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AGENDA



North Liberty Planning Commission Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 6:30 PM North Liberty City Council Chambers 360 N Main St, North Liberty, Iowa 52317

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Call to Order

- Roll Call
- 2. Approval of the Agenda
- **3. Preliminary Site Plan:** Request of Buck Moon Villas, LLC to approve a Preliminary Site Plan for 11 townhouse units in three buildings on 1.6 acres. The property is located on the east side of North Dubuque Street approximately 300 feet southeast of Ranshaw Way.
 - a. Staff Presentation
 - b. Applicant Presentation
 - c. Public Comments
 - d. Questions and Comments
 - e. Recommendation to the City Council
- **4. Public Hearing on Zoning Map Amendment:** Request of North Jones, LLC for a zoning map amendment (rezoning) from RM-8 Multi-Unit Residence District to RM-12 Multi-Unit Residence District on approximately 3.53 acres. The property is located at 1605, 1655 and 1695 North Jones Boulevard.
 - a. Staff Presentation
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5. Public Hearing on Zoning Map Amendment: Request of Hodge

Construction Company for a zoning map amendment (rezoning) from RM-21 Multi-Unit Residence District to C-3 Higher-Intensity Commercial District on approximately 5.12 acres. The property is located at the northeast corner of West Forevergreen Road and Bernardy Drive.

- a. Staff Presentation
- b. Applicant Presentation
- c. Public Comments
- d. Questions and Comments
- e. Recommendation to the City Council
- 6. Approval of Previous Minutes
- 7. Old Business
- 8. New Business
- 9. Adjournment



MEMORANDUM

To City of North Liberty Planning Commission

From **Ryan Rusnak, AICP**Date **September 27, 2024**

Re Request of Buck Moon Villas, LLC to approve a Preliminary Site Plan for 11 townhouse units in three buildings on 1.6 acres. The property is located on the east side of North Dubuque Street approximately 300 feet southeast of

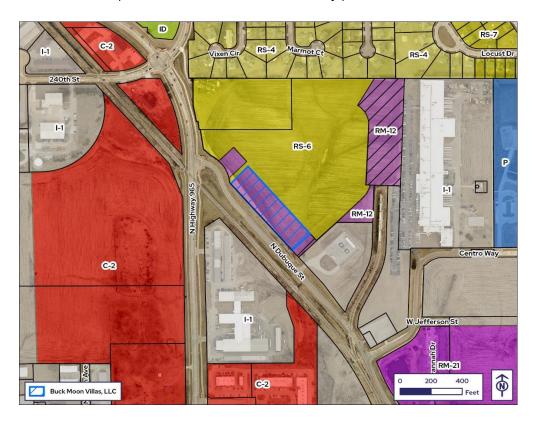
Ranshaw Way.

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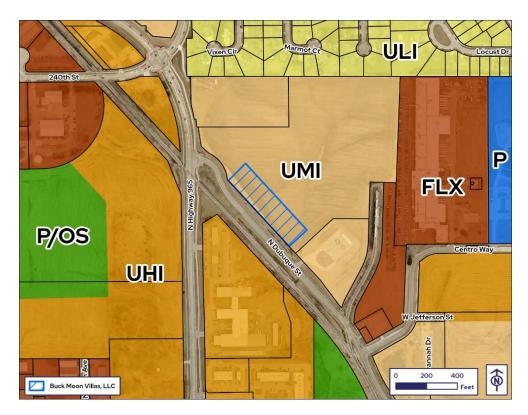
1. Request Summary: The site plan proposes 11 townhouse units in three buildings on 1.6 acres. This would be in conjunction with the Buck Moon Villas Subdivision.



2. Current Zoning: RM-12 PAD Multi-Unit Residence District Planned Area Development. The PAD pertains to allowing individual townhouses to have direct access to a public street, which is not normally permitted.



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



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 RM-12 District is consistent with the UMI Land Use Map designation.

Analysis of adopted ordinances and regulations.

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

Townhouse Dwelling.

