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SUBJECT: Shady Wood Neighborhood Development Plan: Request for Timeline Extension

The Planning Division has received a request from several property owners within the planning area to extend the timeline for review of the Shady Wood Neighborhood Development Plan for another year. The letter dated March 3, 2010 from Brian Munson, Vandewalle & Associates, explains the reason for their request. While all but one of the components identified in the letter (Number 4) have already been addressed in the planning process which led to the preparation of the draft neighborhood development plan, Planning Division staff does not object to the request for an extension to allow additional time for discussions to occur, and to conduct the economic feasibility study of potential alternative land uses.

However, while the Planning Division does not object to the request for an extension, we recommend that additional detail be provided regarding the ultimate products that will be prepared for the property owners, an anticipated timeline for their completion, and an outline of the process envisioned for working with City staff to develop proposed revisions to the draft Shady Wood Neighborhood Development Plan for consideration by the Plan Commission and Common Council. As yet, there have been very few discussions with Mr. Munson or the property owners beyond the limited few noted in the December 11th status report. We think it would be beneficial to all parties to have a more-defined process to eventually finish the plan.