



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL NOVEMBER 20, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval of the request from Goddard School Annex (JSP22-0059) at 48600 Grand River Avenue (parcel no. 50-22-17-126-013) for a variance from the Design and Construction Standards Section 11-256(b) to pay into the City Sidewalk Fund in lieu of construction of the boardwalk along Grand River Avenue.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Works, Engineering Division

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The property owner is adding approximately 16,000 square feet to an existing building, 12,000 square feet of associated parking and paved playground area at 48600 Grand River Avenue (parcel no. 50-22-17-126-013). Section 11-256 (b) of the Code of Ordinances outlines the requirement to construct a sidewalk along their Grand River frontage. The ordinance indicates the property owner may request an administrative variance from this requirement if a pathway does not exist within 300 feet. At this time, the property owner is requesting to eliminate the construction of the boardwalk, and instead pay into the City's sidewalk fund an amount equal to the current construction cost of the boardwalk segment (\$36,000). The concrete sidewalk portion along Grand River would be constructed with the development.

Engineering Division staff supports this variance request since there is no sidewalk in proximity to the east of the parcel, and because constructing this boardwalk segment with a future project would be a better long-term plan. The Community Development Department also reviewed this request and has does not object.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of the request from Goddard School Annex (JSP22-0059) at 48600 Grand River Avenue (parcel no. 50-22-17-126-013) for a variance from the Design and Construction Standards Section 11-256(b) to pay into the City Sidewalk Fund in lieu of construction of the boardwalk along Grand River Avenue.