

To: Plan Commission/ZBA

Patrick Ainsworth, AICP, Community and Economic Development Director

From: Ronald Mentzer, Community & Economic Development Consultant

**Date:** March 27, 2025

A&D Storage Seeking Approval of Revised Special Use Permit for a New Self Service

Re: Storage Facility – Crest Hill Plan Commission Case # SU-25-1-3-1

#### Project Details

| Project  | Storage Facility                                |
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| Request  | Special Use for Self-Storage Facility           |
| Location | Southwest comer of Renwick Road and Borio Drive |

#### Site Details

| Building<br>Sizes | N/A        |  |
|-------------------|------------|--|
| Site Area         | 3.96 Acres |  |

#### Land Use and Zoning Summary

|                | Land Use       | Comp Plan   | Zoning |
|----------------|----------------|-------------|--------|
| Subject Parcel | Business       | Business    | B-3    |
| North          | Unincorporated | Will County | A-1    |
| South          | Detention Pond | Residential | R-3    |
| East           | Detention Pond | Residential | R-1    |
| West           | ComEd Easement | N/A         | N/A    |
|                |                |             |        |

#### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

A & D Storage LLC (the "Applicant") has submitted an application package for the City's potential approval of a Special Use Permit for the construction and operation of a single-story, Self-Service Self-Storage Facility (see Attachment A for the Application). The Applicant has selected the southwest corner of Borio Drive and Renwick Road, which is currently zoned, B-3, Business Service District. Since the property is less than five acres in size, a Planned Unit Development is not required.

#### **Historical Project Timeline**

In June 2023, the Applicant applied for a Special Use for a Self-Storage Facility and received a positive recommendation from the Plan Commission at the July 19, 2023, meeting and approval from City Council via Ordinance 1959 on August 7, 2023. In 2024, as the Special Use Ordinance was coming to the end of the one-year period to obtain a building permit in order to construct the Self-Storage Facility, the Applicant requested a one-year extension and received approval from City Council on that request as well.

Earlier this year, the Applicant identified a new potential buyer and builder for the subject project; however, the prospective buyer was desirous to construct the interior drive aisle material with asphalt. In Exhibit C of Ordinance 1959, the material identified for this portion of the project was concrete (see Attachment C for reference of proposed site materials). Since there is no current provision in the Crest Hill Zoning Code to allow for a modification to an approved ordinance, and the one-year extension that was granted in 2024 is coming to an end, the Applicant was required to apply for a new Special Use Application in order to both make the requested material change from concrete to asphalt and to give this project a new time parameter.

Additionally, on February 24, 2025, an update was provided to City Council by the Applicant during a City Council Work Session meeting to let them know that there was going to be a new application submitted for this project. The City Council asked about paving materials used in the other Self-Storage Facilities located throughout the City of Crest Hill. All other similar facilities were constructed with asphalt for their respective property. As such, there were no major concerns regarding the proposed pavement material change from concrete to asphalt.

The application attached to this staff report contains the updated submittals with the drive aisle material change (see Attachment B for the updated project details and related drawings). There are some drawings that have been updated since the 2023 submittals such as the landscape plan and elevation drawings. Should this application be approved by Plan Commission, the request will go to City Council for consideration as a new Ordinance.

#### Planning, Zoning, and City Code Analysis

**Zoning Ordinance Regulations** – The following subsections assess the submittals in relation to the Crest Hill Zoning Ordinance. There are several components of the project to review in comparison to this document, hence there are multiple attributes of this project that will be assessed in detail below.

**Off Street Parking -** Section 11.8-4 Requires 1 parking space per employee plus 1 parking space for each business-related vehicle. Since this business is a self-service business, the applicant showed four parking spaces with one being ADA accessible on two of the submitted drawings.

The landscape island at the western edge of the parking row that is shown on the Autoturn Exhibit complies with Zoning Ordinance Section 11.6-2. However, this landscape parking island was inadvertently removed in the latest Site Plan and the Landscape Plan. As such, a condition has been added to this staff report to add this landscape island back into the Site Plan and Landscape Plan to comply with this provision. This will reduce the number of parking spaces down to three spaces, but this was the amount of parking shown in the 2023 Special Use Application (Ordinance 1959).

#### **Zoning Bulk Regulations for B-3 Business Services District**

| <u></u>                    |                            |                     |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| Minimum Lot Area           | 1 Acre Required            | 3.96 Acres Proposed |  |  |  |
| Building Height            | 45 Foot Max Allowed Height | 13.5 Feet Proposed  |  |  |  |
| Front Yard Setback         | 30 Feet Required           | 35.91 Feet Proposed |  |  |  |
| Corner Side Yard Setback   | 30 Feet Required           | 48.1 Feet Proposed  |  |  |  |
| Interior Side Yard Setback | 15 Feet Required           | 45 Feet Proposed    |  |  |  |
| Rear Yard Setback          | 20 Feet Required           | 37.23 Feet Proposed |  |  |  |
| Lot Coverage               | 85% Max Allowed            | 80.7% Presented     |  |  |  |

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As shown in the table above, all bulk regulations are in compliance between the proposed project and the Crest Hill Zoning Ordinance.