- A. Defined. Townhouse Dwelling means structure consisting of three or more dwelling units, the interior of which is configured in a manner such that the dwelling units are separated by a party wall and may or may not be on separate lots. A townhouse is typically designed so that each unit has a separate exterior entrance and yard areas. A townhouse dwelling does not include a multi-family dwelling. To provide for design flexibility, a townhouse dwelling development may include single-unit dwellings.
- B. Use Standards.
 - (1) The interior side yard is not applicable to the side of the unit located on the lot line (shared wall attachment to another unit).
 - (2) Each unit must have an approved one-hour fire-resistive wall between them that is built in such a manner as to allow no connections other than the wall itself between the units
 - (3) The front entry must be an integral part of the structure, using features such as porches, raised steps and stoops with roof overhangs, or decorative railings to articulate the front facade.
 - (4) Minimum required masonry on front and corner side yard building elevations in residential districts is 25%.
 - (5) A 5% minimum transparency requirement applies to the front facade and is calculated on the basis of the area of the facade below the roofline.

Please note that the City's ability to regulate exterior cladding is limited to due to recent amendments to lowa Code 414.

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. Please note that the City's ability to regulate exterior cladding is limited to due to recent amendments to lowa Code 414.

5. Additional information:

None.

6. Staff Recommendation:

Finding:

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

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Planning Commission accept the listed finding and forward the request to approve a preliminary site plan for 11 townhouse units in three buildings on 1.6 acres to the City Council with a recommendation for approval.

Suggested motion:

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.

SHEET INDEX: C0 - COVER SHEET C1 - SITE PLAN

RM-12 Zoning Requirements

30' Minimum

Minimum Lot Area: 21,780 SF/3,500 SF/DU
Minimum Evotage: 50'
Maximum Buliding Height: 40'
Front Yard Setback: 25' Minimum
Corner Yard Setback: 25' Minimum

Parking: Townhouse Dwelling, 2 per Dwelling Unit

Number of Parking Spaces: 22 (2 in each garage)

SITE PLAN, LOTS 58-60
PROPOSED TRI-PLEX BUILDING HEIGHT = 23'-6"

FOR

BUCK MOON VILLAS

AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY, IOWA 9/24/2024

OWNER / DEVELOPER BUCK MOON VILLAS, LLC. 2198 HENDERSHOT RD NORTH LIBERTY, IA 52317 (319) 430-5200

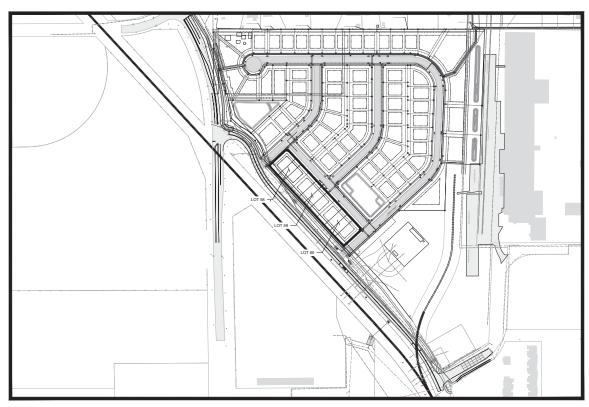
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	NATURAL GAS	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	319-341-445			
		ATTN: JJ RETEK	319-341-445			
	ELECTRICITY	LINN COUNTY REC	319-377-575			
	ELECTRICITY	ATTN: JOSH PFANNEBECKER	319-3//-5/5			
	ELECTRICITY	ALLIANT ENERGY	319-786-190			
		ATTN: DEAN COLONY	319-780-190			
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		ATTN: RANDY CLINE	319-003-331			
	WATER	CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY WATER	319-626-571			
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	SEWER	CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY				
		ATTN: DAN LANGE	319-626-571			
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PROPOSED FOUR-PLEX BUILDING HEIGHT = 23'-6"

BUILDING AREA:

TRI-PLEX = 5,722 SQ. FT.

