

**CITY OF MERIDIAN
FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
AND DECISION & ORDER**



In the Matter of the Request for Annexation of 1.73 acres of land with an R-8 zoning district, Preliminary Plat consisting of 9 residential building lots, and two (2) common lots on 1.539 acres of land for Ringneck Place Subdivision, by RiveRidge Engineering Company.

Case No(s). H-2023-0009

For the City Council Hearing Date of: June 27, 2023 (Findings on July 11, 2023)

A. Findings of Fact

1. Hearing Facts (see attached Staff Report for the hearing date of June 27, 2023, incorporated by reference)
2. Process Facts (see attached Staff Report for the hearing date of June 27, 2023, incorporated by reference)
3. Application and Property Facts (see attached Staff Report for the hearing date of June 27, 2023, incorporated by reference)
4. Required Findings per the Unified Development Code (see attached Staff Report for the hearing date of June 27, 2023, incorporated by reference)

B. Conclusions of Law

1. The City of Meridian shall exercise the powers conferred upon it by the "Local Land Use Planning Act of 1975," codified at Chapter 65, Title 67, Idaho Code (I.C. §67-6503).
2. The Meridian City Council takes judicial notice of its Unified Development Code codified as Title 11 Meridian City Code, and all current zoning maps thereof. The City of Meridian has, by ordinance, established the Impact Area and the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Meridian, which was adopted December 17, 2019, Resolution No. 19-2179 and Maps.
3. The conditions shall be reviewable by the City Council pursuant to Meridian City Code § 11-5A.
4. Due consideration has been given to the comment(s) received from the governmental subdivisions providing services in the City of Meridian planning jurisdiction.
5. It is found public facilities and services required by the proposed development will not impose expense upon the public if the attached conditions of approval are imposed.
6. That the City has granted an order of approval in accordance with this Decision, which shall be signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and then a copy served by the Clerk upon the applicant, the Community Development Department, the Public Works Department and any affected party requesting notice.

7. That this approval is subject to the Conditions of Approval all in the attached Staff Report for the hearing date of June 27, 2023, incorporated by reference. The conditions are concluded to be reasonable and the applicant shall meet such requirements as a condition of approval of the application.

C. Decision and Order

Pursuant to the City Council's authority as provided in Meridian City Code § 11-5A and based upon the above and foregoing Findings of Fact which are herein adopted, it is hereby ordered that:

1. The applicant's request for Annexation, Zoning, and Preliminary Plat is hereby approved per the conditions of approval in the Staff Report for the hearing date of June 27, 2023, attached as Exhibit A.

D. Notice of Applicable Time Limits

Notice of Preliminary Plat Duration

Please take notice that approval of a preliminary plat, combined preliminary and final plat, or short plat shall become null and void if the applicant fails to obtain the city engineer's signature on the final plat within two (2) years of the approval of the preliminary plat or the combined preliminary and final plat or short plat (UDC 11-6B-7A).

In the event that the development of the preliminary plat is made in successive phases in an orderly and reasonable manner, and conforms substantially to the approved preliminary plat, such segments, if submitted within successive intervals of two (2) years, may be considered for final approval without resubmission for preliminary plat approval (UDC 11-6B-7B).

Upon written request and filed by the applicant prior to the termination of the period in accord with 11-6B-7.A, the Director may authorize a single extension of time to obtain the City Engineer's signature on the final plat not to exceed two (2) years. Additional time extensions up to two (2) years as determined and approved by the City Council may be granted. With all extensions, the Director or City Council may require the preliminary plat, combined preliminary and final plat or short plat to comply with the current provisions of Meridian City Code Title 11. If the above timetable is not met and the applicant does not receive a time extension, the property shall be required to go through the platting procedure again (UDC 11-6B-7C).

Notice of Development Agreement Duration

The city and/or an applicant may request a development agreement or a modification to a development agreement consistent with Idaho Code section 67-6511A. The development agreement may be initiated by the city or applicant as part of a request for annexation and/or rezone at any time prior to the adoption of findings for such request.

A development agreement may be modified by the city or an affected party of the development agreement. Decision on the development agreement modification is made by the city council in accord with this chapter. When approved, said development agreement shall be signed by the property owner(s) and returned to the city within six (6) months of the city council granting the modification.

A modification to the development agreement may be initiated prior to signature of the agreement by all parties and/or may be requested to extend the time allowed for the agreement to be signed and returned to the city if filed prior to the end of the six (6) month approval period.

E. Judicial Review

Pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-6521(1)(d), if this final decision concerns a matter enumerated in Idaho Code § 67-6521(1)(a), an affected person aggrieved by this final decision may, within twenty-eight (28) days after all remedies have been exhausted, including requesting reconsideration of this final decision as provided by Meridian City Code § 1-7-10, seek judicial review of this final decision as provided by chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code. This notice is provided as a courtesy; the City of Meridian does not admit by this notice that this decision is subject to judicial review under LLUPA.

F. Notice of Right to Regulatory Takings Analysis

Pursuant to Idaho Code §§ 67-6521(1)(d) and 67-8003, an owner of private property that is the subject of a final decision may submit a written request with the Meridian City Clerk for a regulatory takings analysis.

G. Attached: Staff Report for the hearing date of June 27, 2023

By action of the City Council at its regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2023.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BRAD HOAGLUN VOTED _____

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT JOE BORTON VOTED _____

COUNCIL MEMBER JESSICA PERREAULT VOTED _____

COUNCIL MEMBER LUKE CAVENER VOTED _____

COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN OVERTON VOTED _____

COUNCIL MEMBER LIZ STRADER VOTED _____

MAYOR ROBERT SIMISON VOTED _____
(TIE BREAKER)

Mayor Robert Simison

Attest:

Chris Johnson
City Clerk

Copy served upon Applicant, Community Development Department, Public Works Department and City Attorney.

