





North Liberty Planning Commission Tuesday, January 2, 2024, 6:30 PM North Liberty City Council Chambers 1 Quail Creek Circle, North Liberty, Iowa 52317

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Call to Order

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Approval of the Agenda
- Preliminary Subdivision Plat: Request of NLCD Lot 12, LC to approve a Preliminary Subdivision Plat for a 2-lot subdivision on approximately 2.12 acres. The property is located on the west side of Community Drive approximately 275 feet south of Community Drive.
 - a. Staff Presentation
 - b. Applicant Presentation
 - c. Public Comments
 - d. Questions and Comments
 - e. Recommendation to the City Council
- **4. Preliminary Subdivision Plat:** Request of Pratt Real Estate Management, Inc. to approve a Preliminary Subdivision Plat for a 2-lot subdivision on approximately 2.54 acres. The property is located at the northwest corner of West Penn Street and North Jones Boulevard.
 - a. Staff Presentation
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- **5. Preliminary Site Plan:** Request of Pratt Real Estate Management, Inc. to approve a Preliminary Site Plan for a 9,020 square foot multi-tenant commercial building on 1.51 acres. The property is located at the northwest corner of West Penn Street and North Jones Boulevard.
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6. Approval of Previous Minutes

- 7. Old Business
- 8. New Business
- 9. Adjournment





То	City of North Liberty Planning Commission
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From Ryan Rusnak, AICP

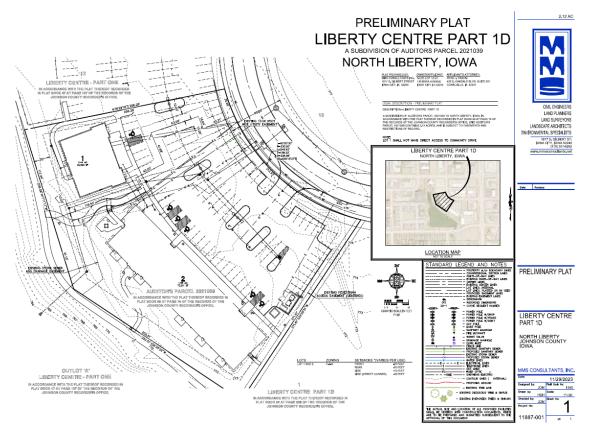
Date December 28, 2023

Re Request of NLCD Lot 12, LC to approve a Preliminary Subdivision Plat for a 2-lot subdivision on approximately 2.12 acres. The property is located on the west side of Community Drive approximately 275 feet south of Community Drive.

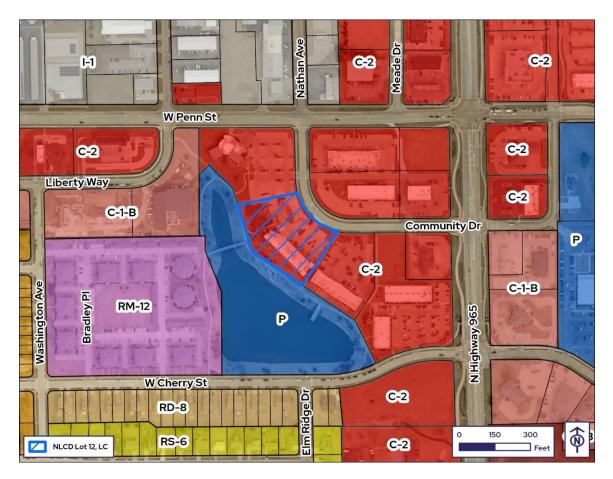
North Liberty City staff has reviewed the subject submission, and offer comments presented in this memo. The staff review team includes the following personnel: Ryan Heiar, City Administrator Tracey Mulcahey, Assistant City Administrator Grant Lientz, City Attorney Tom Palmer, City Building Official Josiah Biskemper, City Engineer Ryan Rusnak, Planning Director

1. Request Summary:

The Preliminary Plat proposes 2 lots on approximately 2.12 acres. This is to allow the Penn Street Place multi-unit residence building and single-story commercial building to be on separate lots.



2. Current Zoning: C-2 PAD Highway Commercial District Planned Area Development. The PAD was to allow for a multi-unit residence building in the C-2 District and to allow reduced parking standards.



3. Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Designation: Urban High Intensity.

The proposed preliminary plat would achieve consistency with the Future Land Use Map.