**Fencing Regulations** – As identified in the original July 19, 2023, staff report for this project, Section 8.2-14 of the Zoning Ordinance requires all storage facilities to be enclosed by fencing and landscaping. There is a six-foot tall faux wrought iron fence being proposed along the front and corner side yards of this property where four-foot fences are allowed. The Plan Commission and City Council approved the six-foot fencing option in 2023 as part of the approved drawings to assist with securing the property. The same fencing details are attached to this application and the Plan Commission and City Council should consider these fencing details are part of the application approval.

<u>Crest Hill City Code</u> - There are additional notable regulations within the Crest Hill City Code that also apply to this proposed project. Those two project attributes are discussed in more detail below.

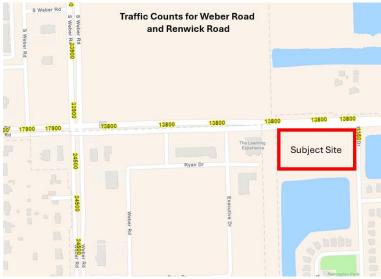
**Live Planting Requirement Section** – City Code Section 15.04.040(I)(2)(b)(2) states that 1 approved planting per 725 square feet of gross land area is required which results in a minimum of 237 plantings required for this site. The proposed landscape plan shows that 339 plantings will be provided.

**Masonry Requirement Section** - City Code Section 15.04.040(I)(1)(b)(1-4) discusses masonry requirements. Given the nature of the self-storage facility and the previous approvals of Ordinance 1959, the emphasis of masonry materials are being proposed on the eastern-most building and a 3.5-foot stone knee wall is proposed on the north and south sides of the remaining buildings.

<u>Comprehensive Plan</u> – The 2014 Crest Hill Comprehensive Plan is a land use guide to ensure logical and orderly growth of the community. With this notion, this document was reviewed in comparison to this project to ensure that this guide is being followed. That analysis is discussed below in more detail.

The City's 2014 Comprehensive Plan assigns this property as Local Commercial on the Future Land Use Map. The Comprehensive Plan explains Local Commercial in further detail, "Local Commercial uses cater to everyday retail and service needs. They generally include retail, shops, restaurants, and professional services. Local commercial uses are often stand-alone or are part of a small multi-tenant commercial center".

This land use designation is fitting for this property given the notion that this parcel is not fronting Weber Road and Renwick Road witnesses approximately 13,800 vehicles per day on this roadway. Roadways with less traffic compared to more regional arterials, such as Weber Road which witnesses 25,000 to 30,000 vehicles per day, are more suitable for local commercial uses, including service uses such as storage facilities compared to regional commercial. See the illustration below identifying the traffic counts for this intersection.



1 - Source - Illinois Department of Transportation

Additionally, Local Commercial contains a reduced land use intensity compared to Regional Commercial in an attempt to help transition commercial uses to nearby or abutting residential uses. Since the proposed self-storage facility is heavily screened and landscaped, and the amount of anticipated vehicles entering and leaving the property is nominal, the use is generally compatible with the surrounding properties.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Since this property previously received approval from City Council in 2023 for a Self-Storage facility per Ordinance 1959 and the submittals have not substantially changed compared to the current application content, staff recommends that the Plan Commission approve of the requested Special Use. Should the Plan Commission recommend approval to the City Council, then the following conditions shall be considered as part of the recommendation:

#### **Conditions of Approval:**

- 1. That the drawings submitted for building permit shall be in substantial compliance with the drawings approved by City Council and identified below, unless otherwise noted in the remaining conditions.
  - Site Plan, Sheet SP1 prepared by Advantage Consulting Engineers last dated 2/17/2025
  - Final Landscape Plan, Sheets 0-2, prepared by Gary R. Weber Associates Inc. with a last revision date of 2/20/2025
  - Preliminary Building Elevations, Sheet A-2, prepared by Schmidt Design and last dated 2/19/2025
  - Masonry Exhibit from Ledgestone/Preliminary Site Plan, Sheet SP1, prepared by Advantage Consulting containing updated notations with buildings A through H
  - Autoturn Exhibit, Sheet V1 prepared by Advantage Consulting Engineers and dated 6/7/2023

- A landscape island shall be added to the western edge of the parking row and the Site Plan
  prepared by Advantage Consulting Engineers and the Landscape Plan prepared by Gary R.
  Weber Associates Inc. shall be updated at time of building permit submittal to comply with this
  condition.
- 3. The Crest Hill Police Department shall receive, review, and approve a security plan from the Applicant as part of the building permit process.
- 4. The hours of business operations shall be from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM every day and the access keycode system will be timed out from 9:00 PM to 7:00 PM to prevent entry.
- The Applicant or future buyer shall supply an executed contract for trash refuse service for the subject property at time of building permit. On call trash refuse service will be acceptable compared to scheduled service.
- 6. A Photometric Plan shall be provided at time of submitting for a building permit to ensure compliance with applicable codes and regulations.
- All required final design drawings and related supporting project information be submitted for final engineering review and approval in conjunction with the formal building permit application submitted for this project.
- 8. All new shade trees, ornamental trees, and evergreen trees associated with this project shall be planted with a minimum height of six feet and a minimum of 2.5" caliber at time of planting.
- 9. A Final Signage Plan shall be submitted at time of building permit application to ensure compliance with all applicable codes and regulations.
- 10. A separate Plat of Easement for the existing subdivision entrance sign for the neighborhood to the south shall be submitted to the Community Development Department for review and approval. A copy of the recorded Plat of Easement shall be submitted to the Clerk's Office as part of the record for this Special Use Ordinance. This Plat of Easement shall be recorded prior to issuing a Final Certificate of Occupancy.
- 11. A private sidewalk connection to the public walkway within the Borio Drive public right-of-way shall be provided in this project. This improvement shall be shown in the drawings submitted as part of the formal building permit application.
- 12. All conditions made with this Ordinance shall be transferred to any new property owner.