By: _____ Dated: _____
City Clerk's Office

EXHIBIT A

STAFF REPORT	
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT	

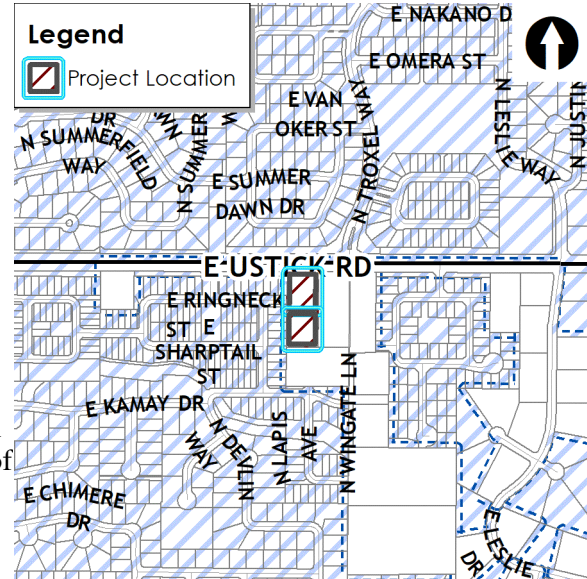
HEARING DATE: June 27, 2023

TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Stacy Hersh, Associate Planner
208-884-5533

SUBJECT: Ringneck Place Subdivision AZ, PP
H-2023-0009

LOCATION: 2315 E. Ustick Rd.(Parcels
#S1105212448 and a #S1105212449), in
the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of
Section 5, Township 3N, Range 1E



I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Annexation of 1.73 acres of land with an R-8 zoning district, Preliminary Plat consisting of 9 residential building lots and two (2) common lots on 1.539 acres for Ringneck Place Subdivision.

II. SUMMARY OF REPORT

A. Project Summary

Description	Details	Page
Acreage	AZ – 1.73 acres; Plat - 1.539 acres	
Future Land Use Designation	Medium Density Residential (MDR)	
Existing Land Use	Single-family residential (SFR)/ag	
Proposed Land Use(s)	Single-Family attached residential	
Current Zoning	Single-Family residential zone (R1) in Ada County	
Proposed Zoning	R-8 (Medium Density Residential)	
Lots (# and type; bldg/common)	<u>9 building lots, 2 common lots</u>	
Phasing plan (# of phases)	1	
Number of Residential Units (type of units)	8 single-family attached units and 1 single-family detached unit	
Density (gross & net)	5.84 units/acre (gross)	
Open Space (acres, total [%] / buffer / qualified)	25-foot wide landscape buffer along Ustick Rd. Lot 3, block 2 will be used as an interim open space lot until the southern stub street is extended.	

Amenities	None	
Physical Features (waterways, hazards, flood plain, hillside)	Milk Lateral Easement	

Neighborhood meeting date	2/15/2023	
History (previous approvals)	None	

B. Community Metrics

Description	Details	Page
Ada County Highway District	<i>No comments received</i>	
Staff report (yes/no)	No	
Requires ACHD Commission Action (yes/no)	No	
Existing Conditions		
CIP/IFYWP		

Access (Arterial/Collectors/State Hwy/Local)(Existing and Proposed)	Ustick Road is classified as a residential arterial roadway. Other than the access specifically approved with this application off of E. Ringneck Street and future stub street to the west, direct lot access is prohibited to this roadway and should be noted on the final plat.	
Proposed Road Improvements	None	
Fire Service	<i>No comments received</i>	
Police Service	<i>No comments received.</i>	

West Ada School District	<i>No comments received.</i>	
Distance (elem, ms, hs)		
Capacity of Schools		
# of Students Enrolled		
Wastewater		
Distance to Sewer Services	Directly adjacent	
Sewer Shed	Five Mile	
Estimated Project Sewer ERU's	See application	
WRRF Declining Balance	14.60	
Project Consistent with WW Master Plan/Facility Plan	Yes	
Impacts/Concerns	See Public Works' Site-Specific Conditions in Section B.	

III. APPLICANT INFORMATION

A. Applicant:

Kent Adamson, RiveRidge Engineering Company – 2247 S. Vista Ave., Boise, ID 83705

B. Owner:

William Gallagher, WFG Investments, LLC – 8312 W. Northview Street, Ste. 120, Boise, ID 83704

C. Representative:

Same as Applicant

IV. NOTICING

	Planning & Zoning Posting Date	City Council Posting Date
Newspaper notification published in newspaper	5/3/2023	6/1/2023
Radius notification mailed to property owners within 500 feet	4/28/2023	6/9/2023
Public hearing notice sign posted on site	5/7/2023	6/15/2023
Nextdoor posting	4/28/2023	6/8/2023

V. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ANALYSIS

LAND USE: This property is designated as Medium Density Residential (MDR) on the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) contained in the [Comprehensive Plan](#). This designation allows for dwelling units at gross densities of 3 to 8 dwelling units per acre.

The subject 1.539-acre property is an enclave surrounded by existing single-family residential homes. The subject site abuts an R-8 and R-15 development to the west, Verado Subdivision No. 1 & No. 2; to the east and south is an R-1 zoning district in Ada County; and to the north is an R-8 development, Champion Park Subdivision No. 1. The subject property is designated as Medium Density Residential on the future land use map consistent with the approved development to the west. The Applicant proposes a 9-lot subdivision for single-family residential attached and detached homes at a gross density of 5.84 units per acre, which is within the desired density range of the MDR designation.

Goals, Objectives, & Action Items: Staff finds the following Comprehensive Plan policies to be applicable to this application and apply to the proposed use of this property (staff analysis in *italics*):

- “Encourage a variety of housing types that meet the needs, preferences, and financial capabilities of Meridian’s present and future residents.” (2.01.02D)

The proposed single-family attached dwellings with a mix of lot sizes will contribute to the variety of housing options in this area and within the City as desired. Existing single-family detached and attached dwellings are in the Medium-Density and Medium High-Density Residential developments to the west and north and existing Residential Estate lots (R1) in Ada County consisting of detached dwellings are located within the surrounding area.