4. Approval Standards:

Section 180.11(3)(A) of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances sets forth the preliminary subdivision plat submittal requirements and review (Ordinance language in *italics* and staff analysis in **bold**).

Preliminary Subdivision Plat Submittal Requirements and Review. The preliminary plat, in general, contains more information than the final plat, so that the subdivider and the City can ensure conformance with codes, master facility plans, and good planning and engineering practices. Though the preliminary plat is not recorded, it is approved by resolution of the City Council, and conditions for approval of the plat shall be addressed on any final plats of the same area.

- A. Preliminary Plat Contents. The application shall include a preliminary plat of the subdivision drawn to a scale of one inch to one hundred feet minimum, and shall show:
 - A location map to provide spatial reference, showing the outline of the area to be subdivided, existing streets and corporate limits in the vicinity, a north arrow and scale or note stating "not to scale," and other information that might help clarify where the plat is located as well as its surroundings and size relative to other City features;

This has been provided on the Preliminary Plat.

(2) Name of proposed subdivision and date; This has been provided on the Preliminary Plat.

(3) Legal description and acreage; This has been provided on the Preliminary Plat.

(4) Name and address of owner;

This has been provided on the Preliminary Plat.

(5) Names of the persons preparing the plat, owner's attorney, representative or agent, if any;

This has been provided on the Preliminary Plat.

(6) Existing and proposed zoning district classification of all land within the proposed subdivision and within about 200 feet of the subdivision;

Staff is not requiring this information on the Preliminary Plat.

(7) North point and graphic scale;

This has been provided on the Preliminary Plat.

(8) Contours at two-foot intervals or less, both existing and as generally proposed (subject to more refinement in subsequent construction plans);

This has been provided on the Preliminary Plat.

(9) Building setback lines as required by the current or proposed zoning district classifications;

This has been provided on the Preliminary Plat.

(10) The approximate boundaries of areas of known flood levels or floodplains, areas covered by water, wooded areas, floodways, and all open channel drainage ways;
 This has been provided on the Preliminary Plat.

- (11) Locations, names, and dimensions of existing lot lines, streets, public utilities, water mains, sewers, drainpipes, culverts, watercourses, bridges, railroads and buildings within in the proposed subdivision and within about 200 feet of the subdivision; This has been provided on the Preliminary Plat.
- (12) Layout of proposed blocks, if used, and lots, including the dimension of each lot, and the lot and block number in numerical order;
- This has been provided on the Preliminary Plat.
- (13) Layout and dimensions of proposed streets, sidewalks, trails, alleys, utility and other easements, parks and other open spaces or reserved areas;
 This has been provided on the Preliminary Plat.

(14) Grades of proposed streets and alleys; This has been provided on the Preliminary Plat. However, no new streets are proposed.

(15) A cross-section of the proposed streets showing the roadway locations, the type of curb and gutter, the paving, and sidewalks to be installed;

No new streets are proposed.

- (16) The layout of proposed water mains and sanitary sewer systems; **No water or sanitary mains are proposed.**
- (17) The drainage of the land, including proposed storm sewers, ditches, culverts, bridges and other structures;
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- (18) Stormwater management facilities when applicable; There is an off-site stormwater management facility.

(19) A signed certificate of the Johnson County Auditor for the subdivision name; **This information has been provided.**

(20) Other special details or features that may be proposed or required. **None required.**

5. Additional information:

C-2 Lot Requirements: Minimum Lot Area – None Minimum Frontage – 35' Minimum Lot Width – 35'

A note is included on the preliminary plat that Lot 1 has no driveway access to Community Drive.

6. Staff Recommendation:

Findings:

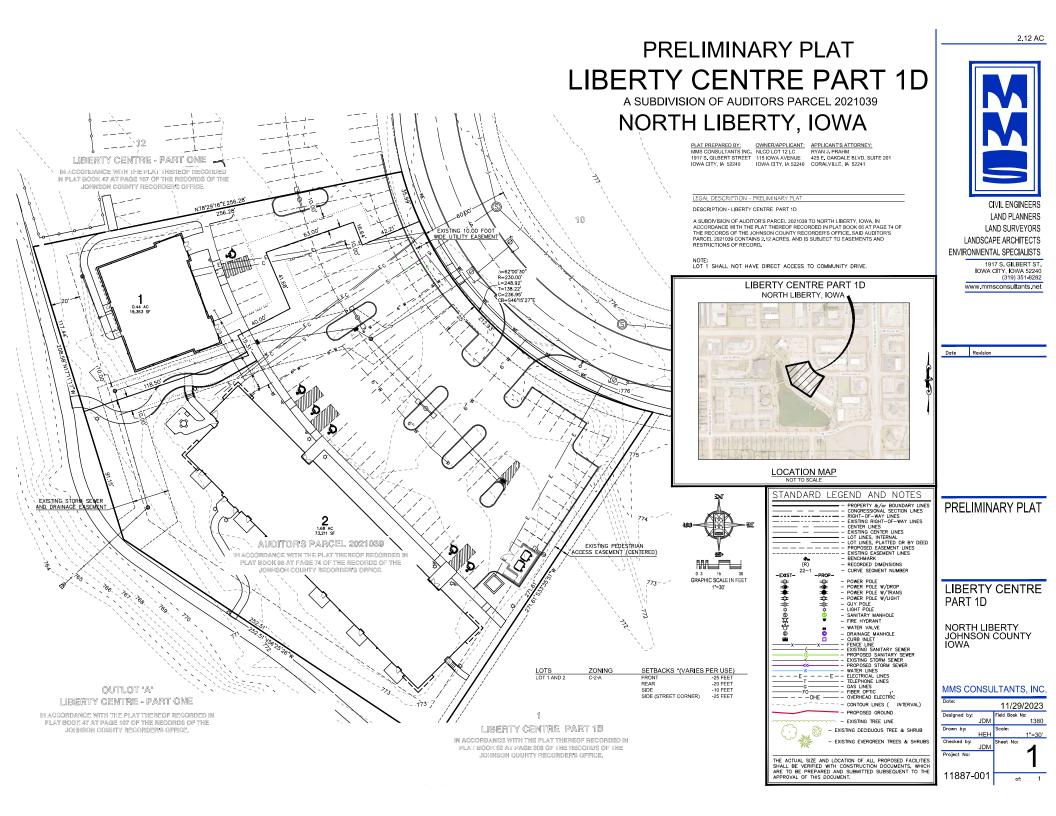
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- 2. The preliminary plat would achieve consistency with Section 180.11(3)(A) and 180.12 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances, which sets forth the preliminary subdivision plat submittal requirements and design standards, respectively.

Recommendation:

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Suggested motion:

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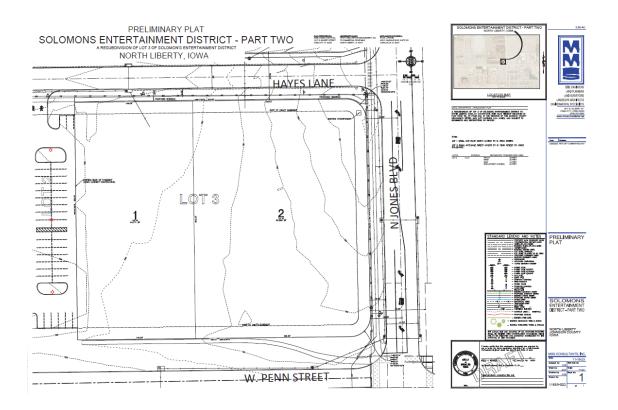
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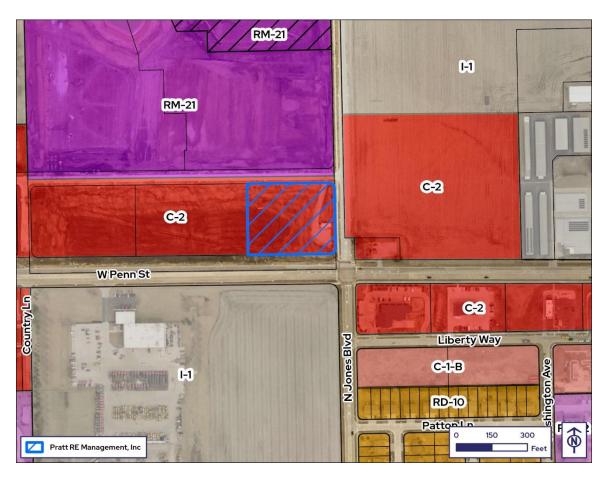
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2. Current Zoning: C-2 Highway Commercial District.



3. Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Designation: Urban High Intensity.

The proposed preliminary plat would achieve consistency with the Future Land Use Map.

4. Approval Standards:

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5. Additional information:

C-2 Lot Requirements: Minimum Lot Area – None Minimum Frontage – 35' Minimum Lot Width – 35'

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6. Staff Recommendation:

Findings:

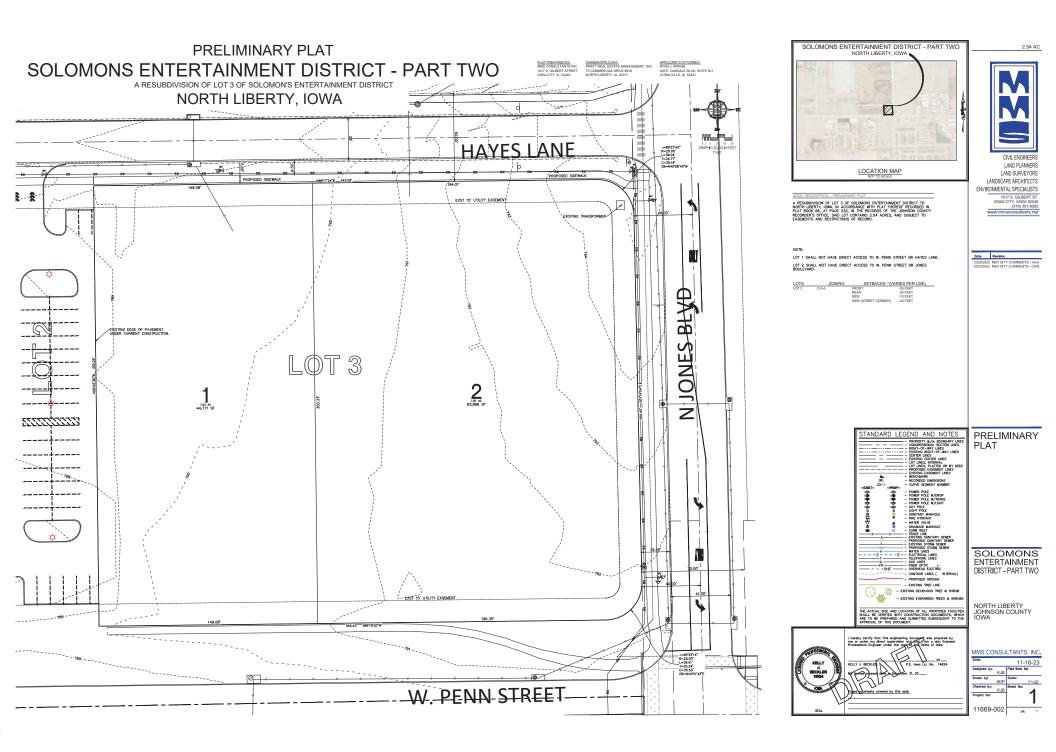
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Recommendation:

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To City of North Liberty Planning Commission

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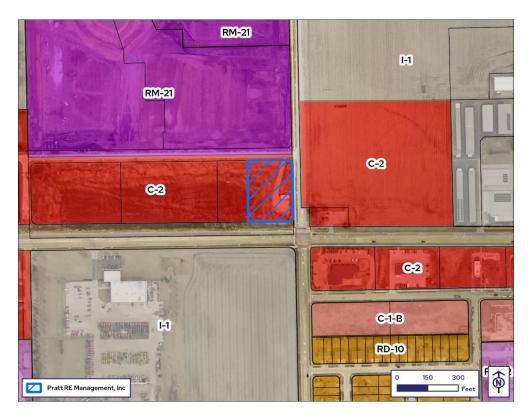
Date December 28, 2023

Re **Request of Pratt Real Estate Management, Inc. to approve a Preliminary** Site Plan for a 9,020 square foot multi-tenant commercial building on 1.51 acres. The property is located at the northwest corner of West Penn Street and North Jones Boulevard.