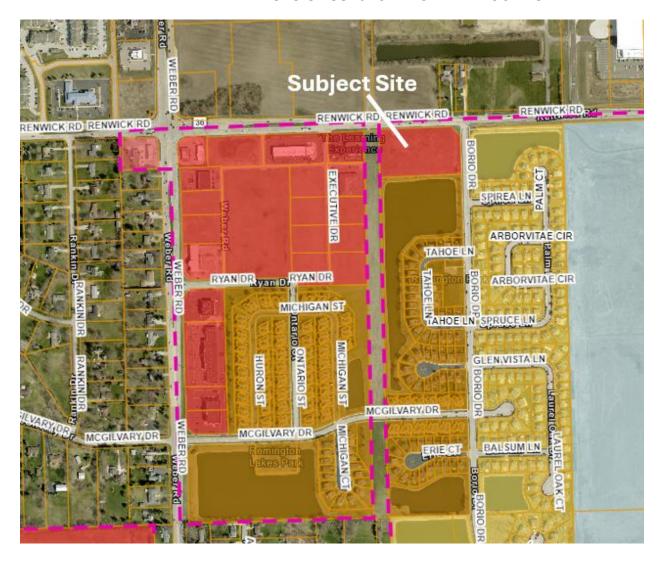
#### Attachments:

Attachment A – Special Use Application

Attachment B – Application Submittals and Drawings

Attachment C - Ordinance 1959 from 2023 with Exhibit C Site Plan Details

### **EXHIBIT A – AERIAL PHOTO OF SUBJECT PROPERTY LOCATION**



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# MINUTES OF THE CREST HILL PLAN COMMISSION

The March 27, 2025, Special Plan Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Thomas, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Center, 20600 City Center Boulevard, Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Roll call indicated the following present: Chairman Bill Thomas, Commissioner Ken Carroll, Commissioner Angelo Deserio, Commissioner Jeff Peterson, Commissioner Marty Flynn, Commissioner John Stanton.

Also present were: Community Development Consultant Ron Mentzer, City Attorney Mike Stiff, Administrative Clerk Samantha Tilley.

Absent were: Commissioner Cheryl Slabozeski, Community & Economic Development Director Patrick Ainsworth.

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>: There were no minutes needing approval.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING</u>: Chairman Bill Thomas presented case number SU-25-1-3-1, of A&D Storage seeking Approval of a Revised B-3 Special Use for a Self-Service Storage Facility, located at the Southwest Corner of Renwick Road & Borio Drive in Crest Hill, Illinois.

Chairman Thomas asked if the paperwork is in order. The necessary paperwork was in order.

Chairman Thomas asked for a Motion to Open the Public Hearing on Case Number SU-25-1-3-1.

(#1) Motion by Commissioner Carroll seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to open a public hearing on case number SU-25-1-3-1.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Commissioners Carroll, Peterson, Flynn, Stanton, Deserio, Chairman Thomas.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Slabozeski.

There being six (6) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:02 p.m.

Chairman Thomas asked the Community and Economic Development Consultant Ron Mentzer to present the specifics on this case.

Consultant Ron Mentzer commented that this project was approved in the summer of 2023 and the current property owner and entity that originally received the special approval is marketing the

property and project and there is a new developer experienced in operating these new types of facilities and they are interested in purchasing the facility. The new developer has identified that the original approved plans and specifications for this project stated that the entire drive aisle system for the self-storage facility would need to be constructed out of concrete pavement and the new developer would like to construct the drive aisle system out of asphalt pavement, which is more cost effective and consistent with what you see in these types of facilities.

Since the original approved plans and specifications had a condition stating it must be concrete pavement, there will need to be an amendment to allow the change of the pavement material, and the City Zoning Ordinance does not have provisions to allow that change to be approved by staff. Since this cannot be approved by staff, there was a need to come back to the public hearing process and have a new special use permit approved to accommodate that change on the pavement.

The applicant understands that there are original conditions of approval that were imposed in 2023 and there are a series of conditions that the staff is recommending that are attached to any recommendation to approve the revised special use permit.

Chairman Thomas asked the representative of A&D Storage to approach the podium. Steve Gulden, the consultant for A&D Storage, approached the podium and was sworn in.

Mr. Gulden commented that the only change requested was to switch from concrete to asphalt, and everything else will remain the same. They will change the landscape island and put that back in and meet all conditions that are in the staff report. This will be a first-class facility.

Chairman Thomas asked the commissioners if anyone had a comment or question.

Commissioner Stanton asked if there was lighting for this facility? Mr. Gulden commented that there will be appropriate lighting, and they already have a condition for a photometric plan, which would outline the spread of the lighting throughout the facility, and they will meet the requirements of the Crest Hill ordinance.