- “Permit new development only where it can be adequately served by critical public facilities and urban services at the time of final approval, and in accord with any adopted levels of service for public facilities and services.” (3.03.03F)
City water and sewer service is available and can be extended by the developer with development in accord with UDC 11-3A-21.
- “Avoid the concentration of any one housing type or lot size in any geographical area; provide for diverse housing types throughout the City.” (2.01.01G)
This area consists primarily of single-family detached and attached homes located to the north south, east, and west; only single-family attached homes are proposed within this development. The proposed development offers lot sizes ranging from 4,237 to 5,332 square feet (s.f.).
- “Require all new development to create a site design compatible with surrounding uses through buffering, screening, transitional densities, and other best site design practices.” (3.07.01A)
The proposed medium-density residential single-family attached homes contribute to the variety of residential categories within the surrounding area as desired. The proposed development is most compatible with the adjacent Verado development which has similar lot sizes and density. A 25-foot wide landscape buffer is proposed along Ustick Road as well.
- “Encourage compatible uses and site design to minimize conflicts and maximize use of land.” (3.07.00)
The proposed site design provides maximum use of the land with the proposed residential dwelling types and should be compatible with the existing developments on adjacent properties that are also designated for MDR uses.
- “Support infill development that does not negatively impact the abutting, existing development. Infill projects in downtown should develop at higher densities, irrespective of existing development.” (2.02.02C)
The proposed development will not likely impact the existing abutting developments to the east, west, and south.
- “Ensure development is connected to City of Meridian water and sanitary sewer systems and the extension to and through said developments are constructed in conformance with the City of Meridian Water and Sewer System Master Plans in effect at the time of development.” (3.03.03A)
The proposed development will connect to City water and sewer systems with development of the subdivision; services are required to be provided to and through this development in accord with current City plans.
- “Require pedestrian access in all new development to link subdivisions together and promote neighborhood connectivity.” (2.02.01D)
A 5-foot-wide detached sidewalk is located along E. Ustick Road. The existing sidewalk provides a link between all subdivisions east and west of this site.
- “Require urban infrastructure be provided for all new developments, including curb and gutter, sidewalks, water and sewer utilities.” (3.03.03G)
Urban sewer and water infrastructure and curb, gutter, and sidewalks are required to be provided with development of the subdivision.

- “Eliminate existing private treatment and septic systems on properties annexed into the City and instead connect users to the City wastewater system; discourage the prolonged use of private treatment septic systems for enclave properties.”

If annexed, the proposed development will be required to abandon the existing septic system and connect to the City wastewater system.

- “Maximize public services by prioritizing infill development of vacant and underdeveloped parcels within the City over parcels on the fringe.” (2.02.02)

Development of the subject infill parcel will maximize public services.

Based on the analysis above, staff finds the proposed development is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

VI. STAFF ANALYSIS

A. ANNEXATION (AZ)

The Applicant proposes to annex 1.73-acres of land with an R-8 zoning district. A legal description and exhibit map for the annexation area is included in Section VIII.A. This property is within the City’s Area of City Impact boundary.

A preliminary plat and conceptual building elevations were submitted showing how the property is proposed to be subdivided and developed with 9 single-family attached and detached dwelling units and 2 common lots at a gross density of 5.84 units per acre (see Sections VIII.B, E). The proposed use and density of the development is consistent with the MDR FLUM designation.

Single-family detached and attached dwellings are listed as a principal permitted use in the R-8 zoning district per UDC Table 11-2A-2. Future development is subject to the dimensional standards listed in UDC Table [11-2A-6](#) for the R-8 zoning district.

The property is contiguous to City annexed land to the north and is within the City’s Area of City Impact boundary. A legal description and exhibit map of the overall annexation area for the R-8 zoning districts are included in Section VIII.A.

The City may require a development agreement (DA) in conjunction with an annexation pursuant to Idaho Code section 67-6511A. **If this property is annexed, Staff recommends a DA is required with the provisions discussed herein and included in Section IX.A.**

B. PRELIMINARY PLAT (PP):

The proposed preliminary plat consists of 9 building lots and 2 common lots on 1.539-acre property in the proposed R-8 zoning district. Proposed lots range in size from 4,237 to 5,332 square feet (s.f.) (or 0.09 to 0.12 acres). The proposed gross density of the subdivision is 5.84 units per acre. The subdivision is proposed to develop in one phase as shown in Section VIII.B.

Existing Structures/Site Improvements: The outbuilding located on E. Ringneck Street should be removed with development of this property. **Prior to the City Engineer’s signature on the final plat, all existing structures that do not conform to the setbacks of the district are required to be removed.**

Dimensional Standards (UDC [11-2](#)): The proposed plat and subsequent development are required to comply with the dimensional standards listed in UDC [Table 11-2A-6](#) for the R-8 zoning district. **The proposed preliminary plat appears to comply with the dimensional standards of the district.**

Access: Access is proposed from E. Ringneck Street from N. Verado Ave. and E. Ustick Road. Direct lot access from E. Ustick Road is prohibited. **The Applicant is proposing to remove the existing curb**

cut to E. Ustick Road on this site as depicted on the preliminary plat. An Emergency Vehicle Turnaround is depicted on the plat over Lot 3, Block 2; the intent is to remove the turnaround to accommodate a single-family residential home once N. Lapis Road is extended in the future. The Applicant has proposed to landscape this parcel to be used as common open space for the development until such time that N. Lapis Road is extended.

Parking (UDC [11-3C](#)): Off-street parking is required to be provided in accord with the standards listed in UDC [Table 11-3C-6](#) for single-family dwellings based on the number of bedrooms per unit. Staff will confirm compliance with these standards at the time of building permit submittal for each residence.