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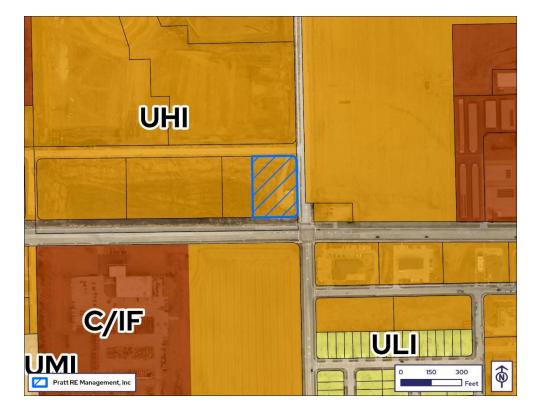
1. Request Summary: The site plan proposes a single-story multi-tenant commercial building with drive through on approximately 1.51 acres.





2. Current Zoning: C-2 Highway Commercial District.

3. Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Designation: Urban High Intensity.



Future Land Use Map (FLUM)

4. Approval Standards:

Section 165.05(2)(E) of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances sets forth the approval standards (ordinance language in *italics* and staff analysis in **bold**).

- E. Approval Standards. The Planning Commission's recommendation to the City Council and the City Council's decision to approve or disapprove a preliminary site plan shall be informed by the preliminary site plan's adherence to the following standards:
 - (1) The consistency of the preliminary site plan with all adopted ordinances and regulations.

See analysis below.

(2) The consistency of the proposed land use with the Comprehensive Plan and any adopted land use policies. The submission of a preliminary site plan which proposes one or more uses inconsistent with the City's Future Land Use Map creates a rebuttable presumption that said use or uses are inharmonious with surrounding properties and incompatible with orderly development and redevelopment.

The C-2 District is consistent with the UHI Land Use Map designation.

Analysis of adopted ordinances and regulations.

Section 168.07 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances for the intended uses of the property.

Restaurant.

- A. Defined. Restaurant means an establishment where food and drinks, including alcoholic beverages, are provided to the public for on-premises consumption by seated patrons and/or for carry-out service.
- B. Use Standards.

Retail Goods Establishment.

- Defined. Means an establishment that provides physical goods, products, or merchandise directly to the consumer, where such goods are available for immediate purchase and removal from the premises by the purchaser. Retail goods establishment does not include micro fulfillment center.
- B. Use Standards. None.
- Drive-Through Facility.
 - A. Defined. Drive-Through Facility means that portion of a business where business is transacted directly with customers via a service window that allows customers to remain in their vehicle. A drive through facility must be approved separately as a principal use when in conjunction with another principal uses such as restaurants and financial institutions. A standalone ATM is considered a drive-through facility for the purposes of this definition.
 - B. Use Standards.
 - All drive-through facilities must provide a minimum of four stacking spaces per lane or bay, unless additional stacking spaces are specifically required by this Ordinance. Stacking spaces provided for drive-through uses must:

- (i) Be a minimum of nine feet in width, as measured from the outermost point of any service window or bay entrance, to the edge of the driveway, and 18 feet in length. In the case of a recessed service window, the measurement is taken from the building wall.
- (ii) Begin behind the vehicle parked at a final point of service exiting the drive through aisle, such as a service window or car wash bay (this does not include a menu board). Spaces must be placed in a single line behind each lane or bay.
- (2) All drive-through lanes must be located and designed to ensure that they do not adversely affect traffic circulation on adjoining streets.

Section 165.05(2)(D) of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances entitled, "Preliminary Site Review" sets forth the submission requirements (ordinance language in *italics* and staff analysis in **bold**).

- Date, north arrow and graphic scale. **Provided.**
- The property owner's name and description of proposed development. **Provided.**
- A vicinity sketch showing the location of the property and other properties within 1,000 feet of it. **Provided.**
- Property boundary lines, dimensions, and total area. **Provided.**
- Contour lines at intervals of not more than five feet, City datum. If substantial topographic change is proposed, the existing topography shall be illustrated on a separate map and the proposed finished topography shown on the site plan.
 Provided.
- The location of existing streets, sidewalks, easements, utilities, drainage courses. **Provided.**
- The total square feet of building floor area, both individually and collectively. **Provided.**
- All structures and major features shall be fully dimensioned including distance between structures, distance between driveways, parking areas, property lines and building height. **Provided.**
- Off-street parking areas, ingress and egress to the property, number of parking spaces proposed, number of parking spaces required by this code and type of surfacing. **Provided.**
- Pedestrian walkways with special consideration given to pedestrian safety. **Provided.**
- Trash and refuse enclosures. **Provided.**
- The general drainage pattern and location of storm water detention features. **Provided.**
- The general location, type and size of landscaping and ground cover illustrated in color perspective. **Provided.**
- A rendering, elevation or photo of the proposed development. **Provided.**

North Liberty Code of Ordinances Section 169.10 entitled, "Design Standards" sets forth certain design standards.