Commissioner Stanton then asked how tall the trees will be? Mr. Gulden commented that the Crest Hill requirement is a minimum requirement of six feet at the time of planting and that will be followed.

Commissioner Stanton also asked if there is a warranty on the fence being installed. Mr. Gulden commented that it will be vinyl fencing and they will last longer and have less maintenance and would come with a warranty of some sort. Community Development Consultant Ron Mentzer commented that the fencing details are on the landscape plan. It was then commented that the fence requirement is six feet tall, but the applicant agreed to eight feet tall.

Mr. Gulden thanked everyone for having the special meeting since they are under some time constraints and stated that they really appreciate that and all the hard work pushing this forward.

Chairman Thomas asked if anyone would like to make a public comment.

Tom Dewall, a resident, approached the podium and was sworn in. He then asked if the drainage would be looked into since they are going from concrete to asphalt regarding the two ponds? Mr. Gulden came back to the podium and commented that the impervious surface is impervious surface if it is asphalt or concrete, so the drainage coefficients will not change. Consultant Ron Mentzer commented from a engineering design standard concrete and asphalt are considered impervious and the city engineer has confirmed that the existing detention facility adjacent to this site is sized properly to accommodate the storm water run off from this site and the final engineering design will have to show that they are collecting all the storm water from the site making sure it is collected and directed in that existing detention pond and not flowing into off-site properties.

Mr. Dewall then asked how bright or how many lumens each light is with the lighting system. Mr. Gulden commented that they will have to meet the Crest Hill ordinance. Mr. Dewall then asked if there is an ordinance that states the number of lumens that are required? Consultant Ron Mentzer commented that there are limitations on the amount of light that can be spilling over on adjacent properties that are zoned residential, and they will have to comply with that. Mr. Dewall then commented that he is more concerned about the ends not having enough lighting and wants to make sure it is lit up properly.

There were no more questions or comments.

Chairman Thomas asked for a Motion to Close the Public Hearing on Case Number SU-25-1-3-1.

(#2) Motion by Commissioner Peterson seconded by Commissioner Flynn, to close the public hearing on case number SU-25-1-3-1.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Commissioners Peterson, Flynn, Stanton, Carroll, Deserio, Chairman Thomas.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Slabozeski.

There being six (6) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

Chairman Thomas commented that this property is currently zoned B-3, as a business service district, which means equipment rental store, 24/7 convenient store, a laundry mat, health fitness club, animal hospital, or packaged liquor store could go into that neighborhood and this storage facility seems like the most wonderful thing you can do to keep the neighborhood looking good as it does.

Chairman Thomas asked for a motion to grant the request of A&D Storage for approval of a revised B-3 Special Use for a new self-storage facility located at the southwest corner of Renwick Road and Borio Drive, based on the previously discussed twelve (12) conditions that will be attached to the minutes.

(#3) Motion by Commissioner Deserio seconded by Commissioner Carroll, to recommend to the City Council approval of A&D Storage for approval of a revised B-3 Special Use for a new self-

storage facility located at the southwest corner of Renwick Road and Borio Drive, based on the previously discussed twelve (12) conditions below:

- 1. That the drawings submitted for the building permit shall be in substantial compliance with the drawings approved by the City Council and identified below, unless otherwise noted in the remaining conditions:
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- 2. A landscape island shall be added to the western edge of the parking row and the Site Plan prepared by Advantage Consulting Engineers and the Landscape Plan prepared by Gary R. Weber Associates Inc. shall be updated at the time of building permit submittal to comply with this condition.
- 3. The Crest Hill Police Department shall receive, review, and approve a security plan from the Applicant as part of the building permit process.
- 4. The hours of business operations shall be from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM every day and the access keycode system will be timed out from 9:00 PM to 7:00 AM to prevent entry.
- 5. The Applicant or future buyer shall supply an executed contract for trash refuse service for the subject property at time of building permit. On-call trash refuse service will be acceptable compared to scheduled service.
- 6. A Photometric Plan shall be provided in time of submitting a building permit to ensure compliance with applicable codes and regulations.
- 7. All required final design drawings and related supporting project information be submitted for final engineering review and approval in conjunction with the formal building permit application submitted for this project.
- 8. All new shade trees, ornamental trees, and evergreen trees associated with this project shall be planted with a minimum height of six feet and a minimum of 2.5" caliber at time of planting.
- 9. A Final Signage Plan shall be submitted at the time of building permit application to ensure compliance with all applicable codes and regulations.
- 10. A separate Plat of Easement for the existing subdivision entrance sign for the neighborhood to the south shall be submitted to the Community Development Department for review and approval. A copy of the recorded Plat of Easement shall be submitted to the Clerk's Office

as part of the record for this Special Use Ordinance. This Plat of Easement shall be recorded prior to issuing a Final Certificate of Occupancy.

- 11. A private sidewalk connection to the public walkway within the Borio Drive public right-of-way should be provided in this project. This improvement shall be shown in the drawings submitted as part of the formal building permit application.
- 12. All conditions made with this Ordinance shall be transferred to any new property owner.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Commissioners Deserio, Carroll, Stanton, Flynn, Peterson, Chairman Thomas.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Slabozeski.

There being six (6) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Thomas informed the petitioner that the Plan Commission is a recommendation body only. The City Council will hear about the case and have an official vote.