Landscaping (UDC [11-3B](#)): A twenty-five-foot landscape buffer is required along E. Ustick Road in accord with UDC 11-3B-7. The landscape plan submitted depicts a thirty-foot landscape buffer along E. Ustick Road due to the Milk Lateral Easement. *Staff finds that the landscape plan should depict less lawn and a wider planter bed with an additional mix of a variety of shrubs, mulch, and other vegetative ground cover in accord with UDC 11-3B-7C.*

A Tree Mitigation Plan should be submitted with the final plat detailing all existing trees and methods of mitigation outlined by the City Arborist before any trees are to be removed as set forth in UDC [11-3B-10C.5](#).

Sidewalks (11-3A-17): E. Ustick Road is improved with an existing 5-foot wide detached concrete sidewalk abutting the site in accord with UDC standards. Staff is not recommending that this sidewalk be replaced with a 5-foot detached sidewalk. *The Applicant is proposing 5-foot attached sidewalks on both sides of E. Ringneck Street and N. Lapis Avenue. Staff recommends that the Applicant replace the gravel area in the parkway area with vegetation in accord with UDC 11-3B-7C and remove the driveway and replace with curb, gutter, and sidewalk per ACHD standards.*

Utilities (UDC [11-3A-21](#)): Connection to City water and sewer services is required in accord with UDC 11-3A-21. Street lighting is required to be installed in accord with the City's adopted standards, specifications and ordinances.

Fencing (UDC [11-3A-6](#), [11-3A-7](#)): All fencing is required to comply with the standards listed in UDC 11-3A-7. *According to the submitted landscape plan, the Applicant is proposing 6-foot Vinyl fencing around the perimeter of the site and between the single-family attached homes. A detail of the fencing should be provided with the final plat.*

Pressurized Irrigation System (UDC [11-3A-15](#)): Underground pressurized irrigation water is required to be provided to each lot within the subdivision as set forth in UDC 11-3A-15. *The second common lot proposed on the east side of this site is planned to serve the pump station for the proposed subdivision's pressure irrigation as depicted on the preliminary plat. The corridor for the southern user ditch is to be piped from the southeast corner of the existing exit location into the Verado Subdivision to the west. The property does not comprise surface water rights; therefore, the Applicant is proposing a private pressurized irrigation system.*

Storm Drainage (UDC [11-3A-18](#)): An adequate storm drainage system is required in all developments in accord with the City's adopted standards, specifications and ordinances. Design and construction shall follow best management practice as adopted by the City as set forth in UDC 11-3A-18.

Building Elevations: Conceptual building elevations were submitted that demonstrate what future homes in this development will look like (see Section VIII.D). Variations of single-story homes with a two-car garage are proposed. *The submitted elevations depict a number of different architectural and design styles with field materials of lap siding, stucco, differing color accents, and roof profiles. Staff recommends that the Applicant add additional stone or brick accents to the front of the homes to provide more of a variation in materials and a combination of various colors for each unit. The Applicant shall submit elevations for the future single-family detached home with the Design Review*

Application. The final design of the structure is required to comply with the design standards listed in the Architectural Standards Manual.

VII. DECISION

A. Staff:

Staff recommends approval of the proposed annexation with the requirement of a Development Agreement, and preliminary plat per the provisions in Section IX in accord with the Findings in Section X.

B. The Meridian Planning & Zoning Commission heard these items on May 18, 2023. At the public hearing, the Commission moved to recommend approval of the subject Annexation, Zoning, and Preliminary Plat requests.

1. Summary of Commission public hearing:

- a. In favor: Chip Gallagher
- b. In opposition: None
- c. Commenting: Chip Gallagher
- d. Written testimony: Christie Mangel, increased traffic, safety, and need for noise mitigation;
- e. Staff presenting application: Stacy Hersh, Associate Planner
- f. Other Staff commenting on application: None

2. Key issue(s) of public testimony:

- a. None

3. Key issue(s) of discussion by Commission:

- a. None

4. Commission change(s) to Staff recommendation:

- a. None

5. Outstanding issue(s) for City Council:

- a. None

C. The Meridian City Council heard these items on June 27, 2023. At the public hearing, the Council moved to approve the subject Annexation, Zoning and Preliminary Plat requests.

1. Summary of the City Council public hearing:

- a. In favor: Kent Adamson, RiveRidge Engineering Company
- b. In opposition: None
- c. Commenting: Kent Adamson, RiveRidge Engineering Company
- d. Written testimony: None
- e. Staff presenting application: Stacy Hersh, Associate Planner
- f. Other Staff commenting on application: None

2. Key issue(s) of public testimony:

- a. None

3. Key issue(s) of discussion by City Council:

- a. None

4. City Council change(s) to Commission recommendation:

- a. None

VIII. EXHIBITS

A. Annexation Legal Description and Exhibit Map

Description for
R-8 Zone
Ringneck Place Subdivision
February 21, 2023

A parcel of land located in Government Lot 3 of Section 5, Township 3 North, Range 1 East, Boise Meridian, Ada County, Idaho more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the 1/4 corner common to Section 5, T.3N., R.1E., B.M. and Section 32, T.4N., R.1E., B.M., from which the Section corner common to Sections 5 and 6, T.3N., R.1E., B.M., and Sections 31 and 32, T.4N., R.1E., B.M., bears North 89°44'57" West, 2,655.43 feet, thence on the north boundary line of said Section 5, North 89°44'57" West, 167.49 feet to the **POINT OF BEGINNING**;

thence leaving said north boundary line, South 00°28'02" West, 450.00 feet;

thence North 89°44'57" West, 167.50 feet to the east boundary line of Verado Subdivision No. 1 as filed in Book 112 of Plats at Pages 16219 through 16223, records of Ada County, Idaho;

