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Meeting Minutes - Draft LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMISSION

Thursday, May 15, 2008

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room LL-110 (Madison Municipal Building)

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

LRTPC Chair Mark Shahan called the 5-15-08 meeting of the Long Range Transportation Planning Commission to order.

Present: 6 -

Mark N. Shahan; Paul E. Skidmore; Tim Gruber; Robbie Webber; Satya V. Rhodes Conway and Robert J. Schaefer

Absent: 1 -

Dave deFelice

Excused: 1 -

Kevin L. Hoag

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 17, 2008 MEETING

The Minutes of the 4-17-08 LRTPC meeting were then unanimously approved, on a motion submitted by Bob Schaefer/Michael Basford.

A motion was made by Schaefer to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public wishing to speak in regard to future LRTPC agendas.

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Creating Section 28.06(2)(a)3356. of the Madison General Ordinances rezoning property from Temp A Agriculture District to PUD(GDP) Planned Unit Development (General Development Plan) District, and creating Section 28.06(2)(a)3357. of the Madison General Ordinances rezoning property from Temp A Agriculture District to R5 General Residence District, and creating Section 28.06(2)(a)3358. of the Madison General Ordinances rezoning property from Temp A Agriculture District to R2T Single-Family Residence District, and creating Section 28.06(2)(a)3359. of the Madison General Ordinances rezoning property from Temp A Agriculture District to C Conservancy District, and creating Section 28.06(2)(a)3360. of the Madison General Ordinances rezoning property from Temp A Agriculture District to R2Y Single-Family Residence District, and creating Section 28.06(2)(a)3361. of the Madison General Ordinances rezoning property from Temp A Agriculture District to R2Z Single-Family Residence District. Proposed Use: 287-Lot Residential Neighborhood Development; 9th Aldermanic District: 702 South Point Road.

A motion was made by Rhodes Conway, seconded by Gruber, to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s) to the PLAN COMMISSION. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway/Ald. Tim Gruber submitted a motion to recommend approval of File ID 10225.

Ald. Robbie Webber/Michael Basford submitted a motion to amend the recommended approval: "The LRTPC recommends that an all-weather, north-south bicycle/pedestrian path connection be constructed, at some location between the center and the east side of the park. The LRTPC further recommends that all red dashed lines located on the 1000 Oaks Neighborhood Master Plan map be considered as all-weather bicycle/pedestrian paths, unless deemed inappropriate by a City Staff team (collaboration of City Engineering, Parks Division and Traffic Engineering)."

The amendment to the main motion, as submitted by Ald. Robbie Webber/Michael Basford, passed 6-1 (with Ald. Tim Gruber voting "no"). The main motion to recommend approval of File ID 10225, as amended and submitted by Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway/Ald. Tim Gruber, passed unanimously (7-0).

Brad Murphy (Planning Unit Director) said that the 1000 Oaks plat had been approved, as it is now, two years ago. He said that the approval expired and it recently came before the Common Council for re-approval, but it had been referred to LRTPC and Plan Commission.

Ald. Robbie Webber said that she wanted LRTPC to review the plat because it includes over 100 units of residential development, which will likely have significant transportation impacts. She said that this development is within an area that already has a stressed transportation system - the Pioneer Neighborhood.

Ald. Paul Skidmore said that he talked to the City Attorney and felt that the referral is not appropriate, as it had been approved exactly as it is two years ago. He said that pre-approved plats are not usually re-referred in this manner. Ald. Webber said that LRTPC did not review this plat two years ago and that it is important to review the transportation impacts of a large development plat like this.

Don Esposito (Veridian Homes) said that the State Statutes require that approval be re-submitted after two years. He said the only reason that this development has not moved forward as originally approved is that the housing market has changed.

Brian Munson (Vandewalle and Associates) summarized some of the key attributes of the plat. he said that the plat includes good street connectivity and denser development than the Pioneer Neighborhood Development Plan (NDP) recommends. He said that the plat includes a mix of 694 single-family and multi-family units. He also added that the inclusionary zoning plan has been updated since the previous approval.

Ald. Robbie Webber said that a transit phasing plan was to be completed for Phase A development (which includes this plat) and that there should be better north-south street connections through the plat (particularly through the parkland area). Brian Munson replied that trail easements will be provided, consistent with the NDP's recommended street connections.

Mike Rewey said that the pedestrian facilities are not shown on the map. He also said that all pedestrian paths should be bicycle paths. He said that the future school site should have a paved bicycle path, and that every red line on the Master Plan map (generally through parkland and greenspace) should be a paved bicycle path.

