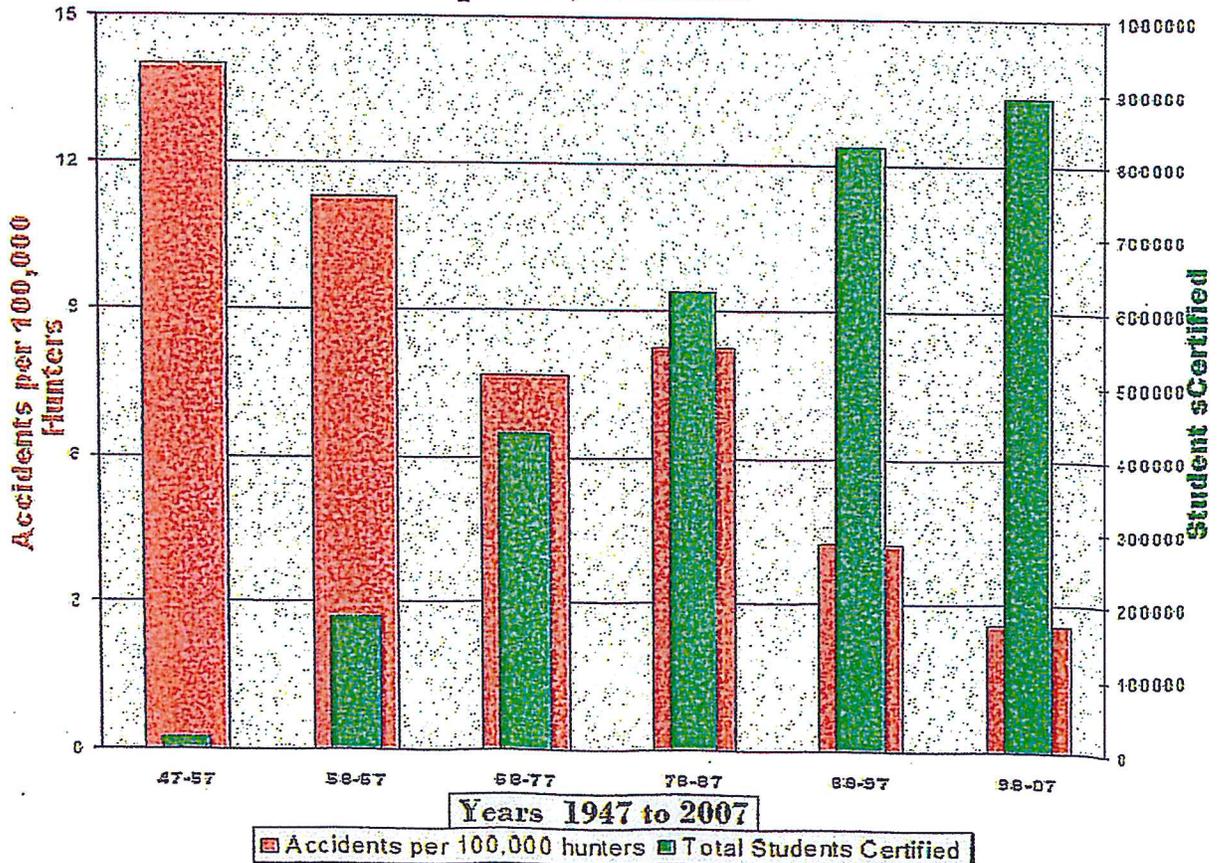
1955 had 22 hunting incidents, 4 fatalities, 0 students certified in Firearm Safety and 163,406 hunting licenses sold.

1975 had 102 hunting incidents, 14 fatalities, 28527 students certified in Firearm Safety and 329,517 hunting licenses sold.

2005 had 24 hunting incidents, 3 fatalities, 24033 students certified in Firearm Safety and 475,508 hunting licenses sold.

The chart below shows the decreasing number of hunting related accidents vs the increase in Firearm Safety Certified students.

Firearm Safety Students Certified vs Deer Hunting Accidents per 100,000 hunters



There are several principles of the MN DNR Firearm Safety Education program and they are combined with the Hunter Education Certification Standards.