Requirements for All Districts (ordinance language in *italics* and staff analysis in **bold**).

- Building design shall be visually harmonious and compatible with the neighborhood character.
- Buildings located on property with double frontages shall have similar wall design facing both streets.
- Except for RS RD, R-MH and ID districts, color schemes shall be primarily based on earth tones. Earth tone colors include colors from the palette of browns, tans, greys, greens, and red. Earth tone colors shall be flat or muted. Building trim and accent areas may feature non-earth tone and brighter colors. In any district, the use of high intensity colors, neon or fluorescent color and neon tubing is prohibited.
- Except in the R-MH district, a minimum roof pitch of 5:12 shall apply to gable, hip, or shed roofs and there shall be a minimum roof overhang at the eves of 12 inches. This does not apply to portions of a roof that are separate from the structure's primary roof. Metal roofs shall not be corrugated or similar appearance. The color of the roof shall be visually harmonious and compatible with the building color scheme.

It is staff's opinion that the site plan achieves consistency with the aforementioned design standards.

Requirements for Development in Commercial Districts (ordinance language in *italics*).

- Design. To achieve appealing aesthetic design through high quality architecture and construction, with attention to placement, relationship, and orientation of structures and amenities to provide both internal cohesiveness and compatibility with surrounding uses.
- Walkability. To achieve overall development patterns that encourage walking and reduce dependence on the automobile to travel from one business to another, and so reduces the dominance of the automobile within the development.
- Human-scale Activity. To achieve a sense of place by emphasizing pedestrian interaction with commercial uses rather than sprawling automobile-dominated designs, both in building architecture and public or private outdoor areas.
- Compatible Uses. To achieve the right blend of uses, compact and well-designed, that complement each other and provide cohesive overall developments.
- Materials. Minimum required masonry on all building elevations is 60%. Exterior walls not composed of masonry products shall not be covered with ribbed.

5. Additional information:

From a design perspective, double-frontage lots can be a challenge. The south façade facing West Penn Street West Penn Street should be a principal consideration with respect to community design. However, the north façade is the front of the building from the user's perspective. Staff worked with the applicant to achieve a higher-level of design on the back (south façade) of the building. This is reflected in the current site plan and building elevations.

6. Staff Recommendation:

Finding for Recommendation City Council:

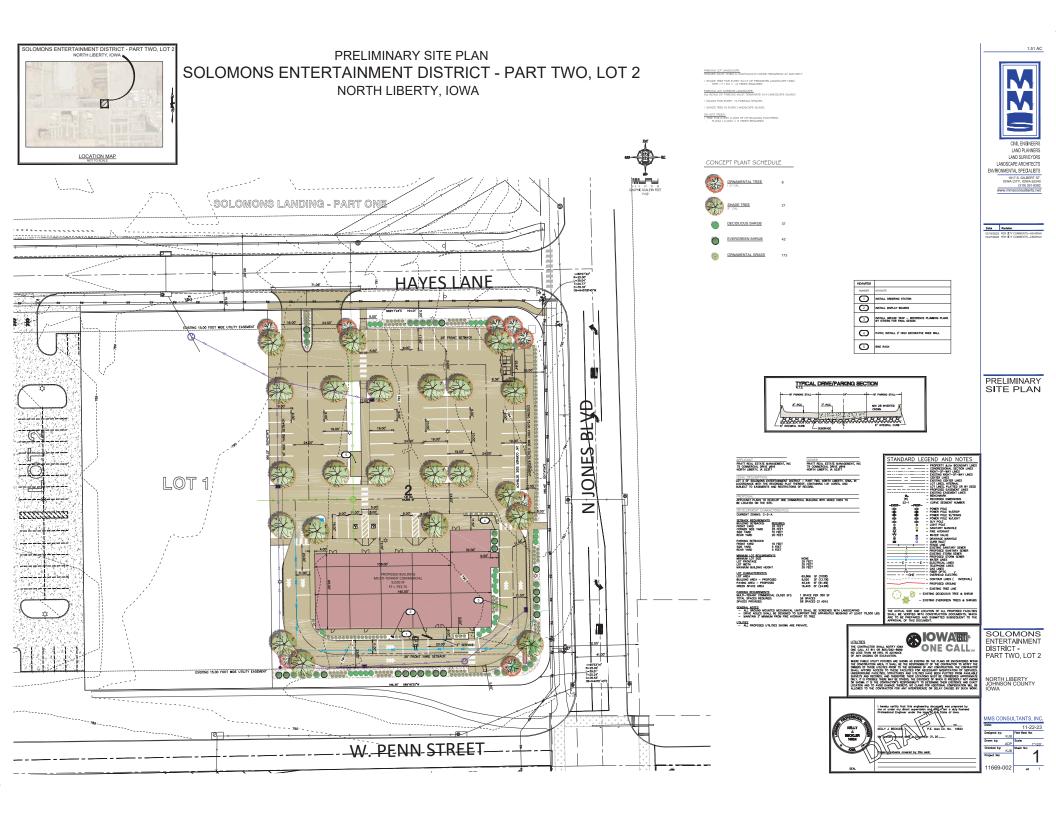
1. The preliminary site plan would achieve consistency with the approval standards enumerated in Section 165.05(2)(E) of the Zoning Code.

