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TO: Plan Commission
DATE: April 10, 2023
SUBJECT: Hunter Oaks PUD – Recommendation to Council

Recommendation to Council for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) General Development Plan (GDP) requested by John Donovan, agent for Bielinski Homes Inc., Hunter Oaks Subdivision, West Street, Watertown, WI. Parcel PIN(s): 291-0815-0642-005, 291-0815-0642-004, 291-0815-0642-003, 291-0815-0642-006, 291-0815-0642-007, 291-0815-0643-001 & 291-0815-0644-022

SITE DETAILS:

Acres: 58.89
Current Zoning: PUD Overlay
Existing Land Use: Undeveloped

Future Land Use Designation(s): Neighborhood Mixed Use, Multi-Family, Two Family, & Single-Family

BACKGROUND AND APPLICATION DESCRIPTION:

Applicant is seeking a Recommendation to Council by the Plan Commission for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) General Development Plan (GDP). The proposal looks to revise a now expired General Development Plan from 2017. The proposal consists of 27 two-family Ranch Style Condominiums, 34 two-family Sabrina Ranch Style condominiums, and 91 single-family home lots. Changes to the GDP proposal as a result of comments from Plan Commission, Site Plan Review Committee, and a public hearing before the Common Council have been incorporated into the attached GDP dated March 28, 2023 and are highlighted. These changes include minor text edits, clarification of the park dedication and access, and additional information on private roadway widths.

STAFF EVALUATION:

Land Use and Zoning:

The proposed PUD General Development Plan is requesting flexibilities to Zoning Standards as allowed under the Zoning Code [per § 550-152B]. For the proposed condominiums, the applicant seeks to reduce the Minimum Lot Area requirements from 4,350 sq. ft. per dwelling unit to 2,600 sq. ft. per dwelling unit and reduce the Minimum Street Yard from 40 ft to 25 ft.

An additional flexibility requested by the applicant is the use of condominium plats for a few areas of the proposed development. Approval of this flexibility would allow multiple principal structures per lot and private streets.

Flexibilities allowed by a Planned Unit Development under Section § 550-152B:

B. Provision of flexible development standards for planned unit developments.

- (1) Permitted location. Planned unit developments shall be permitted with the approval of a Planned Unit Development Overlay Zoning District specific to the approved planned unit development.*
- (2) Flexible development standards. The following exemptions to the development standards of the underlying zoning district may be provided with the approval of a planned unit development:*

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- (a) *Land use requirements. All land uses listed as "residential," "institutional" or "commercial" may be permitted within a planned unit development.*
 - (b) *Density and intensity requirements. All requirements listed for residential density and nonresidential intensity may be waived within a planned unit development.*
 - (c) *Bulk requirements. All residential and nonresidential bulk requirements may be waived within a planned unit development.*
 - (d) *Landscaping requirements. All landscaping requirements may be waived within a planned unit development.*
 - (e) *Parking and loading requirements. All requirements for off-street parking, traffic circulation, and off-street loading may be waived within a planned unit development.*
 - (f) *Drainageway Overlay District requirements. All Drainageway Overlay District requirements may be waived within a planned unit development.*
- (3) *Requirements to depict all aspects of development. Only development which is explicitly depicted on the required site plan approved by the Common Council as part of the approved planned unit development shall be permitted, even if such development (including all aspects of land use, density and intensity, bulk landscaping, and parking and loading) is otherwise listed as permitted. Requested exemptions from these standards shall be made explicit by the applicant in the application and shall be recommended by the Plan Commission and approved explicitly by the Common Council. If not so requested and approved, such exemptions shall not be permitted. Flexible development standards shall be limited to density and intensity bonuses of no greater than 25% higher than otherwise permitted by the MR-10 District, unless specifically granted by the Common Council, and shall be limited to reductions in bulk, landscaping, parking and loading requirements of no greater than 25% lower than otherwise permitted for the proposed land uses, unless specifically granted by the Common Council.*

Per Sections § 550-152G(2), the GDP step shall be identical to that for Zoning Map amendments:

- (2) *The process and fees for review and approval of the GDP shall be identical to that for Zoning Map amendments per this chapter and (if land is to be divided) to that for preliminary and final plats of subdivision per the City Code.*

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS:

Comments from the April 3, 2023 public hearing include concern over the vacation of a portion of Belmont Dr in Area A-D. Concerns over the street vacation included limited exits from the development, traffic congestion, and Fire and EMS access.

PLAN COMMISSION OPTIONS:

The following are possible options for the Plan Commission:

1. Negative recommendation of the General Development Plan (GDP) to Common Council.
2. Positive recommendation of General Development Plan (GDP) to Common Council.
3. Positive recommendation of the General Development Plan (GDP) to Common Council, with conditions identified by the Plan Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Application materials.