FOUR-PLEX = 7,612 SQ. FT.

All sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water service and paving shall be complete in conformance with the current standards and specifications (SUDAS and NL'S SUDAS Supplement to SUDAS) of the City of North Liberty, Iowa









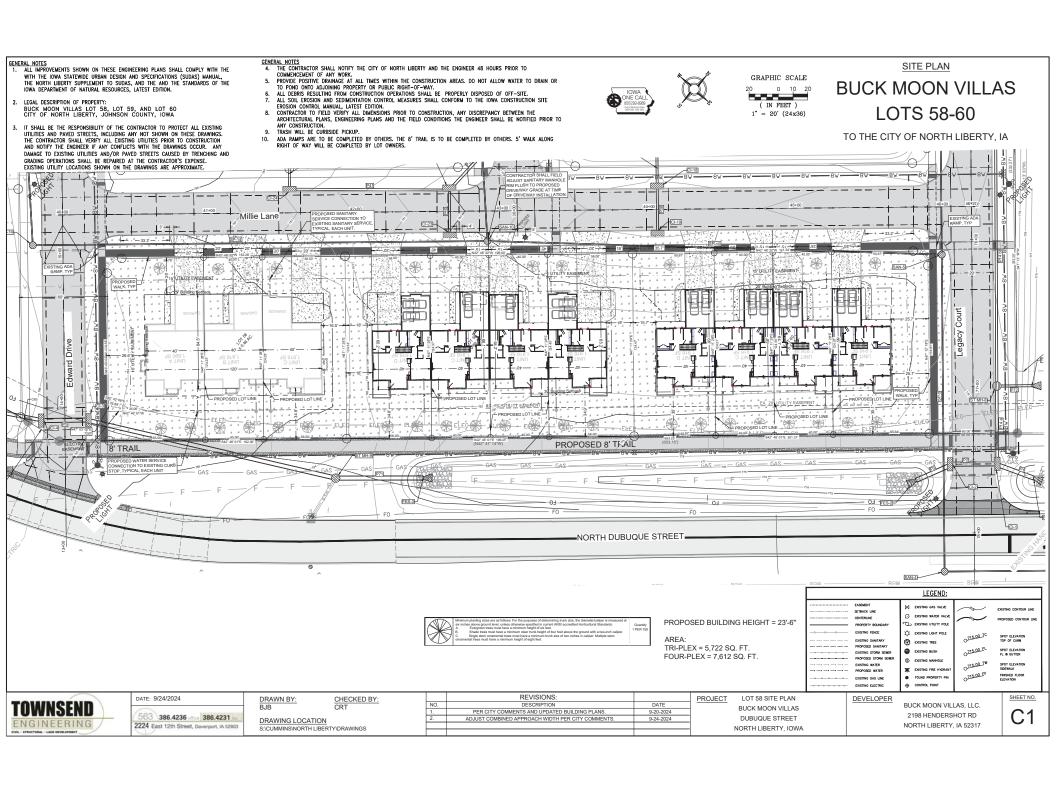
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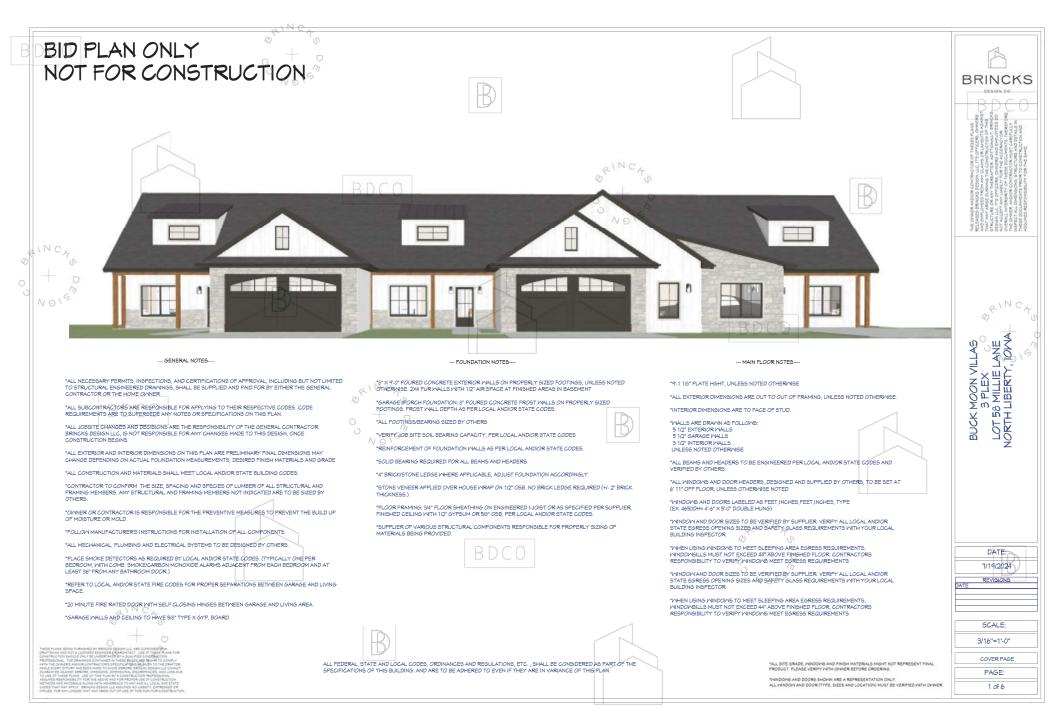
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COVER SHEET
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WINDOWS AND DOORS SHOWN ARE A REPRESENTATION ONLY ALL MINDOW AND DOOR (TYPE, SIZES AND LOCATION) MUST BE VERIFIED WITH OWNER.