Brian Munson said that the park area include both an east-west and a north-south path through the park, and that the City Parks Division found that to be acceptable. Mike Rewey said that the transportation component of these paths need to be considered, not just the recreational aspects of them. He added that the paths need not be ADA accessible if they are bicycle paths. And, Rewey said that this could be accomplished with no impact on the oak trees in the park. He said that good transportation could be provided and the trees preserved. Ald. Tim Gruber said that he would defer judgment to the Parks Division, if they felt that gravel was appropriate.

Ald. Robbie Webber said that the east-west connections in the plat are good, but that the north-south connections are problematic. She said that young riders, in particular, will have challenges and will not want to ride on a busy street like South Point Road (rather, they will try to ride on sidewalks which is not safe). She suggested a better north-south connection through the park, connecting Carmel Leaf Drive with Tawny Acorn Drive. Bob Schaefer suggested that an easement along South Point Road could be provided for a bicycle path.

In terms of this plat and all peripheral development in this area, Ald. Webber said that a transit phasing plan is needed and that people need to know when transit service will become available. Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway agreed that there is a need for such a plan, but that funding the service will be a major challenge in the current financial environment. Ald. Tim Gruber felt that transit service should be planned out for this area, particularly if the density of the neighborhood is high enough to support it. Bob Schaefer agreed that transit service should be in place before people move into the neighborhood, or else the neighborhood will fill up with people that are auto-dependent.

Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway/Ald. Tim Gruber then submitted a motion to recommend approval of File ID 10225.

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Don Esposito said that he has no problem with the City Parks Division constructing east-west and north-south paths through the park. Ald. Paul Skidmore said that he supports the original plat, but that some tweaking of the paths through the park would be acceptable. Ald. Tim Gruber felt that the Parks Division would be in the best position to decide on how the oak trees should be preserved in the park area.

Ald. Robbie Webber said that it is important to address the transportation issue

pertaining to the north-south connection of the park path. She also said that a detailed transit phasing plan should be developed for this area. Ald. Skidmore said that the City should be required to do this, and that the developer has done what they are expected to with the development of this plat.

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**L RTPC PROCEDURE TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON MADISON
TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS (*TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MPO’S
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM*): DISCUSSION BY
COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Chair Mark Shahan asked Commission members for ideas on how the L RTPC might review City transportation projects differently.

David Trowbridge pointed out that the L RTPC reviews projects much earlier than they had in the past, and that City Engineering staff have been presenting projects in February of each year - several months before they are submitted to the MPO for inclusion into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He added that the Commission typically provides numerous comments on projects, as occurred this past February. Trowbridge pointed out that City Engineering staff take many issues into consideration as they determine which projects move forward in any given year (such as the pavement condition, need for utility work, traffic safety/congestion, requests of neighboring municipalities, neighborhood development plan activity, not having too many projects on one side of the City affecting parallel transportation corridors, etc.).

Mike Rewey said that the City’s TIP project review process is much better than it had been in the past. Bob Schaefer said that he would appreciate a progress report on how the projects have changed (or were not able to be changed) as a result of the comments provided by the Commission in February. Chair Mark Shahan agreed, noting that it would be useful for City Engineering staff to come to a meeting of the L RTPC some time in June or July, to report on how the projects have been modified.

Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway agreed that a mid-range report in late spring or early summer would be more helpful, in place of City Engineering coming in Fall when the draft TIP has already been developed. David Trowbridge said that he would ask City Engineering to do this.

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**INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR AND
COMMISSION MEMBERS**

- Note: No Discussion of Specific Items

David Trowbridge pointed out that he is moving toward electronic submittal of L RTPC meeting materials, as opposed to mailing of hard copies. He said that some members may wish to continue receiving hard copies and he would do

that if requested. Trowbridge noted that this initiative started in response to the Mayor's "Natural Step" initiative.

Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway said that this is a good idea, and that it saves a great deal of paper. Ald. Tim Gruber said that this is especially true for Council members who serve on multiple boards and commissions, as they often get multiple copies of the same materials. Michael Basford agreed that this approach is useful, as he often only needs to print out a few pages of a plan, rather than the entire document.

Mike Rewey said that in some cases, he would like to receive hard copies of meeting materials. He added that not all Commission members have the same computer/printer capabilities and that there should be exceptions to a purely electronic submittal. Trowbridge said that a formal meeting material distribution procedure would be developed and reviewed by the Commission in the future.

There were no other announcements or information submitted by the Chair or Commission members.

7 [08486](#) **SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

David Trowbridge noted that the Thursday June 19th meeting (5:00 p.m., Room LL-110 MMB) could possibly include consideration of the Final Report of the Ad-Hoc Metro Long-Range Planning Committee.

8 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 6:25 p.m.