

PLANNING UNIT REPORT
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
March 21, 2005

RE: I.D. #00825, Demolition Permit – 2626 Commercial Avenue

1. Requested Action: Approval of a demolition permit for a single-family residence at 2626 Commercial Avenue.
2. Applicable Regulations: Section 28.04 (22) provides the guidelines and regulations for the approval of demolition permits.
3. Report Drafted By: Timothy M. Parks, Planner

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Applicants: George and Debbie Phelan; 2618 Commercial Avenue; Madison, Wisconsin 53704.
2. Development Schedule: The applicants wish to begin demolition as soon as all necessary approvals have been obtained.
3. Parcel Location: An approximately 5,040 square-foot parcel located at 2626 Commercial Avenue near the corner of Kedzie Street; Aldermanic District 15; Madison Metropolitan School District.
4. Existing Conditions: The site is developed with an existing single-family residence, zoned R3 (Single and Two-Family Residence District)
5. Proposed Use: A new single-family residence.
6. Surrounding Land Use and Zoning: The subject site is generally surrounded by single-family residences in R3 (Single and Two-Family Residence District) and R4 General Residence District) zoning, with the exception of a four-unit multi-family building on the adjoining parcel to the east at the corner of Commercial Avenue and Kedzie Street.
7. Adopted Land Use Plan: This area is identified as “Residential, Low to Medium Density – Single Unit District” according to the 1988 Land Use Plan.
8. Environmental Corridor Status: This property is not located within a mapped environmental corridor.
9. Public Utilities & Services: This property is served by a full range of urban services

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW:

This application is subject to the demolition standards of Section 28.04 (22).

ANALYSIS, EVALUATION AND CONCLUSION:

The applicant is requesting approval of a demolition permit to demolish an existing one-story single-family residence located on the north side of Commercial Avenue near the corner of Kedzie Street. The house includes a three-season porch on the front of the building and an open porch along the rear wall. A one-car modular metal garage is located in the western side yard. The property is a 42-foot wide and 120-foot deep lot zoned R3 (Single and Two-Family Residence District). This portion of Commercial Avenue and the neighborhood to the north are largely developed with single-family homes, although the parcel adjacent to the east of the site appears developed with a four-unit apartment building.

Plans submitted with the demolition request propose a new single-family residence to be constructed on the property. The new residence will be a one-story, ranch-style frame structure and will contain 1,093 square feet of floor area. A new 400 square-foot (20 foot by 20 foot) two-car garage is proposed in the rear yard to replace the existing modular garage in the side yard. The new residence and garage appear to meet all applicable R3 bulk requirements. The garage as proposed will be oriented on an angle to the house and property lines, in an effort to preserve an existing tree located along the western property line.

The applicant indicates that demolition of the house is necessary as a result of significant interior and exterior decay of the structure, and the lack of interior space (488 square feet). Pictures provided by the applicant show extensive deterioration of exterior structural elements as well as the presence of mold and human waste in the basement where the home's only bathroom is located. A windshield inspection of the house by Planning Unit staff confirms the applicant's contention about the exterior condition of the house, though no formal inspection has been conducted.

The Planning Unit generally considers the new residence a significant improvement to the property, but encourages the applicant to consider reorienting the new garage to increase the amount of usable space in the rear yard of the property. As presented, the garage spans 29 feet from opposing corners and is located roughly in the center of the rear yard directly behind the house. While the property would appear to provide the 750 feet of usable open space required in R3 zoning for one dwelling unit, the Planning Unit is concerned that the usefulness of the rear yard is significantly reduced given the location of the garage. Staff would encourage the applicant to consider locating the garage parallel to the western property line, either by relocating or removing the existing maple tree, or by moving the garage back into the northwestern corner of the property.

Staff would also encourage the applicant to increase the roof pitch of the proposed residence in an effort to increase the profile of the house along Commercial Avenue, which has a number of single-family residences with more steeply pitched roofs, including many with dormer windows, in this area.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Unit recommends that the Plan Commission find that the demolition standards are met and **approve** demolition of single-family residence at 2626 Commercial Avenue subject to input at the public hearing and the following plan conditions:

1. Comments from reviewing agencies.
2. That the plans be revised per Planning Unit approval to include a steeper roof pitch for the new single-family residence that is more in keeping with the roof pitches of other single-family homes located along Commercial Avenue and on nearby streets.