То City of North Liberty Planning Commission

From Ryan Rusnak, AICP

Date May 27, 2024

Re Request of North Jones, LLC for a zoning map amendment (rezoning) from

RM-8 Multi-Unit Residence District to RM-12 Multi-Unit Residence District on approximately 3.53 acres. The property is located at 1605, 1655 and 1695

North Jones Boulevard.

North Liberty City staff has reviewed the subject submission, and offer comments presented in this memo.

1. Request Summary:

The purpose of the request is to construct another multi-unit residence north of 1695 North Jones Boulevard.



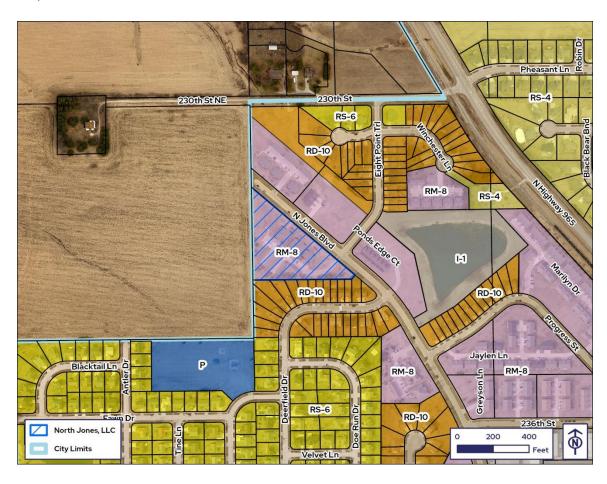
2. Current and Proposed Zoning:

Current Zoning

RM-8 Multi-Unit Residence District. The RM-8 District is intended to provide and maintain medium-density, multiple-unit housing residential neighborhoods. Limited non-residential uses that are compatible with the surrounding residential neighborhoods may be permitted in the RM-8 District.

Proposed Zoning

RM-12 Multi-Unit Residence District. The RM-12 District is intended to provide and maintain medium-density, multiple-unit housing residential neighborhoods. Limited non-residential uses that are compatible with the surrounding residential neighborhoods may be permitted in the RM-12 District.