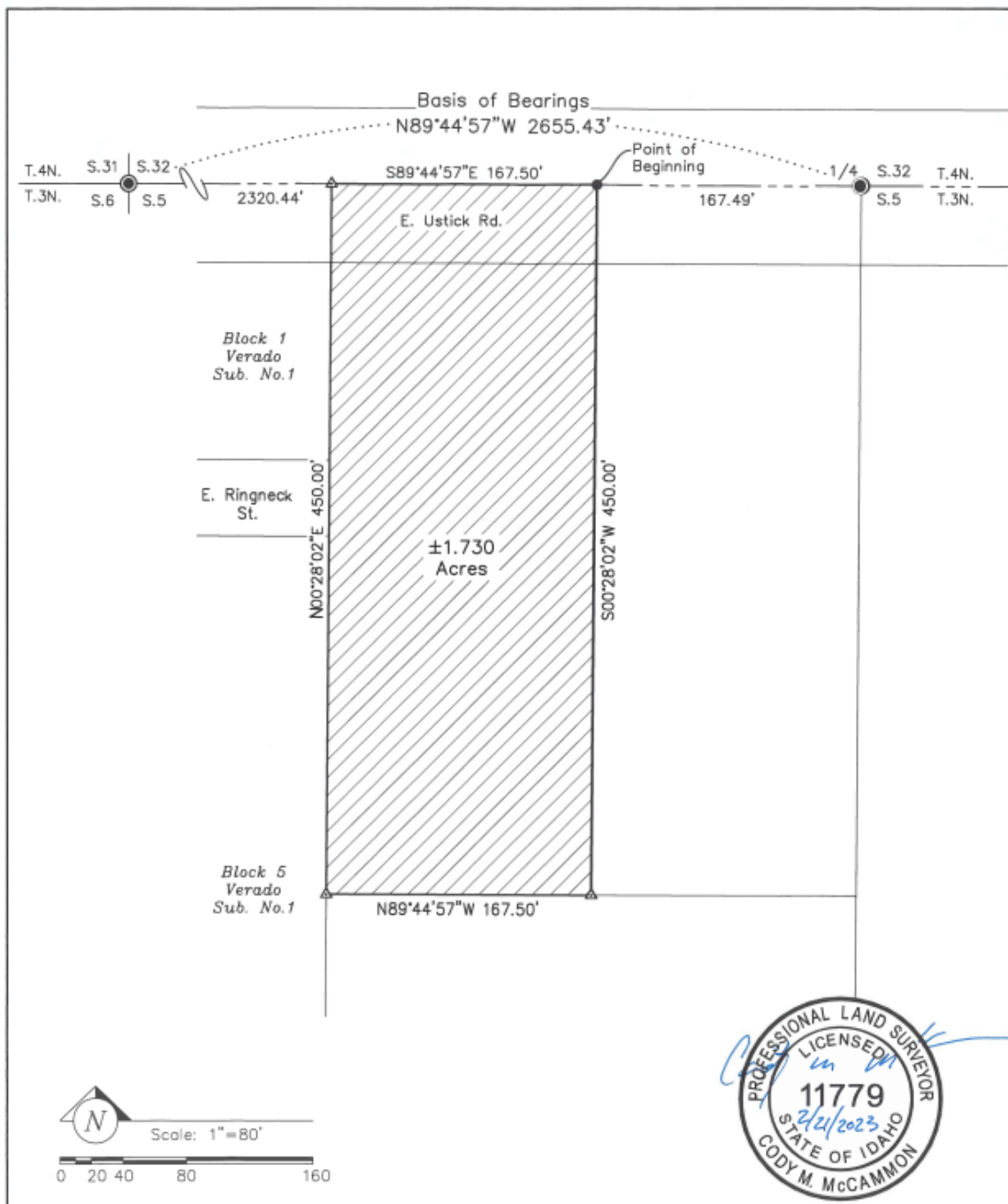
thence on said east boundary line and the northerly extension thereof, North 00°28'02" East, 450.00 feet to the north boundary line of said Section 5;

thence on said north boundary line, South 89°44'57" East, 167.50 feet to the **POINT OF BEGINNING**.

Containing 1.730 acres, more or less.

End of Description.



