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MEMORANDUM

TO: PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: KEN ONDICH, PLANNING / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: GENERAL MILL REDEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION - BILL GIBSON & RICK

KAUN OF NEW PRAGUE MILL, LLC AND CYPRESS RAIL

DATE: JANUARY 15, 2025

Bill Gibson and Rick Kaun, Representatives from New Prague Mill, LLC, will be in attendance to have a general discussion of continued redevelopment of the former Mill property downtown. Specifically, they would like to discuss their thoughts and ideas for the west side of the site which includes new discussion regarding the area previously approved for exterior storage via IUP #I2-2024. This specific inquiry is in regards to a company call "Cypress Rail" which is in regards to rail car repair that they would like to do on the site. Cypress Rail will be present to provide a concept overview at the meeting.

As a reminder, while the former Mill property is zoned I-1 Light Industrial, it is guided as "Downtown Flex" in the Comprehensive Plan which would have the zoning the same as the rest of the downtown area. The exact zoning requirements for the "Downtown Flex" zone will be written as part of the UDC update.

Additionally, they wanted to talk about offering tours to you as Planning Commissioners to get a firsthand look at the facility.

Staff Recommendation

I recommend that the Planning Commission have a general discussion with Mr. Gibson and Mr. Kaun regarding the former Mill property.