Chairman Thomas reminded the Council that there is no meeting on April 10, 2025, but there will be a special meeting on April 24, 2025, and at that time they will be approving the Plan Commission By-Laws.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

There being no further business before the Commission, a motion for adjournment was in order.

(#4) Motion by Commissioner Peterson seconded by Commissioner Deserio, to adjourn the March 27, 2025, Plan Commission meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Commissioners Peterson, Deserio, Carroll, Stanton, Flynn, Chairman Thomas.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being six (6) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

| As approved this | day of | <u>,</u> 2025. |
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| As amended       |        |                |
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## CREST HILL PLAN COMMISSION

MARCH 27, 2025

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had in the

above-entitled matter, at 20600 City Center Boulevard, Crest Hill, Illinois, commencing at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on the 27th day of March, 2025.

#### **BEFORE:**

Ron Mentzer, Community/Economic Development Consultant Samantha Tilley, Administrative Clerk Mike Stiff, City Attorney Bill Thomas, Chairman John Stanton, Commissioner Marty Flynn, Commissioner Angelo DeSerio, Commissioner Jeff Peterson, Commissioner Ken Carroll, Commissioner

#### PRESENT:

Steve Gulden

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- CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Let me call the
- <sup>2</sup> March 27th special Plan Commission Meeting to
- $^{3}$  order at 7:00.
- If you're able, please stand for the
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- 6 (Pledge of Allegiance.)
- 7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you.
- $^8$  Roll call, please.
- 9 SAMANTHA TILLEY: Bill Thomas?
- 10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Ken Carroll?
- 12 COMMISSIONER CARROLL: Yes. Here.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Cheryl Slabozeski?
- (No response.)
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Angelo DeSerio?
- 16 COMMISSIONER DESERIO: Here.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Jeff Peterson?
- 18 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Here.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Marty Flynn?
- COMMISSIONER FLYNN: Here.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: John Stanton?
- 22 COMMISSIONER STANTON: Here.
- CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Thank you.
- We have no minutes to approve tonight, so

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we'll move right to the new business section. We
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- have one case on the agenda, a public hearing and
- consideration of Case Number SU-25-1-3-1, a
- 4 request of A&D Storage seeking approval of a
- revised B-3 special use for a new self-service
- storage facility located at the southwest corner
- of Renwick Road and Borio Drive in Crest Hill.
- Samantha, is the paperwork in order?
- 9 SAMANTHA TILLEY: The paperwork is in
- order.
- 11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Then I would
- like to have a motion to open the public hearing.
- 13 COMMISSIONER CARROLL: So moved.
- 14 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Second.
- 15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Motion by Commissioner
- <sup>16</sup> Carroll. Second by Commissioner Peterson.
- Roll call, please.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Ken Carroll?
- 19 COMMISSIONER CARROLL: Yes.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Jeff Peterson?
- COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Yes.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Marty Flynn?
- 23 COMMISSIONER FLYNN: Yes.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: John Stanton?

- 1 COMMISSIONER STANTON: Yes.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Angelo DeSerio?
- COMMISSIONER DESERIO: Yes.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: And Bill Thomas?
- <sup>5</sup> CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Motion carried.
- 7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Again, the
- 8 subject of this hearing is to discuss Case
- $^9$  SU-25-1-3-1, and I would now like to ask our
- community and economic development consultant, Ron
- 11 Mentzer, to present the specifics of this case.
- 12 Ron?
- RON MENTZER: Thank you, Chairman.
- Okay. Thank you, Chairman and good
- evening to the Plan Commission. This is a pretty
- straightforward case so I will be short and
- direct. This project was -- this special use for
- the project was approved originally in the summer
- of 2023. The current property owner and entity
- that originally received the special use approval
- is marketing the property and project and there is
- a new developer that is experienced in developing
- and operating these types of facilities that's
- interested in purchasing the facility, and one of

- the items that they identified as part of their
- process was that the original approved plans and
- specifications for this project called out that
- the entire drive aisle system for the self-storage
- facility would be constructed out of concrete
- pavement, and they want to construct it on asphalt
- pavement, which is more cost effective, obviously,
- and it's consistent with generally what you see
- <sup>9</sup> used in these types of facilities, both in Crest
- Hill and throughout the country for that matter.
- So because the original approved plans
- and specifications for the project called out
- concrete, they would need to -- there needed to be
- some type of amendment approved to allow for the
- change of pavement material. Unfortunately, the
- 16 City Zoning Ordinance does not have any provisions
- that allow for that type of change to be approved
- administratively by staff, so what that triggered
- is the need to come back through the public
- hearing process and have the Plan Commission
- 21 approve a new special use permit that would
- accommodate that change. So that's what you have
- before you tonight.
- As part of this process we did request,

- $^{1}$  and the applicant did comply, by updating all
- their design drawings and, for the most part, they
- addressed all the original conditions of approval
- $^4$  that were imposed back a couple of years ago.
- There is a series of conditions that staff is
- ferrormmending that the Plan Commission attach to
- any recommendations to approve this special use
- 8 permit and staff is in support of approving the
- 9 special use permit -- revised special use permit
- for this project.
- With that, I would address any questions
- you might have.
- 13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. I think, you
- know, we were looking at the drawings, and, as you
- say, they were updated from two years ago, and I
- think the only thing they missed was that one
- landscape parking island which is now one of the
- conditions, that that be added to the drawing so
- that's taken care of.
- Anybody have any questions for Ron?
- Okay. So -- wow, it's like there you
- $^{22}$  are.
- STEVEN GULDEN: Cubs game tonight, right?
- CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Would you introduce