3. Consistency with Comprehensive Plan:

Land Use Plan designation: Urban Medium Intensity.



<u>Urban Medium Intensity Description</u>

More variety in housing arrangements and more allowance for activity areas that draw people from outside the immediate area for services or recreation. Increased intensity (compared to ULI) improves opportunities for economic activity and social interaction. Medium intensity areas include mostly a horizontal mix of residential and non-residential uses at compatible moderate densities and scale, although there may be opportunities for vertical mixed-use.

Residential

Uses include a variety of housing types that may be on smaller lots. Housing mix can include single-family detached homes, duplexes, townhomes, and multifamily buildings to create integrated neighborhoods.

Form and Features

- » General aggregate development density of 7 to 14 dwelling units per acre. Innovative designs should allow more public spaces than ULI.
- » Attached housing developments maintain the identity of the individual housing units.
- » High connectivity with multiple access points into neighborhoods. As compared to ULI, UMI encourages closer proximity between transportation, housing, and commercial services.

4. Public Input:

A virtual good neighbor meeting was held on September 17, 2024. No one outside of City staff and the applicant attended the meeting. There are no objections to the request.

5. Zoning Map Amendment Approval Standards

Section 165.09(4)(D)(1) of the Zoning Ordinance sets for the approval standards for zoning maps amendments.

Approval Standards. The Planning Commission recommendation and the City Council decision on any zoning text or map amendment is a matter of legislative discretion that is not controlled by any particular standard. However, in making their recommendation and decision, the Plan Commission and the City Council must consider the following standards. The approval of amendments is based on a balancing of these standards (staff commentary in italics).

Map Amendments.

(a) The consistency of the proposed amendment with the Comprehensive Plan and any adopted land use policies.

Figure 3.4 within Connected to Tomorrow was utilized to determine which zoning district would be compatible with the Future Land Use Map.

TRADITIONAL LAND USES	AGRICULTURE (AG)	URBAN RESERV (UR)	/E URBAN LOW INTENSITY (ULI)	JRBAN MEDIUM NTENSITY (UMI)		COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL FLEX (FLX)	PUBLIC AND SEMI PUBLIC (PUB)	PARK AND OPEN SPACE (P, OS)
Agriculture	•	•						0
Rural residential		•						
Low-density residential			•	•				
Medium-density residential			•	•	Q			
High-density residential				•	•	0		
Rural commercial		•						
Neighborhood commercial			0	•	•	•		
Community commercial				•	•	•		
Regional commercial					0	•		
Low/medium intensity office			0	•	•	•		
High-intensity office				0	•	•		
Limited industrial		0				•		
Heavy industrial						0		
Parks and civic uses	•	•	•	•	•	0	•	•
Major public/civic facilities					0	0	•	0
Residential density range (du/A*)	≤40	≤40	3-8	7-14	14+	14+	NA	NA
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Figure 3.4: Land Use Compatibility

The RM-12 District permits up to 12 units/per, which is within the allowable density of the Urban Medium Intensity Land Use designation. It is staff's opinion that the zoning map amendment would achieve consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and adopted land use policies.

- (b) The compatibility with the zoning of nearby property.

 It is staff's opinion that the proposed zoning would be compatible with nearby property.
- (c) The compatibility with established neighborhood character. It is staff's opinion that the proposed zoning would be compatible with established neighborhood character.

(d) The extent to which the proposed amendment promotes the public health, safety, and welfare of the City.

It is staff's opinion that the proposed zoning would promote the public health, safety, and

welfare of the City.

(e) The extent to which the proposed amendment creates nonconformities. It is staff's opinion that the proposed zoning would not create any nonconformities.

6. Additional Considerations:

There are none.

7. Staff Recommendation:

Finding:

I. The rezoning request from RM-8 Multi-Unit Residence District to RM-12 Multi-Unit Residence District would achieve consistency with the approval standards enumerated in Section 165.09 of the Zoning Code.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Planning Commission accept the listed finding and forward the request for zoning map amendment (rezoning) from RM-8 Multi-Unit Residence District to RM-12 Multi-Unit Residence District on approximately 3.53 acres to the City Council with a recommendation for approval.