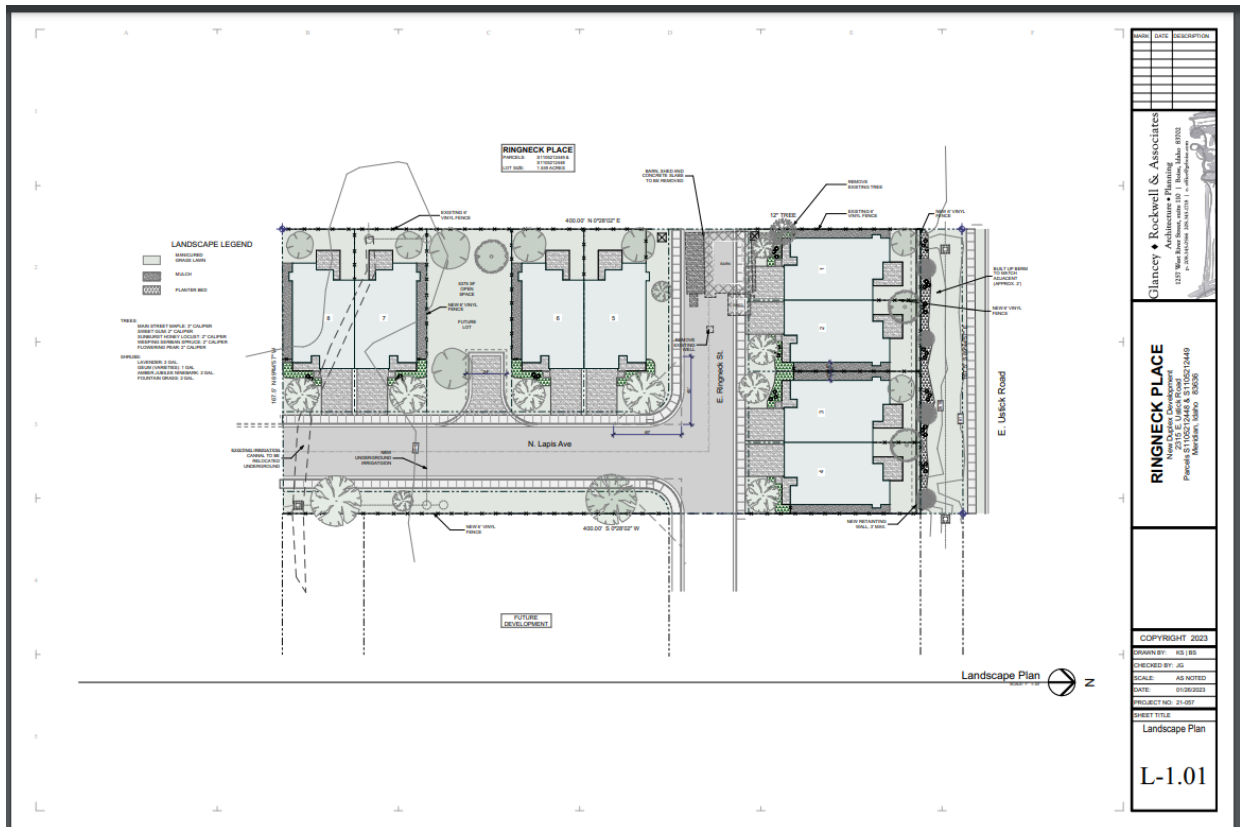


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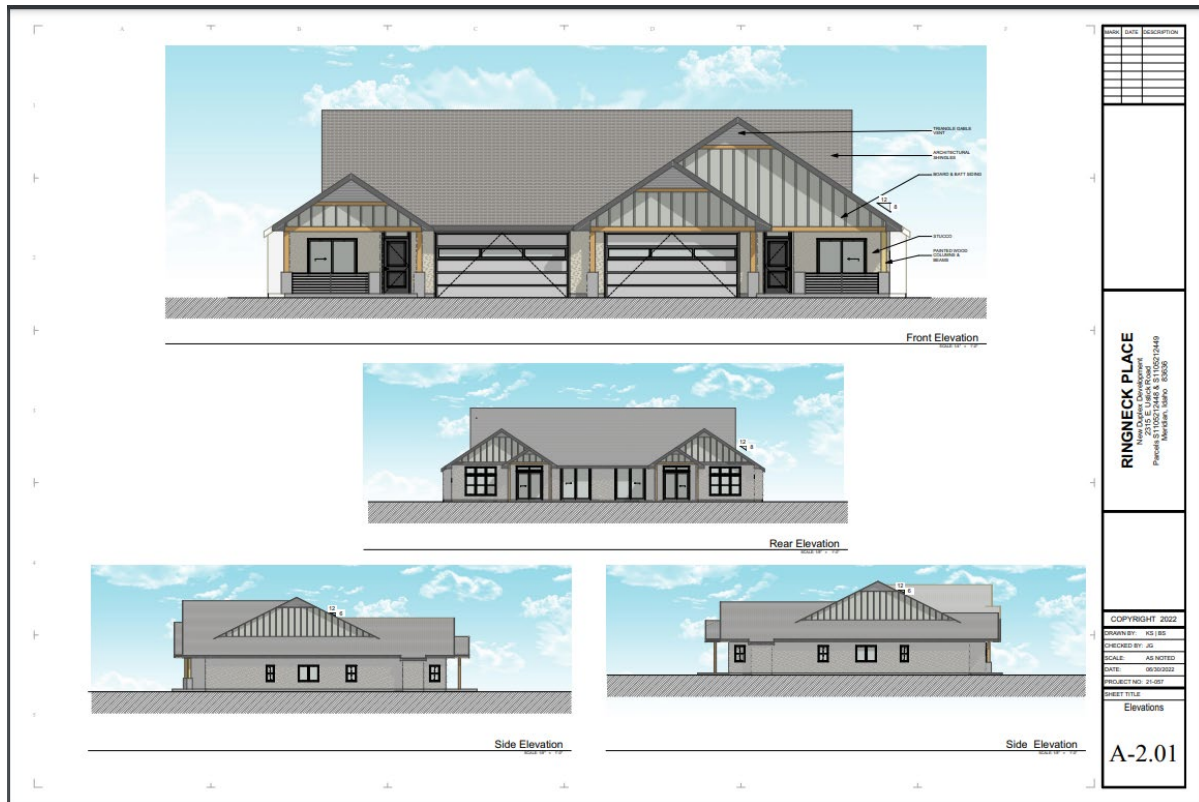
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		Sheet No. 1 Dwg. Date 2/21/2023

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C. Landscape Plan (dated: 1/26/23)



D. Conceptual Building Elevations



IX. CITY/AGENCY COMMENTS & CONDITIONS

A. PLANNING DIVISION

1. A Development Agreement (DA) is required as a provision of annexation of this property. Prior to approval of the annexation ordinance, a DA shall be entered into between the City of Meridian, the property owner(s) at the time of annexation ordinance adoption, and the developer.

Currently, a fee of \$303.00 shall be paid by the Applicant to the Planning Division prior to commencement of the DA. The DA shall be signed by the property owner and returned to the Planning Division within six (6) months of the City Council granting the annexation. The DA shall, at minimum, incorporate the following provisions *IF* City Council determines annexation is in the best interest of the City:

- a. Future development of this site shall be generally consistent with the preliminary plat, landscape plan, and conceptual building elevations included in Section VIII and the provisions contained herein.
2. The final plat shall include the following revisions:
 - a. Include a plat note that restricts Lot 3, Block 2 from being a buildable lot until N. Lapis Road is extended in the future.
 - b. Graphically depict zero lots line on the plat for those lots that will be developed with single-family attached homes.
3. The landscape plan submitted with the final plat shall include the following revisions:
 - a. Replace the gravel area in the parkway area with vegetation in accord with UDC 11-3B-7C and remove the driveway and replace it with curb, gutter, and sidewalk per ACHD standards
 - b. Depict a fencing detail for all new fencing proposed for the subject site.
 - c. Lot 3, Block 2 shall be landscaped and used as common open space for the development until such time that N. Lapis Road is extended.
 - c. Mitigation shall be required for all existing trees four-inch caliper or greater that are removed from the site with equal replacement of the total calipers lost on site up to an amount of one hundred (100) percent replacement per UDC 11-3B-10C.5.
 - d. Revise the landscape plan to depict less lawn and a wider planter bed with an additional mix of a variety of shrubs, mulch, and other vegetative ground cover in accord with UDC 11-3B-7C within the 25-foot landscape buffer along E. Ustick Road.
4. The proposed plat and subsequent development are required to comply with the dimensional standards listed in UDC Table 11-2A-6 for the R-8 zoning district.
5. Prior to the City Engineer's signature on the final plat, all existing structures that do not conform to the setbacks of the R-8 zoning district shall be removed.
7. Off-street parking is required to be provided in accord with the standards listed in UDC Table 11-3C-6 for single-family dwellings based on the number of bedrooms per unit.
8. Underground pressurized irrigation water is required to be provided to each lot within the subdivision as set forth in UDC 11-3A-15.
9. The Applicant shall comply with all ACHD conditions of approval.
10. Direct lot access from E. Ustick Road is prohibited.

11. A Design Review application shall be submitted and approved for the proposed single-family attached homes prior to submittal of a building permit application. The design standards listed in the [Architectural Standards Manual](#) and the Development Agreement. The Applicant shall submit revised elevations that include a mix of stone and/or brick as well as submit elevations for the future single-family detached home with the Design Review Application.
13. The applicant and/or assigns shall have the continuing obligation to provide irrigation that meets the standards as set forth in UDC 11-3B-6 and to install and maintain all landscaping as set forth in UDC 11-3B-5, UDC 11-3B-13 and UDC 11-3B-14.
14. The preliminary plat approval shall become null and void if the applicant fails to either: 1) obtain the City Engineer's signature on a final plat within two years of the date of the approved findings; or 2) obtain approval of a time extension as set forth in UDC 11-6B-7.

B. PUBLIC WORKS

1. Site Specific Conditions of Approval

- 1.1 Call out removal of blow-off valve on water main along west boundary of site.
- 1.2 Dead ends to the east and south need to either end in a fire hydrant or a 4" blow-off.
- 1.3 Ensure no sewer services pass through infiltration trenches.

2. General Conditions of Approval

- 2.1 Applicant shall coordinate water and sewer main size and routing with the Public Works Department, and execute standard forms of easements for any mains that are required to provide service outside of a public right-of-way. Minimum cover over sewer mains is three feet, if cover from top of pipe to sub-grade is less than three feet then alternate materials shall be used in conformance of City of Meridian Public Works Departments Standard Specifications.
- 2.2 Per Meridian City Code (MCC), the applicant shall be responsible to install sewer and water mains to and through this development. Applicant may be eligible for a reimbursement agreement for infrastructure enhancement per MCC 8-6-5.
- 2.3 The applicant shall provide easement(s) for all public water/sewer mains outside of public right of way (include all water services and hydrants). The easement widths shall be 20-feet wide for a single utility, or 30-feet wide for two. The easements shall not be dedicated via the plat, but rather dedicated outside the plat process using the City of Meridian's standard forms. The easement shall be graphically depicted on the plat for reference purposes. Submit an executed easement (on the form available from Public Works), a legal description prepared by an Idaho Licensed Professional Land Surveyor, which must include the area of the easement (marked EXHIBIT A) and an 8 1/2" x 11" map with bearings and distances (marked EXHIBIT B) for review. Both exhibits must be sealed, signed and dated by a Professional Land Surveyor. DO NOT RECORD. Add a note to the plat referencing this document. All easements must be submitted, reviewed, and approved prior to development plan approval.
- 2.4 The City of Meridian requires that pressurized irrigation systems be supplied by a year-round source of water (UDC 11-3B-6). The applicant should be required to use any existing surface or well water for the primary source. If a surface or well source is not available, a single-point connection to the culinary water system shall be required. If a single-point connection is utilized, the developer will be responsible for the payment of assessments for the common areas prior to prior to receiving development plan approval.

- 2.5 All existing structures that are required to be removed shall be prior to signature on the final plat by the City Engineer. Any structures that are allowed to remain shall be subject to evaluation and possible reassignment of street addressing to be in compliance with MCC.
- 2.6 All irrigation ditches, canals, laterals, or drains, exclusive of natural waterways, intersecting, crossing or laying adjacent and contiguous to the area being subdivided shall be addressed per UDC 11-3A-6. In performing such work, the applicant shall comply with Idaho Code 42-1207 and any other applicable law or regulation.
- 2.7 Any wells that will not continue to be used must be properly abandoned according to Idaho Well Construction Standards Rules administered by the Idaho Department of Water Resources. The Developer's Engineer shall provide a statement addressing whether there are any existing wells in the development, and if so, how they will continue to be used, or provide record of their abandonment.
- 2.8 Any existing septic systems within this project shall be removed from service per City Ordinance Section 9-1-4 and 9 4 8. Contact Central District Health for abandonment procedures and inspections (208)375-5211.
- 2.9 Street signs are to be in place, sanitary sewer and water system shall be approved and activated, road base approved by the Ada County Highway District and the Final Plat for this subdivision shall be recorded, prior to applying for building permits.
- 2.10 A letter of credit or cash surety in the amount of 110% will be required for all uncompleted fencing, landscaping, amenities, etc., prior to signature on the final plat.
- 2.11 All improvements related to public life, safety and health shall be completed prior to occupancy of the structures. Where approved by the City Engineer, an owner may post a performance surety for such improvements in order to obtain City Engineer signature on the final plat as set forth in UDC 11-5C-3B.
- 2.12 Applicant shall be required to pay Public Works development plan review, and construction inspection fees, as determined during the plan review process, prior to the issuance of a plan approval letter.
- 2.13 It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all development features comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Fair Housing Act.
- 2.14 Applicant shall be responsible for application and compliance with any Section 404 Permitting that may be required by the Army Corps of Engineers.
- 2.15 Developer shall coordinate mailbox locations with the Meridian Post Office.
- 2.16 Compaction test results shall be submitted to the Meridian Building Department for all building pads receiving engineered backfill, where footing would sit atop fill material.
- 2.17 The design engineer shall be required to certify that the street centerline elevations are set a minimum of 3-feet above the highest established peak groundwater elevation. This is to ensure that the bottom elevation of the crawl spaces of homes is at least 1-foot above.
- 2.18 The applicants design engineer shall be responsible for inspection of all irrigation and/or drainage facility within this project that do not fall under the jurisdiction of an irrigation district or ACHD. The design engineer shall provide certification that the facilities have been installed in accordance with the approved design plans. This certification will be required before a certificate of occupancy is issued for any structures within the project.
- 2.19 At the completion of the project, the applicant shall be responsible to submit record drawings per the City of Meridian AutoCAD standards. These record drawings must be received and