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DATE: March 7, 2005
TO: Plan Commission
FROM: Larry D. Nelson, P.E., City Engineer
SUBJECT: 2626 Commercial Avenue Demolition

The City Engineering Division has reviewed the subject development and has the following comments.

MAJOR OR NON-STANDARD REVIEW COMMENTS (Comments which are special to the project and/or may require additional work beyond a standard, more routine project.)

- 1. The applicant shall provide correspondence from Madison Gas & Electric indicating that arrangements have been made to terminate the gas and electric service. (Greg Smith - gsmith@mge.com)

GENERAL OR STANDARD REVIEW COMMENTS

In addition, we offer the following General or Standard Review Comments:

Engineering Division Review of Planned Community Developments, Planned Unit Developments and Conditional Use Applications.

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General

- 1.1 The construction of this building will require removal and replacement of sidewalk, curb and gutter and possibly other parts of the City's infrastructure. The applicant shall enter into a City / Developer agreement for the improvements required for this development. The applicant shall be required to provide deposits to cover City labor and materials and surety to cover the cost of construction. The applicant shall meet with the City Engineer to schedule the development of the plans and the agreement. The City Engineer will not sign off on this project without the agreement executed by the developer. The developer shall sign the Developer's Acknowledgement prior to the City Engineer signing off on this project.
- 1.2 The site plan shall identify lot and block numbers of recorded Certified Survey Map or Plat.
- 1.3 The site plan shall include all lot/ownership lines, existing building locations, proposed building additions, demolitions, parking stalls, driveways, sidewalks (public and/or private), existing and proposed signage, existing and proposed utility locations and landscaping.
- 1.4 The site plan shall identify the difference between existing and proposed impervious areas.
- 1.5 The site plan shall reflect a proper street address of the property as reflected by official City of Madison Assessor's and Engineering Division records.
- 1.6 The site plan shall include a full and complete legal description of the site or property being subjected to this application.

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Right of Way / Easements

- 2.1 The Applicant shall Dedicate a _____ foot wide strip of Right of Way along _____.
- 2.2 The Applicant shall Dedicate a _____ foot wide strip of Right of Way along _____.
- 2.3 The Applicant shall Dedicate a Permanent Limited Easement for grading and sloping _____ feet wide along _____.
- 2.4 The City Engineer has reviewed the need for pedestrian and bicycle connections through the development and finds that no connections are required.
- 2.5 The Applicant shall Dedicate a Permanent Limited Easement for a pedestrian / bicycle easement _____ feet wide from _____ to _____.
- 2.6 The Developer shall provide a private easement for public pedestrian and bicycle use through the property running from _____ to _____.
- 2.7 The developer shall be responsible for the ongoing construction and maintenance of a path within the easement. The maintenance responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, paving, repaving, repairing, marking and plowing. The developer shall work with the City of Madison Real Estate Staff to administer this easement. Applicable fees shall apply.