- yourself and raise your right hand, please?
- STEVE GULDEN: Sure. Steve Gulden. I
- <sup>3</sup> represent A&D Storage. I'm entitlement
- 4 consultant.
- 5 (Steve Gulden duly sworn.)
- 6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.
- STEVE GULDEN: So just to acquiesce what
- <sup>8</sup> Ron said. Very short and sweet. The only changes
- <sup>9</sup> we're requesting is to go from concrete to
- asphalt. Everything else will be exactly the same
- and we will change the landscape island, put it
- back in, we'll meet all the conditions that were
- set forth in the staff report, and we're looking
- forward to closing on the property and new
- developers coming in and building a very
- first-class facility for Crest Hill.
- Again, the only change is from asphalt to
- concrete and -- excuse me -- concrete to asphalt
- and that is it.
- CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Any questions?
- 21 COMMISSIONER STANTON: Are there any
- lighting for this?
- STEVE GULDEN: I'm sorry?
- 24 COMMISSIONER STANTON: Lighting?

- STEVE GULDEN: Yes. There will be
- <sup>2</sup> appropriate lighting. We will meet all the
- ordinances. As a matter of fact, one to the
- 4 conditions I believe is a photometric plan which
- outlines the lighting spread throughout the
- facility and they will meet the ordinances as per
- <sup>7</sup> Crest Hill --
- 8 COMMISSIONER STANTON: Yeah, because it's
- 9 missing through this set. I was wondering
- if they're doing that.
- STEVE GULDEN: Yeah, I believe they're
- going to be all wall packs.
- Is that --
- UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.
- STEVE GULDEN: Yeah, they're going to be
- wall pack lighting so it's not going to be, like,
- poles around, they're all going to be wall packs.
- Yes. And we'll meet the photometric requirements
- of the Crest Hill ordinance.
- COMMISSIONER STANTON: The trees you're
- putting in, how tall are they when they're
- planted?
- STEVE GULDEN: Yeah. You know, I'm not
- good at the heights. I do know that I believe

- Crest Hill has a three and a half inch
- requirement; is that correct, Ron, in the
- diameter?
- 4 COMMISSIONER CAROLL: Two and a half, I
- <sup>5</sup> think.
- STEVE GULDEN: Two and a half.
- CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Of the 12 conditions
- 8 that we'll talk about in a little bit,
- 9 Condition No. 8 is planted with a minimum height
- of six feet, minimum 2.5-inch caliber at time of
- planting.
- STEVE GULDEN: We will follow that, then.
- 13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: And to John's question,
- Condition No. 6, is it you're working on the
- photometric plan that will be submitted, so --
- STEVE GULDEN: That is correct.
- 17 COMMISSIONER STANTON: And the fencing, I
- know they're PVC and aluminum, is there, like, a
- warranty on these, how long they last?
- STEVE GULDEN: Well I believe it's going
- to be the vinyl fencing, correct? It's going to
- be vinyl fencing. They last a lot longer. I
- don't know what the requirement is, I just know
- from the previous place that I used to work at we

- $^{1}$  required vinyl fencing because they last a lot
- longer, doesn't need the maintenance, power
- $^3$  washing, so, you know, I don't know what the --
- each manufacturer will have a different warranty,
- but I'm sure there will be a warranty on it, but I
- 6 know that staff back in 2023 wanted a -- Maura
- <sup>7</sup> Rigoni wanted the vinyl because it looks nicer and
- it stays nicer much longer without the
- <sup>9</sup> maintenance.
- 10 COMMISSIONER STANTON: Thank you.
- STEVE GULDEN: Sure.
- 12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I'm looking where that
- is because in the staff report we're talking
- about -- it talks about wrought iron fencing,
- six-foot tall.
- RON MENTZER: The would be on the front.
- The fencing details are on the landscape plan --
- 18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.
- RON MENTZER: Sheet 1 of 2.
- COMMISSIONER DESERIO: And if you look at
- 21 Attachment B, details of the site, Item Number 7,
- it says an eight-foot vinyl fence.
- STEVE GULDEN: That's is correct.
- COMMISSIONER CARROLL: Just on the south

- <sup>1</sup> side.
- COMMISSIONER DESERIO: South side.
- 3 STEVE GULDEN: That is correct.
- 4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Even though the minimum
- <sup>5</sup> was six --
- STEVE GULDEN: We agreed to eight,
- <sup>7</sup> correct.
- 8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, I see it.
- When you were here two years ago -- it
- seems like yesterday.
- STEVE GULDEN: Yeah, it does.
- 12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We were talking about
- the storage facilities in Crest Hill, and I still
- remember a comment that you made that they were
- almost all at capacity. Is that business still
- thriving like that?
- STEVE GULDEN: It is. I mean, there is a
- huge need for storage, especially as the economy
- grows to a lot of apartments, so you see a lot of
- <sup>20</sup> apartment complexes being built in Romeoville,
- Bolingbrook, and I'm sure eventually some time it
- will be in Crest Hill, they don't have the
- storage, right? They're transient. A lot of 28,
- 29, 30 year olds are looking to get out of the