- Basic rules of shooting and hunting safety (treat every firearm as if it is loaded, always control the muzzle of your firearm, be sure of your target and what is in front of and beyond the target, keep finger off the trigger until ready to shoot, etc.)
- Proper loading and unloading of firearms (courteously acknowledging and accepting firearm with action open, gun pointing in safe direction at all times, knowing action type, correctly carrying and matching ammunition, knowing location(s) of safety(ies))
- Different action types (bolt, lever, semi-automatic, pump and break)
- Different safety mechanisms (push button, hammer, lever, tang, slide, grip, etc.)
- Matching the proper ammunition to the firearm (match data stamp on firearm to head stamp on ammunition.)
- Safely transport a firearm (while in a vehicle, boat, ATV or other transportation method)
- Safely enter, use, and exit a ground blind or elevated stand [Always pointed in safe direction, unloaded, checked, cased, ammunition separate, hauling line, sling, etc., types of elevated stands, fall arrest systems (FAS), and identifying products that meet industry safety standards.] - Amended June, 5 2010.
- Safely cross an obstacle or traverse hazardous terrain, one method alone; the other method while with a partner. (muzzle control, unload when crossing, carry positions.)
- Safe zones of fire (area in which a hunter can shoot safely, hunter communication, know where your hunting companions are at all times.)
- Appropriate carry methods (position within the group may vary)
- Safe shot selection (i.e. various backgrounds, vital zones, angles of shots/animals, skyline animals, flock shooting, clothing of hunters/others, foreground, zones of fire) that present safe/unsafe and/or unethical shot opportunities
- Determine whether barrel is free from obstruction (always point in safe direction, open action, check to be sure chamber/magazine is unloaded, check from breech and/or use appropriate accessories such as a barrel light)
- Why hunters should wear blaze orange clothing for most hunting situations and/or why it is better than other colors while in the outdoors (to be seen)
- Alcohol or drugs impair skills and judgment while handling sporting arms (coordination, hearing, vision, communications and good judgment)
- Safe cleaning procedures and proper storage of firearms (always pointed in a safe direction, unloaded, checked, cased, and/or placed/locked in a gun safe, ammunition stored and locked separately, gun locks/accessories in place, etc.)

Allan Hunting

From: Larry Stanger
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 10:18 AM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: RE: DNR gun shooting range

Allan,

I have reviewed your draft ordinance amendment as well as visited the site being proposed for this activity to occur and I am in support of it. The only thing I would ask is that I have a chance to make another site visit once the land has been prepared for this activity and prior to the first training session occurring.