Streets and Sidewalks

- 3.1 The Applicant shall execute a waiver of notice and hearing on the assessments for the improvement of [roadway] _____ in accordance with Section 66.0703(7)(b) Wisconsin Statutes and Section 4.09 of the MGO.
- 3.2 **Value of sidewalk installation over \$5000.** The Applicant shall Construct Sidewalk to a plan approved by the City Engineer along _____.
- 3.3 **Value of sidewalk installation under \$5000.** The Applicant shall install public sidewalk along _____. The Applicant shall obtain a Street Excavation Permit for the sidewalk work, which is available from the City Engineering Division. The applicant shall pay all fees associated with the permit including inspection fees. All work must be completed within six months or the succeeding June 1, whichever is later.
- 3.4 The Applicant shall execute a waiver of their right to notice and hearings on the assessments for the installation of sidewalk along [roadway] _____ in accordance with Section 66.0703(7)(b) Wisconsin Statutes and Section 4.09 of the MGO.
- 3.5 The Applicant shall grade the property line along _____ to a grade established by the City Engineer. The grading shall be suitable to allow the installation of sidewalk in the future without the need to grade beyond the property line. The Applicant shall obtain a Street Excavation permit prior to the City Engineer signing off on this development.
- 3.6 The Applicant shall close all abandoned driveways by replacing the curb in front of the driveways and restoring the terrace with grass.
- 3.7 **Value of the restoration work less than \$5,000. When computing the value, do not include a cost for driveways. Do not include the restoration required to facilitate a utility lateral installation.** The Applicant's project requires the minor restoration of the street and sidewalk. The Applicant shall obtain a Street Excavation Permit for the street restoration work, which is available from the City Engineering Division. The applicant shall pay all fees associated with the permit including inspection fees.
- 3.8 The Applicant shall make improvements to _____ in order to facilitate ingress and egress to the development. The improvement shall include a (Describe what the work involves or strike this part of the comment.) _____.
- 3.9 The Applicant shall make improvements to _____. The improvements shall consist of _____.
- 3.10 The approval of this Conditional Use does not include the approval of the changes to roadways, sidewalks or utilities. The applicant shall obtain separate approval by the Board of Public Works and the Common Council for the restoration of the public right of way including any changes requested by developer. The City Engineer shall complete the final plans for the restoration with input from the developer. The curb location, grades, tree locations, tree species, lighting modifications and other items required to facilitate the development or restore the right of way shall be reviewed by the City Engineer, City Traffic Engineer, and City Forester.
- 3.11 The Applicant shall provide the City Engineer with a survey indicating the grade of the existing sidewalk and street. The Applicant shall hire a Professional Engineer to set the grade of the building entrances adjacent to the public right of way. The Applicant shall provide the City Engineer the proposed grade of the building entrances. The City Engineer shall approve the grade of the entrances prior to signing off on this development.
- 3.12 The Applicant shall replace all sidewalk and curb and gutter which abuts the property which is damaged by the construction or any sidewalk and curb and gutter which the City Engineer determines needs to be replaced

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because it is not at a desirable grade regardless of whether the condition existed prior to beginning construction.

- 3.13 The Applicant shall obtain a privilege in streets agreement for any encroachments inside the public right of way. The approval of this development does not constitute or guarantee approval of the encroachments.
- 3.14 The Applicant shall provide the City Engineer with the proposed soil retention system to accommodate the restoration. The soil retention system must be stamped by a Professional Engineer. The City Engineer may reject or require modifications to the retention system.
- 3.15 The Applicant shall complete work on exposed aggregate sidewalk in accordance with specifications provided by the city. The stone used for the exposed aggregate shall be approved by the City. The Construction Engineer shall be notified prior to beginning construction. Any work that does not match the adjacent work or which the City Construction Engineer finds is unacceptable shall be removed and replaced.
- 3.16 All work in the public right-of-way shall be performed by a City licensed contractor.

Storm Water Management

- 4.1 The site plans shall be revised to show the location of all rain gutter down spout discharges.
- 4.2 Storm sewer to serve this development has been designed and constructed. The site plans shall be revised to identify the location of this storm sewer and to show connection of an internal drainage system to the existing public storm sewer.
- 4.3 The plan set shall be revised to show a proposed private internal drainage system on the site. This information shall include the depths and locations of structures and the type of pipe to be used.
- 4.5 The applicant shall show storm water "overflow" paths that will safely route runoff when the storm sewer is at capacity.
- 4.6 The applicant shall demonstrate compliance with Section 37.07 and 37.08 of the Madison General Ordinances regarding permissible soil loss rates. The erosion control plan shall include Universal Soil Loss Equation (USLE) computations for the construction period. Measures shall be implemented in order to maintain a soil loss rate below 7.5-tons per acre per year.
- 4.7 This site is greater than one (1) acre and the applicant is required by State Statute to obtain a Notice of Intent Permit (NOI) from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Contact Jim Bertolacini of the WDNR at 275-3201 to discuss this requirement.
- 4.8 This development includes multiple building permits within a single lot. The City Engineer and/or the Director of the Inspection Unit may require individual control plans and measures for each building.
- 4.9 If the lots within this site plan are inter-dependent upon one another for stormwater runoff conveyance, and/or a private drainage system exists for the entire site an agreement shall be provided for the rights and responsibilities of all lot owners. Said agreement shall be reviewed and placed on file by the City Engineer, referenced on the site plan and recorded at the Dane Co Register of Deeds.
- 4.10 Prior to approval, this project shall comply with Chapter 37 of the Madison General Ordinances regarding stormwater management. Please contact Greg Fries at 267-1199 to discuss this requirement.
- 4.11 The plan set shall be revised to show more information on proposed drainage for the site. This shall be accomplished by using spot elevations and drainage arrows or through the use of proposed contours. It is necessary to show the location of drainage leaving the site to the public right-of-way. It may be necessary to provide information off the site to fully meet this requirement.
- 4.12 A portion of this project comes under the jurisdiction of the US Army Corp of Engineers and WDNR for wetland or flood plain issues. A permit for those matters shall be required prior to construction on any of the lots currently within the jurisdictional flood plain.
- 4.13 The Applicant shall submit, prior to plan sign-off, digital CAD files to the Engineering Program Specialist in the Engineering Division (Lori Zenchenko). The digital copies shall be to scale and represent final construction.