- house and whatever and go in to apartments, and
- they store. So it's still a very viable, economic
- $^3$  use for a lot of people.
- 4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Any more
- <sup>5</sup> questions of Mr. Golden?
- Staff is okay?
- 7 RON MENTZER: Yes.
- 8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Thank you, sir.
- 9 STEVE GULDEN: I just want to thank you
- for having a special meeting. We had some time
- constraints with this, so I really want to thank
- you for coming out here on a Thursday on a special
- meeting. We really appreciate that. We also want
- to thank Ron and Patrick Answorth and Mike Stiff
- for their hard work and pushing this forward,
- <sup>16</sup> again, knowing the time constraints. So we're
- extremely thankful to all of you that helped push
- this forward for us.
- 19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You're quite welcome.
- STEVE GULDEN: Thank you.
- CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is there anyone in the
- audience that wants to come to the podium and make
- any remarks?
- If so, please state your name and then

- raise your right hand.
- TOM DEWALL: Tom Dewall. (Phonetic.)
- (Tom Dewall duly sworn.)
- TOM DEWALL: I have a question.
- 5 So since you're going from concrete to
- asphalt, what kind of -- did you look into the
- drainage, how that's going to change with regards
- 8 to the two pods?
- 9 STEVE GULDEN: I can answer that for you,
- sir.
- So impervious surface is impervious
- surface if it's asphalt or if it's concrete. Even
- sometimes compressed stone is considered
- impervious surface, so the drainage coefficients
- will not change. They will be exactly the same.
- And we have to follow ordinance anyway from a
- drainage perspective, so we will do that and
- whatever staff says from an engineering
- 19 perspective we will follow.
- TOM DEWALL: So even though asphalt is
- more porous than concrete, more water can go
- through it which would build up, so I would think
- you would need a better drainage system for the
- asphalt versus the concrete because more water can

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    go through the concrete that's less porous.
             STEVE GULDEN:
                            From my experience, that's
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                  That's just from my experience.
    not correct.
             Ron, is that a fair statement?
             RON MENTZER: Yeah. From an engineering
    design standard concrete and asphalt are
    considered impervious 100 percent, so --
             TOM DEWALL: (Simultaneous crosstalk.)
             STEVE GULDEN: (Simultaneous crosstalk.)
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             RON MENTZER: (Simultaneous crosstalk.)
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             (Multiple speakers at once.)
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             STEVE GULDEN: Yeah.
                                    No, absolutely.
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             RON MENTZER: And I just want to say for
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    the record that the City engineers confirmed that,
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    you know, it's his belief that the existing
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    detention facility adjacent to the site is sized
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    properly to accommodate all the storm water runoff
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    from the site. It was built with the thought
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    that -- or the knowledge that it would satisfy the
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    retention storm water requirements for this
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    particular property, and the final and engineering
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    design will have to show that they're collecting
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    all that storm water from on-site and making sure
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that it gets collected and directed into that

- existing detention pond, it doesn't flow off into
- off-site properties.
- TOM DEWALL: And then one more question.
- STEVE GULDEN: Yes, sir?
- $^5$  TOM DEWALL: So talking about the
- lighting. You said you're putting -- you're not
- $^{7}$  doing light poles, spotlighting, you're putting,
- like, I guess, sconces?
- 9 STEVE GULDEN: Yeah, wall packs they call
- them. Yes.
- TOM DEWALL: Do you know how bright or
- how many lumens each light is?
- STEVE GULDEN: I do not know the lumens.
- The lumens will have to meet the Crest Hill
- ordinance.
- TOM DEWALL: Is there an ordinance in
- 17 Crest Hill for the number of lumens that are
- required for lights like this?
- RON MENTZER: There's limitations on the
- amount of light that can be spewing over on
- adjacent properties that are zoned residential and
- they have to comply with that. We haven't seen a
- plan yet, but standard stuff for -- most
- municipalities have those types of rules just to

- prevent light -- unnecessary light motion.
- TOM DEWALL: Okay.
- 3 STEVE GULDEN: The good part about this
- is the wall packs generally push down, are a
- downward lighting, and you got fencing on one
- side, and the building is kind of acting as
- fencing surrounding the facility, so I would say
- <sup>8</sup> 90 percent of lights would be all internal and
- 9 it's not going -- there's no poles so the light
- doesn't spill out on to adjacent properties.
- TOM DEWALL: Yeah. There's not really
- that many properties, I'm just more concerned
- about, like, not inside the aisles, but around
- being not too dark because obviously, like, just
- looking at the plans, I feel like you're not going
- to have access on the two, I guess, out -- I don't
- want to say "outside," but the two ends, they're
- going to be more on the inside, so just being dark
- out there. I'm just making sure it's lit up
- <sup>20</sup> properly.
- STEVE GULDEN: Right. And I'm sure that
- <sup>22</sup> Crest Hill will look at that and make sure that
- that still covers that area.
- TOM DEWALL: All right. That's all the

- $^{1}$  questions I had. Thank you.
- <sup>2</sup> CHAIRMAN THOMAS: All right. Well, thank
- you for them.
- Anyone else want to come to the podium?
- <sup>5</sup> Okay. Since that appears to be all the
- questions, could I get a motion to close the
- <sup>7</sup> public hearing?
- 8 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: I'll make that.
- 9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Motion by Commissioner
- 10 Peterson.
- 11 COMMISSIONER FLYNN: Second.
- 12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Second by -- was that
- 13 you?
- 14 COMMISSIONER CARROLL: Marty.
- 15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marty. All right.
- Roll call, please.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Jeff Peterson?
- 18 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Yes.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Marty Flynn?
- COMMISSIONER FLYNN: Yes.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: John Stanton?
- 22 COMMISSIONER STANTON: Yes.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Ken Carroll?
- COMMISSIONER CARROLL: Yes.

- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Angelo DeSerio?
- COMMISSIONER DESERIO: Yes.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: And Bill Thomas?
- 4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Motion carried.
- 6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. So I made these
- statements two years ago and I think they're still
- appropriate to keep in mind what we're talking
- <sup>9</sup> about here. This property, as we heard, is
- currently zoned B-3 a business service district.
- To give you an idea of what that means, that means
- the following businesses could move in without
- needing any further permission from the City of
- 14 Crest Hill; a small equipment rental store, a 24/7
- convenient store, a laundry mat, a health fitness
- club, an animal hospital, veterinarian clinic,
- animal shelter, kennel, or even a packaged liquor
- store. When you consider what could go in there
- or in that beautiful neighborhood, this storage
- facility seems like the most wonderful thing you
- could do to keep that neighborhood looking as good
- as it looks now.
- So, again, I commend you for the way you
- have made this look. I was going to make another

- 1 comment that when we were talking about the
- <sup>2</sup> cement -- the asphalt idea, I think several of us
- have looked at every other storage facility in the
- $^4$  City of Crest Hill and they all have an asphalt
- 5 roadway with a cement pad just like this one, so
- this one was going to be unique in the concrete
- for really no reason at all. So obviously that's
- 8 not going to be a problem.
- So anybody else want to make any comment
- before we have a vote? If not, then I would like
- to have a motion to grant the request from A&D
- 12 Storage for approval of a revised B-3 special use
- for a new self-storage facility located at the
- southwest corner of Renwick Road and Borio Drive
- based on the previously discussed 12 conditions
- that will be attached to the minutes.
- 17 Can I have a motion?
- 18 COMMISSIONER DESERIO: So moved.
- 19 COMMISSIONER CARROLL: Second.
- CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Motion by Commissioner
- DeSerio. Second by Commissioner Carroll.
- Can I have a roll call, please?
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Angelo DeSerio?
- COMMISSIONER DESERIO: Yes.

- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Ken Carroll?

  COMMISSIONER CARROLL: Yes.

  SAMANTHA TILLEY: John Stanton?
- 4 COMMISSIONER STANTON: Yes.
- 5 SAMANTHA TILLEY: Marty Flynn?
- 6 COMMISSIONER FLYNN: Yes.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Jeff Peterson?
- 8 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Yes.
- 9 SAMANTHA TILLEY: And Bill Thomas?
- 10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Motion carried.
- 12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. So Plan
- 13 Commission has approved your request for the
- revised B-3 special use for the new self-service
- storage facility. Our recommendations will be
- 16 forwarded to the City Council keeping in mind that
- $^{17}$  the Plan Commission is a recommendation body only,
- and I believe the City Council is going to hear
- this -- is it on Monday already or --
- RON MENTZER: No. This will be going
- directly to a city council meeting for
- <sup>22</sup> consideration.
- CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Oh, Monday is the
- workshop. Okay. So that will be a week from

- 1 Monday?
- RON MENTZER: Yeah. Mm-hmm.
- <sup>3</sup> CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Congratulations.
- You're going to get this done.
- 5 STEVE GULDEN: Thank you.
- 6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Any other business that
- <sup>7</sup> anyone has?
- 8 Let me remind you that we do not have a
- 9 Plan Commission meeting on April 10th. It is
- going to be a special meeting on April 24th. At
- that time we will also be approving finally the
- Plan Commission Bylaws that we sort of put
- together last fall and haven't had a meeting to
- approve them yet, so they will be on the next
- docket.
- Okay. Is there anybody in the audience
- that wants to make a comment about any Plan
- Commission-related thing except for the case we
- just talked about?
- Seeing none, and the fact that there's a
- 21 Cubs game tonight, can I have a motion to adjourn?
- 22 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: I'll make that
- motion.
- CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Commissioner Peterson

- makes the motion to adjourn. Is there a second?
- COMMISSIONER DESERIO: I'll second.
- 3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Second Commissioner
- <sup>4</sup> DeSerio.
- Foll call, please.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Jeff Peterson?
- 7 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Yes.
- 8 SAMANTHA TILLEY: Angelo DeSerio?
- 9 COMMISSIONER DESERIO: Yes.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Ken Carroll?
- 11 COMMISSIONER CARROLL: Yes.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: John Stanton?
- 13 COMMISSIONER STANTON: Yes.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Marty Flynn?
- 15 COMMISSIONER FLYNN: Yes.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: And Bill Thomas?
- 17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes.
- SAMANTHA TILLEY: Motion carried.
- 19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Meeting
- adjourned 7:21. Thank you, guys.
- <sup>21</sup> (The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.
- on March 27th, 2025.)

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