Recommendation to City Council:

Staff recommends the Planning Commission accept the listed finding and forward the request to approve a preliminary site plan for a 9,020 square foot multi-tenant commercial building on 1.51 acres to the City Council with a recommendation for approval.

Suggested motion to City Council:

I move that the Planning Commission accept the listed finding and forward the preliminary site plan to the City Council with a recommendation for approval.



North Liberty Retail

Renders

12/19/23





















North facade Hayes Lane















Planning Commission October 4, 2023 Council Chambers, 1 Quail Creek Circle

<u>Call to Order</u>

Chair Josey Bathke called the October 4, 2023 Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 1 Quail Creek Circle. Commission members present: Barry A'Hearn, Josey Bathke, Sheila Geneser, Dave Willer, and Amy Yotty; absent: Patrick Staber, and Jason Heisler.

Others present: Ryan Rusnak, Grant Lientz, Josiah Bilskemper, Tracey Mulcahey and other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

A'Hearn moved, Willer seconded to approve the agenda. The vote was all ayes. Agenda approved.

Preliminary Subdivision Plat

Staff Presentation

Rusnak presented the request of CMW Properties, LLC. to approve a Preliminary Subdivision Plat revision for a 7-lot subdivision on approximately 10.30 acres. The property is located at the southeast corner of North Liberty Road and South Dubuque Street. Staff recommends that the Planning Commission accept the two listed findings; 1. The preliminary plat, which proposes a mixed-use development, would achieve consistency with the Comprehensive Plan Future Land map designation of Urban High Intensity; and 2. The preliminary plat would achieve consistency with Section 180.11(3)(A) and 180.12 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances, which sets forth the preliminary subdivision plat submittal requirements and design standards, respectively; and forward the request of CMW Properties, LLC to approve a Preliminary Subdivision Plat for a 7-lot subdivision on approximately 10.30 acres.

Applicant Presentation

Mike Welch, Welch Design and Development, was present on behalf of the applicant and offered to answer questions.

Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

Questions and Comments

The Commission discussed the application including the Putnam Drive intersection with North Liberty Road's proximity to roundabout.

Recommendation to the City Council

Geneser moved, Willer seconded that the Planning Commission accept the two listed findings and forward the Preliminary Subdivision Plat to the City Council with a recommendation for approval. The vote was: ayes -A'Hearn, Geneser, Bathke, Yotty, Willer; nays – none; absent – Heisler, Staber. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes

City of North Liberty – 2023 Page: 1 A'Hearn moved, Yotty seconded to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023 meeting. The vote was all ayes. Minutes approved.

Old Business

Rusnak reported that Aldi, Steindler, the sports facility, and Pizza Ranch are all under construction. Buck Moon Villas is grading this year. Solomon's Landing and Watertower Place are going vertical.

New Business

Rusnak reported that there is no meeting in November. Bathke asked about the new location. Rusnak reported that Heiar will be presenting about the new city hall. The presentation might be at the December meeting if the agenda allows.

<u>Adjournment</u>

At 6:42 p.m., A'Hearn moved, Willer seconded to adjourn. The vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Signed: Tracey Mulcahey, City Clerk