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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Planning Division

memorandum

TO: Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

FROM: Elizabeth H. Tyler, PhD, FAICP, Director

DATE: April 14, 2011

SUBJECT: Plan Case No. 2140-S-11, Final Plat of the Soccer Planet Subdivision

Introduction

The petitioner, Rudolf Frasca, is requesting approval of a final plat for the Soccer Planet Subdivision. The proposed one-lot subdivision consists of 3.42 acres located on the east side of Willow Road, about 500 feet north of Anthony Drive. The property to be final platted is a portion of Lot 300 of the Urbana Auto Park Subdivision Preliminary Plat. The preliminary plat, Urbana Auto Park Subdivision (Exhibit B), was approved by Ordinance No. 2001-12-168 on December 17, 2001. The subject property is currently zoned IN, Industrial, but is proposed to be rezoned B-3, General Business concurrent with approval of the subdivision and development agreement. Once subdivided, the property will be sold and developed as an indoor soccer facility.

Section 21-15 of the Urbana Subdivision and Land Development Code specifies requirements for final plats. The preliminary plat is the document that shows locations of public utilities, paved roads and sidewalks, topographic lines, and other details required for analysis of the subdivision. The final plat, which is the document recorded with the Champaign County Recorder of Deeds, shows the location of property lines and easements. According to Section 21-15.C of the Subdivision Code, if a final plat substantially conforms to the previously approved preliminary plat, the final plat shall be submitted directly to City Council for approval.

Background

The subject property was a part of Lot 300 of the 109-acre Urbana Auto Park Subdivision Preliminary Plat. This preliminary plat covered the area of the former Farm & Fleet store (now O'Brien Auto Park), the current Farm & Fleet, and two large undeveloped tracts to the west of those developments. A final plat was approved for the O'Brien Auto Park and Farm & Fleet portion of the property in 2004. Lots 200 and 300 of the preliminary plat remained undeveloped.

Discussion

Land Use, Zoning, and Comprehensive Plan Designations

The subject property has frontage on Willow Road north of Interstate 74. There is a mixture of zoning and land uses in the surrounding area, including industrial and regional business. There are two properties to the west. One is zoned B3, General Business and is occupied by Creative Thermal Solutions (CTS). On August 18, 2010, the Zoning Board of Appeals granted a Conditional Use Permit for CTS to construct a research park with five buildings. The second property is zoned IN, Industrial and is occupied by APL Engineered Materials. The property to the north is zoned IN, Industrial and is currently undeveloped. To the east, zoned B3, General Business, is O'Brien Auto Park. Just north of O'Brien Auto Park, also zoned B3, General Business, is Farm & Fleet. To the south, zoned IN, Industrial, is Brahler's Trucker Supply. Further south is Michelle's Bridal Shoppe, zoned B3, General Business. Michelle's Bridal Shoppe recently purchased additional land to the east of their current parcel to construct an addition.

Following is a summary of zoning, existing land uses and Comprehensive Plan future land use designations for the subject site and surrounding property. For maps of the zoning and future land use in this area, please see the concurrent Plan Case 2139-M-11 memo to City Council.

Location	Zoning	Existing Land Use	Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use
Site	IN, Industrial (Proposed B-3, General Business)	Vacant, Agricultural Use	Regional Business
North	IN, Industrial	Vacant, Agricultural Use	Regional Business
South	IN, Industrial	Brahler's Trucker Supply	Regional Business
East	B-3, General Business	O'Brien Auto Park	Regional Business
West	B-3, General Business	Creative Thermal Solutions	Regional Business

The proposed development of the site is consistent with both the Comprehensive Plan and the proposed zoning designation for the property. In addition, the proposed subdivision is consistent with the requirements of the Urbana Zoning Ordinance, which require a minimum of 6,000 square foot lots with a minimum width of 60 feet. The proposed development will be required to meet all of the specific development regulations in the Zoning Ordinance.

Subdivision Layout and Access

The subject property is bounded by Willow Road to the west and other lots on the other three sides. The lot will be 240 feet wide and approximately 581 feet deep. Access will be provided by a driveway at the south portion of the site. Since this plat is only for one lot which already fronts on a public street there will be no public streets constructed within the subdivision.

Drainage

The site drains to the east. A dry detention basin, roughly 6,000 square feet in area, will be constructed on the southeast corner of the property. This basin will hold water from rain events and discharge to the retention basin in Outlot A of the Urbana Auto Park Subdivision. As with all preliminary and final subdivision plats, final stormwater management plans must be approved by the City Engineer. The final stormwater management plan is currently under review by the City Engineer.