approved prior to the issuance of a certification of occupancy for any structures within the project.

- 2.20 A street light plan will need to be included in the civil construction plans. Street light plan requirements are listed in section 6-5 of the Improvement Standards for Street Lighting. A copy of the standards can be found at http://www.meridiancity.org/public_works.aspx?id=272.
- 2.21 The City of Meridian requires that the owner post to the City a performance surety in the amount of 125% of the total construction cost for all incomplete sewer, water and reuse infrastructure prior to final plat signature. This surety will be verified by a line item cost estimate provided by the owner to the City. The surety can be posted in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, cash deposit or bond. Applicant must file an application for surety, which can be found on the Community Development Department website. Please contact Land Development Service for more information at 887-2211.
- 2.22 The City of Meridian requires that the owner post to the City a warranty surety in the amount of 20% of the total construction cost for all completed sewer, water and reuse infrastructure for duration of two years. This surety will be verified by a line item cost estimate provided by the owner to the City. The surety can be posted in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, cash deposit or bond. Applicant must file an application for surety, which can be found on the Community Development Department website. Please contact Land Development Service for more information at 887-2211.

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department turn around shall be signed "No Parking Fire Lane" per the 2108 IFC and installed to ACHD standards.

D. POLICE DEPARTMENT

No comments at this time.

E. PARK'S DEPARTMENT

No multi-use pathways required for this project; propose a tree mitigation plan for any trees to be removed and submit to City Arborist prior to final approval per UDC 11-3B-10.

F. ADA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (ACDS)

<https://weblink.meridiancity.org/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=290606&dbid=0&repo=MeridianCity>

G. WEST ADA SCHOOL DISTRICT (WASD)

No comments were received from WASD.

H. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ)

<https://weblink.meridiancity.org/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=292631&dbid=0&repo=MeridianCity&cr=1>

I. IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT (ITD)

<https://weblink.meridiancity.org/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=293371&dbid=0&repo=MeridianCity>

J. ADA COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT (ACHD)

No comments were received from ACHD.

K. NAMPA MERIDIAN IRRIGATION DISTRICT (NMID)

<https://weblink.meridiancity.org/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=292720&dbid=0&repo=MeridianCity&cr=1>

FINDINGS

A. Annexation and/or Rezone (UDC 11-5B-3E)

Required Findings: Upon recommendation from the commission, the council shall make a full investigation and shall, at the public hearing, review the application. In order to grant an annexation and/or rezone, the council shall make the following findings:

1. The map amendment complies with the applicable provisions of the comprehensive plan;

Commission finds the Applicant's request to annex the subject property with R-8 zoning and develop single-family attached dwellings on the site at a gross density of 5.84 units per acre is consistent with the density desired in the MDR designation for this property; the preliminary plat and site design is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, if all conditions of approval are met.

2. The map amendment complies with the regulations outlined for the proposed district, specifically the purpose statement;

Commission finds the proposed map amendment to R-8 and development generally complies with the purpose statement of the residential districts in that it will contribute to the range of housing opportunities available in the City consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

3. The map amendment shall not be materially detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare;

Commission finds the proposed map amendment should not be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare as the proposed residential uses should be compatible with adjacent single-family residential homes/uses in the area.

4. The map amendment shall not result in an adverse impact upon the delivery of services by any political subdivision providing public services within the city including, but not limited to, school districts; and

Commission finds City services are available to be provided to this development. Comments were not received from WASD on this application so Staff is unable to determine impacts to the school district.

5. The annexation (as applicable) is in the best interest of city.

Commission finds the proposed annexation is in the best interest of the city if revisions are made to the development plan as recommended.

B. Preliminary Plat (UDC 11-6B-6)

In consideration of a preliminary plat, combined preliminary and final plat, or short plat, the decision-making body shall make the following findings: (Ord. 05-1170, 8-30-2005, eff. 9-15-2005)

1. The plat is in conformance with the comprehensive plan and is consistent with this unified development code; (Ord. 08-1372, 7-8-2008, eff. 7-8-2008)

Commission finds the proposed plat is generally in conformance with the UDC and the Comprehensive Plan.

2. Public services are available or can be made available and are adequate to accommodate the proposed development;

Commission finds public services can be made available to the subject property and will be adequate to accommodate the proposed development.

3. The plat is in conformance with scheduled public improvements in accord with the city's capital improvement program;

Commission finds there are no roadways, bridges or intersections in the general vicinity that are in the IFYWP or the CIP.

4. There is public financial capability of supporting services for the proposed development;

Commission finds there is public financial capability of supporting services for the proposed development.

5. The development will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or general welfare; and

Commission finds the proposed development will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or general welfare.

6. The development preserves significant natural, scenic or historic features. (Ord. 05-1170, 8-30-2005, eff. 9-15-2005)

Commission is unaware of any significant natural, scenic or historic features that need to be preserved with this development.