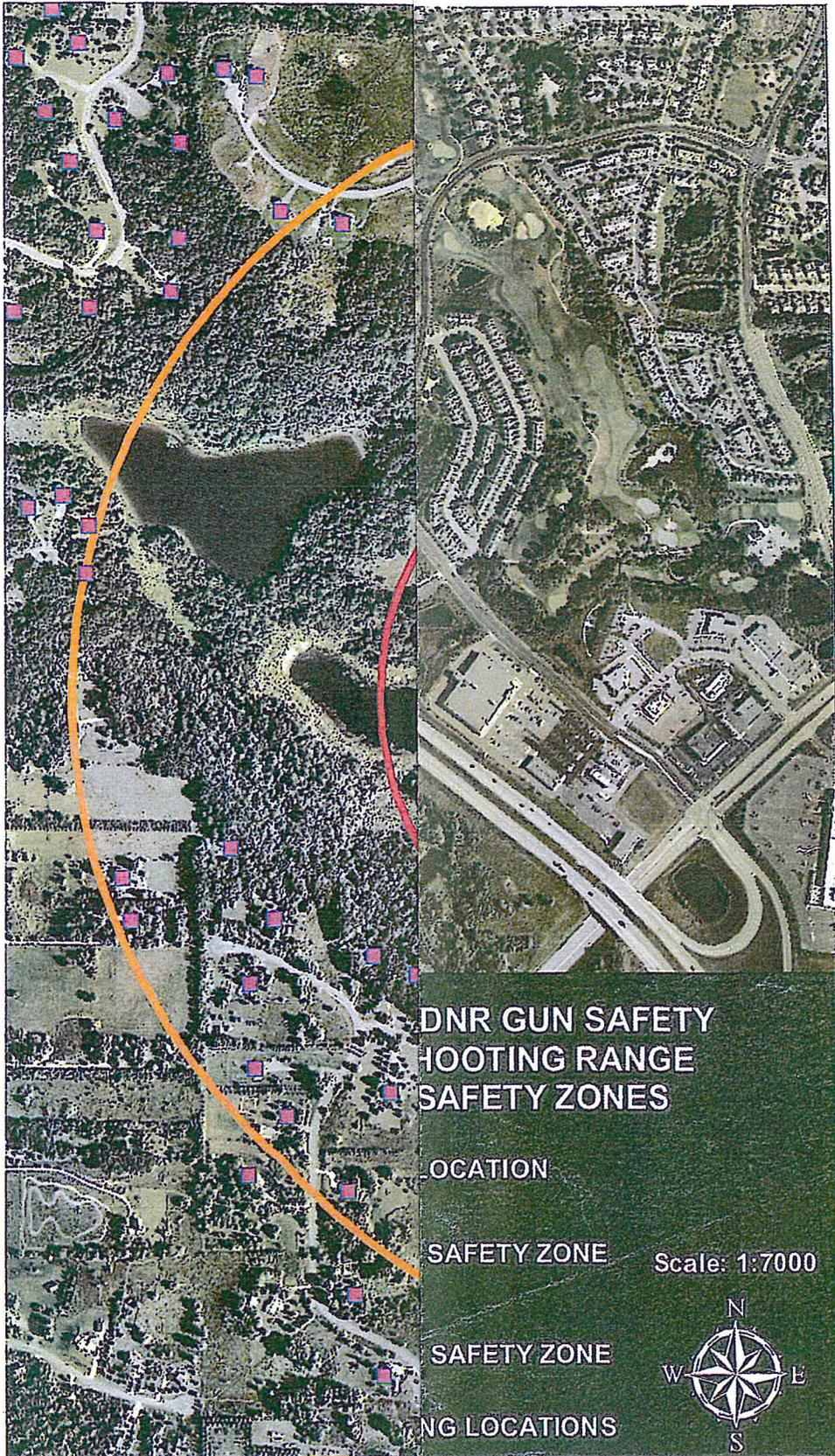
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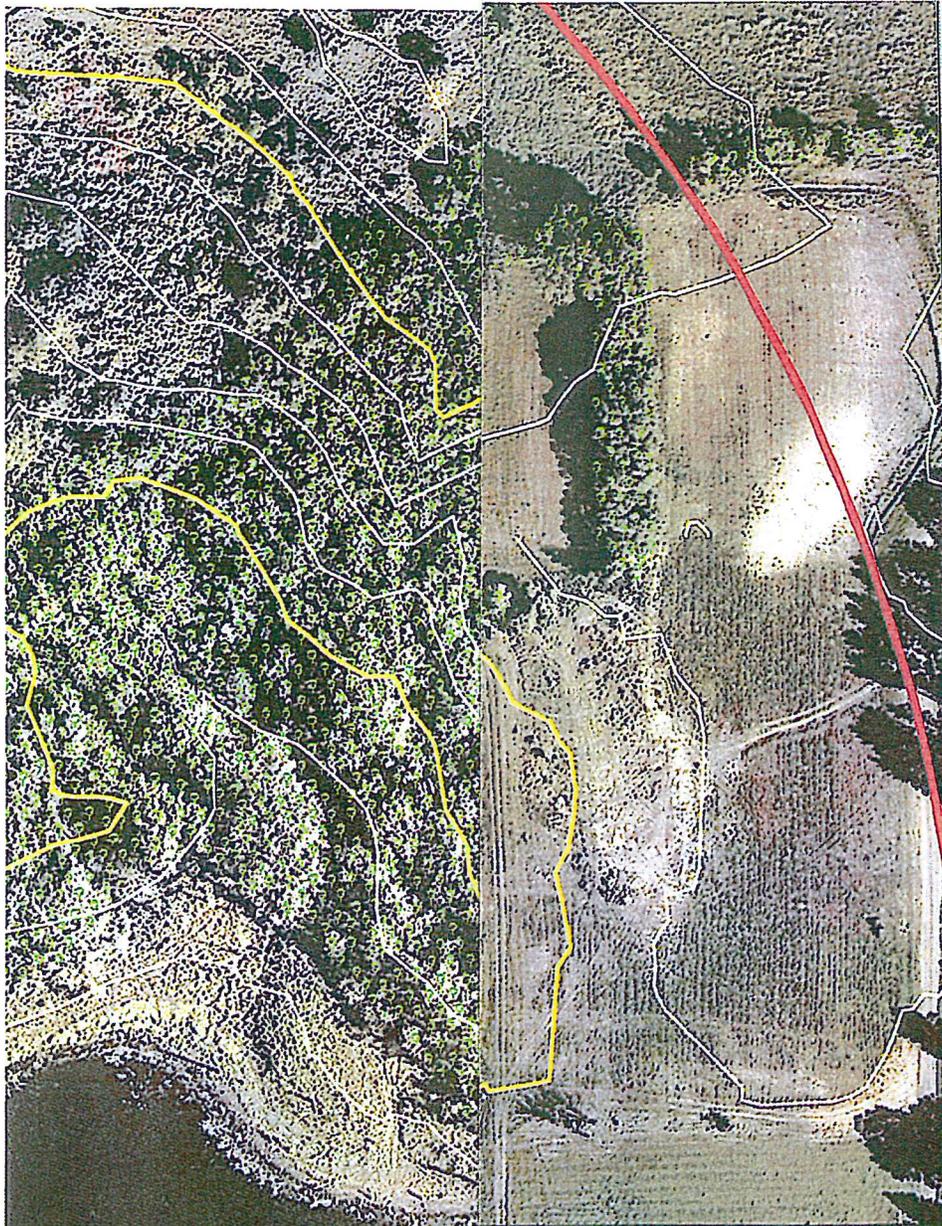


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