Suggested motion:

I move that the Planning Commission accept the listed finding and forward the zoning map amendment to the City Council with a recommendation for approval.



MEMORANDUM

To City of North Liberty Planning Commission

From **Ryan Rusnak, AICP**Date **September 27, 2024**

Re Request of Hodge Construction Company for a zoning map amendment (rezoning) from RM-21 Multi-Unit Residence District to C-3 Higher-Intensity Commercial District on approximately 5.12 acres. The property is located at the northeast corner of West Forevergreen Road and Bernardy Drive.

North Liberty City staff has reviewed the subject submission, and offer comments presented in this memo.

1. Request Summary:

The purpose of the rezoning request is to facilitate construction of higher-density multiunit residents, although the zoning would allow for commercial uses as well.



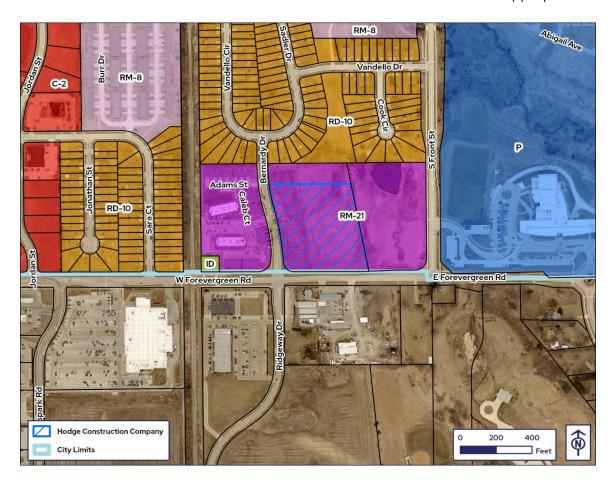
2. Current and Proposed Zoning:

Current Zoning

RM-21 Multi-Unit Residence District. The RM-21 District is intended to provide and maintain high-density, multiple-unit housing residential neighborhoods. Limited non-residential uses that are compatible with the surrounding residential neighborhoods may be permitted in the RM-21 District.

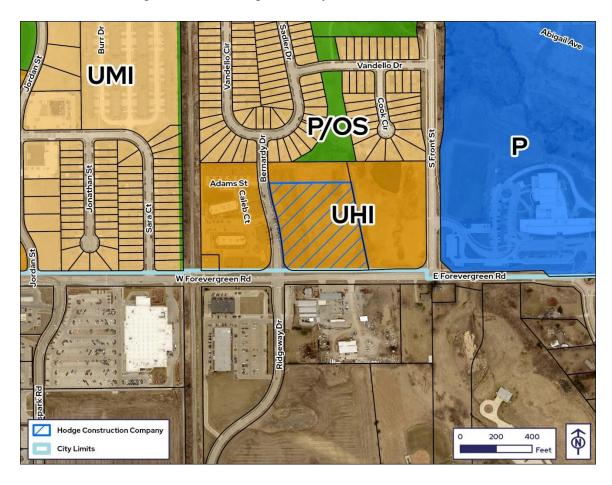
Proposed Zoning

C-3 Higher-Intensity Commercial District. The C-3 District is intended to accommodate higher-intensity commercial development that serves both local and regional markets. The C-3 District addresses medium and large-scale development that may generate considerable traffic and typically requires significant off-street parking. Higher density residential uses are also allowed to facilitate a mixed-use orientation where appropriate.



3. Consistency with Comprehensive Plan:

Land Use Plan designation: Urban High Intensity.



<u>Urban High Intensity Description</u>

These areas have increased economic activity and a higher frequency of diverse and complementary uses. High-intensity areas include more urban services with a horizontal and vertical mix of high-density residential uses and community to regional commercial uses of compatible densities and scales.