CAD submittals can be either AutoCAD (dwg) Version 2001 or older, MicroStation (dgn) Version J or older, or Universal (dxf) formats and contain the following data, each on a separate layer name/level number:
 - a) Building Footprints
 - b) Internal Walkway Areas
 - c) Internal Site Parking Areas
 - d) Other Miscellaneous Impervious Areas (i.e. gravel, crushed stone, bituminous/asphalt, concrete, etc.)NOTE: Email file transmissions preferred lzenchenko@cityofmadison.com. Include the site address in this transmittal.
- 4.14 NR-151 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code will be effective on October 1, 2004. Future phases of this project shall comply with NR 151 in effect when work commences. Specifically, any phases not covered by a Notice of Intent (NOI) received from the WDNR under NR-216 prior to October 1, 2004 shall be responsible for compliance with all requirements of NR-151 Subchapter III. As most of the requirements of NR-151 are currently implemented in Chapter 37 of the Madison General Ordinances, the most significant additional requirement shall be that of infiltration.

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NR-151 requires infiltration in accord with the following criteria. For the type of development, the site shall comply with one of the three (3) options provided below:

Residential developments shall infiltrate 90% of the predevelopment infiltration amount, 25% of the runoff from the 2-year post development storm or dedicated a maximum of 1% of the site area to active infiltration practices.

Commercial development shall infiltrate 60% of the predevelopment infiltration amount, 10% of the runoff from the 2-year post development storm or dedicate a maximum of 2% of the site area to active infiltration practices.

Utilities General

- 5.1 The Applicant shall obtain a Street Excavation permit for the installation of utilities required to serve this project. The Applicant shall pay the permit fee, inspection fee and street degradation fee as applicable and shall comply with all the conditions of the permit.
- 5.2 The applicant shall obtain all necessary sewer connection permits and sewer plugging permits prior to any utility work.
- 5.3 All proposed and existing utilities including gas, electric, phone, steam, chilled water, etc shall be shown on the plan.
- 5.4 The applicant's utility contractor shall obtain a connection permit and excavation permit prior to commencing the storm sewer construction.
- 5.5 The site plans shall be revised to show the location of existing utilities, including depth, type, and size in the adjacent right-of-way.
- 5.6 The developer shall provide information on how the Department of Commerce's requirements regarding treatment of storm water runoff, from parking structures, shall satisfied prior to discharge to the public sewer system. Additionally, information shall be provided on which system (storm or sanitary) the pipe shall be connected to.

Sanitary Sewer

- 6.1 Prior to approval of the conditional use application, the owner shall obtain a permit to plug each existing sanitary sewer lateral that serves a building that is proposed for demolition. For each lateral to be plugged the owner shall deposit \$1,000 with the City Engineer in two separate checks in the following amounts: (1). \$100 non-refundable deposit for the cost of inspection of the plugging by City staff; and (2). \$900 for the cost of City crews to perform the plugging. If the owner elects to complete the plugging of a lateral by private contractor and the plugging is inspected and approved by the City Engineer, the \$900 fee shall be refunded to the owner.
- 6.2 All outstanding Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) and City of Madison sanitary sewer connection charges are due and payable prior to connection to the public sewerage system.
- 6.3 Each unit of a duplex building shall be served by a separate and independent sanitary sewer lateral.
- 6.4 The site plan shall be revised to show all existing public sanitary sewer facilities in the project area as well as the size and alignment of the proposed service.