Sidewalks

City Council approved a waiver from the requirement to construct sidewalks along the east side of Willow Road when the preliminary plat for this subdivision was approved in 2001. The memo to Council for the 2001 preliminary plat noted that there was a development agreement for the property which specified certain public improvements were to be provided by the City, others by the developer and others to be waived. The Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance requires sidewalks to be constructed along one side of the street in industrial subdivisions. In this case, the Preliminary Plat approval calls for sidewalk construction on the west side of Willow Road. It could be argued that the proposed rezoning from industrial to general business could change the nature of the area, and a sidewalk deferral may be more appropriate for this situation. A deferral would allow for the site to be initially developed without a sidewalk, but would require that a sidewalk be added if and when adjacent sidewalks are installed. The developer has agreed to allowing for a deferral rather than a waiver of this stretch of sidewalk along the east side of Willow Road.

Utilities

The site is located in an area that is currently served by sanitary sewer, water, power, phone and cable. All easements will be required to be illustrated on the Final Plat before it is recorded. The plat currently shows a 15-foot utility easement along the western edge of the property. This easement will allow for a public sanitary sewer line which will serve the tract to the north when it is developed. There is also an easement for overhead power lines along the southern edge of the site. The public sanitary sewer connecting to the tract to the north will be constructed when the proposed soccer facility is built.

Deferrals and Waivers

The petitioner is not requesting any additional waivers or deferrals from the Urbana Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. The waiver from the requirement to construct a sidewalk along the east side of Willow Road was approved by City Council with the preliminary plat. As noted above, the developer has agreed to have construction of this stretch of sidewalk deferred, rather than waived, in the event that the surrounding area develops in a commercial rather industrial manner and sidewalks become necessary in the future.

Summary of Findings

1. Rudy Frasca has submitted a 3.42-acre Final Plat for Soccer Planet Subdivision.

2. The proposed Final Plat is consistent with the approved Urbana Auto Park Preliminary Plat adopted under City Council Ordinance No. 2001-12-168.

3. The proposed Final Plat creates a development that is consistent with both the 2005 Urbana Comprehensive Plan future land use designation and with the proposed zoning designation

for the subject property.

4. The proposed Final Plat meets the requirements of the Urbana Subdivision and Land

Development Code.

5. The proposed Final Plat is consistent with the approved Preliminary Plat and therefore City

Council may approve the Final Plat without review by Plan Commission.

Options

The City Council has the following options regarding Plan Case No. 2140-S-11:

1. Approve the proposed final plat; or

2. Deny the proposed final plat.

Recommendation

Based on the analysis and findings presented herein, staff recommends that City Council

APPROVE the Final Plat of the Soccer Planet Subdivision.

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Attachments: Draft Ordinance Approving a Final Plat

Exhibit A: Proposed Final Plat

Exhibit B: Approved Preliminary Plat for Urbana Auto Park Subdivision

Exhibit C: Proposed Site Improvement Plan

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ORDINANCE NO. 2011-04-026

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT (Soccer Planet Subdivision Plan Case No. 2140-S-11)

WHEREAS, Rudolf Frasca has submitted a Final Subdivision Plat for the Soccer Planet Subdivision in general conformance with the pertinent ordinances of the City of Urbana, Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, the Final Plat for the Soccer Planet Subdivision is in general conformance with the Preliminary Plat for Urbana Auto Park Subdivision, which was approved by the City of Urbana on December 17, 2001 by Ordinance No. 2001-12-168; and,

WHEREAS, the Final Plat for the Soccer Planet Subdivision complies with the 2005 Urbana Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Final Plat for the Soccer Planet Subdivision meets the requirements of the Urbana Subdivision and Land Development Code with the exception of waivers from these requirements as granted in approval of the Preliminary Plat for Urbana Auto Park Subdivision, including a waiver from the requirement to construct a sidewalk along the east side of Willow Road; and,

WHEREAS, the developer has agreed to a deferral rather than a waiver of the sidewalk construction along the east side of Willow Road in the event that the area develops in a commercial rather than industrial manner and sidewalks become necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has reviewed and approved the Final Plat for the Soccer Planet Subdivision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

<u>Section 1.</u> the Final Plat for the Soccer Planet Subdivision, attached hereto as Exhibit 1, is hereby approved as platted.

the members of the corporate authorities then holding office, the "ayes" a
"nays" being called at a regular meeting of said Council.
PASSED by the City Council this day of, 201
AYES:
NAYS:
ABSTAINED:
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk
APPROVED by the Mayor this day of, 2011.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Section 2. This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote of