Residential

Developments have more focus on non-residential buildings but still offer residential uses ranging from townhomes and apartments. Mixing residential with commercial uses on the same site is encouraged when feasible from a design and market capitalization standpoint.

Form and Features

- » Aggregate development density at 14+ units per acre at sites with direct access to major arterial and collector streets. Development should avoid the creation of isolated multi-family development.
- » Edges of UHI residential developments transition to lower intensity uses or buffer from industrial/commercial uses through design, landscaping, and buffering.

Non-Residential

More prevalent and focus in the UHI district that can include larger offices, medical buildings, commercial, and larger institutional uses such as places of worship, community centers, and indoor recreation.

4. Public Input:

A virtual good neighbor meeting was held on September 17, 2024. A few people outside of City staff and the applicant attended the meeting, but no one had any questions. There is correspondence in the background material regarding the potential for commercial development.

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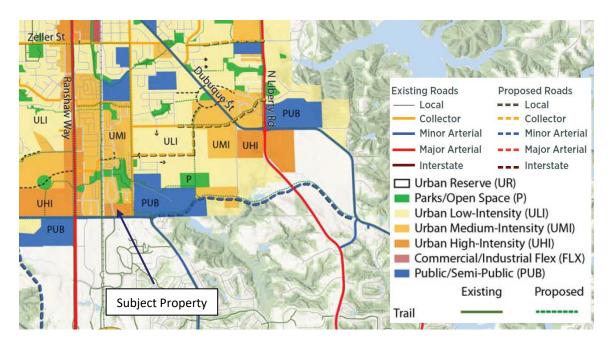
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Residential density range (du/A*)	≤40	≤40	3-8	7-14	14+	14+	NA	NA

Figure 3.4: Land Use Compatibility

A primary consideration is the appropriateness of C-3 in this location. The property is designed Urban High Intensity (UHI) on the Future Land Use Map (FLUM). C-3 would be consistent with the FLUM.

The UHI Future Land Use Map designation was chosen for this and the adjacent properties due to the existing RM-21 Zoning and that Forevergreen Road is an arterial roadway, with planned extension to North Liberty Road and Dubuque Street.



It is staff's opinion that the zoning map amendment would achieve consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and adopted land use policies.

(b) The compatibility with the zoning of nearby property.

As mentioned, Forevergreen Road is an arterial roadway, with planned extension to North Liberty Road and Dubuque Street. Additionally, there is commercial zoning and development on the south side of Forevergreen Road in the City of Coralville.



It is staff's opinion that the zoning map amendment would be compatible with the zoning of nearby property.

(c) The compatibility with established neighborhood character. As mentioned, it is staff's opinion that the C-3 District would be appropriate in this location. To achieve greater compatibility with the Creekside Subdivision to the north, staff suggested (and the applicant agreed) that there be less intense residential development toward the north end of the property. The C-3 zoning boundary would be approximately 115' from the southern boundary of the Creekside Subdivision.

It is staff's opinion that the proposed zonings would be compatible with established neighborhood character.

- (d) The extent to which the proposed amendment promotes the public health, safety, and welfare of the City.

 It is staff's opinion that the proposed zonings would promote the public health, safety, and welfare of the City.
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6. Additional Considerations:

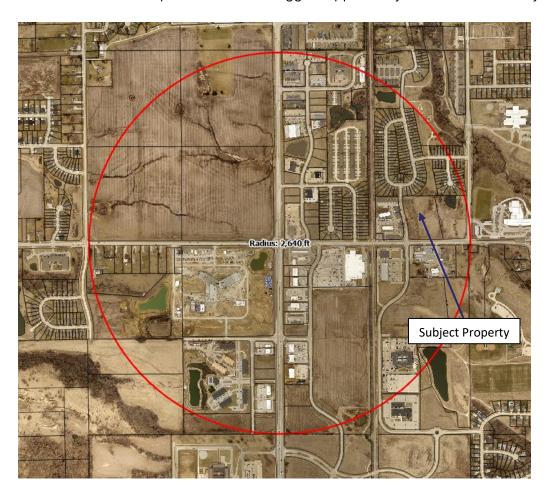
The intensity of the proposed development.

The C-3 District allows for commercial and multi-unit residences in either horizontal mixed-use (different buildings) or vertical mixed-use (same building) developments. There is no residential density restriction in the C-3 District.

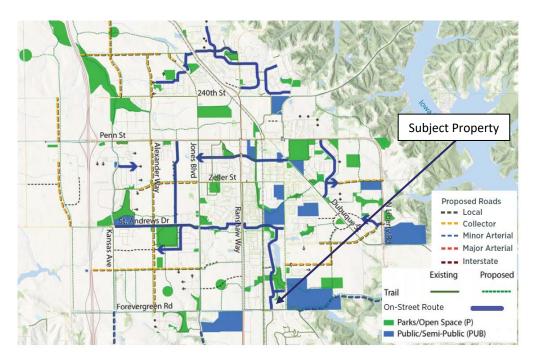
The concept provided to City staff shows 234 residential units in three buildings (45.6 units/acre). To maximum density and meet off-street parking standards, the building would be a "4 over 1", which is four-stories of wood framing over a concrete platform. Wood framing is less expensive than steel or metal framing or using entirely concrete. The concrete base allows builders to construct a building that is one story taller than would normally be allowed for entirely wood-framed buildings under building code.

Staff recognizes that the proposed development is on the higher end of residential density. Certainly, this density wouldn't be appropriate in all locations within the City. However, staff advocates for higher density and intensity in appropriate locations. This was considered when creating the North Liberty Connected to Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map, which was adopted in February 2023.

There is a trend toward creating a "15-minute city", which provides access to all human needs by walking or bicycling 15 minutes or less. On next page is a graphical representation of an ½ mile urban node measured from the intersection of Ranshaw Way and Forevergreen Road. This would be approximately a 10-minute walk from the edge of the radius to the center. A node is the concentration of development near the intersection of major arterials where higher density, mixed-use development should occur. Within this node there is a (forthcoming) major healthcare institution, a major grocery store, retail, offices, and restaurants. It is staff's opinion that the undeveloped 160 acres north of the hospital is one of the biggest opportunity sites in North Liberty.

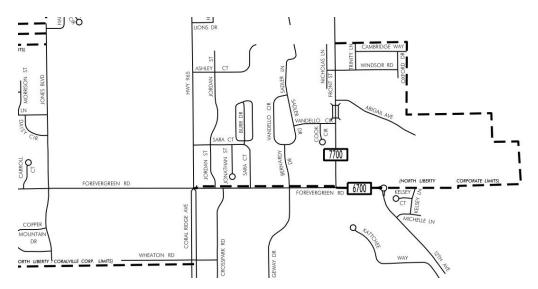


There is an 8' wide trail along the north side of Forevergreen Road and within a short distance, the 10' wide North Liberty Road regional trail. These tie into the existing and future City and regional trail network.



Traffic Considerations

The anticipated vehicle trips for mid-rise multi-family development is 5.44 per day. The concept provided to City staff shows 234 residential units in three buildings, which equates to 1,272 vehicle trips per day at full build out. Below is a map showing 2022 DOT traffic counts, which 6,700 vehicles trips per day. This is well below the maximum roadway capacity of this roadway segment.



Staff reached out to the City of Coralville regarding the anticipated future of the Forevergreen Road/Front Street intersection since it maintains this section of Forevergreen Road. The City Engineer indicated that they expect this intersection to become a roundabout at some point. Additionally, he indicated that the Coralville Youth Sports Park will eventually have a secondary access along Forevergreen Rd and that ideally, a fourth leg of the roundabout could become the secondary access (yellow). This would require some property acquisition.



7. Staff Recommendation:

Finding:

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Recommendation:

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5.13 ACRES

126 SPACES

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1.5 SPACES/UNIT

234 UNITS

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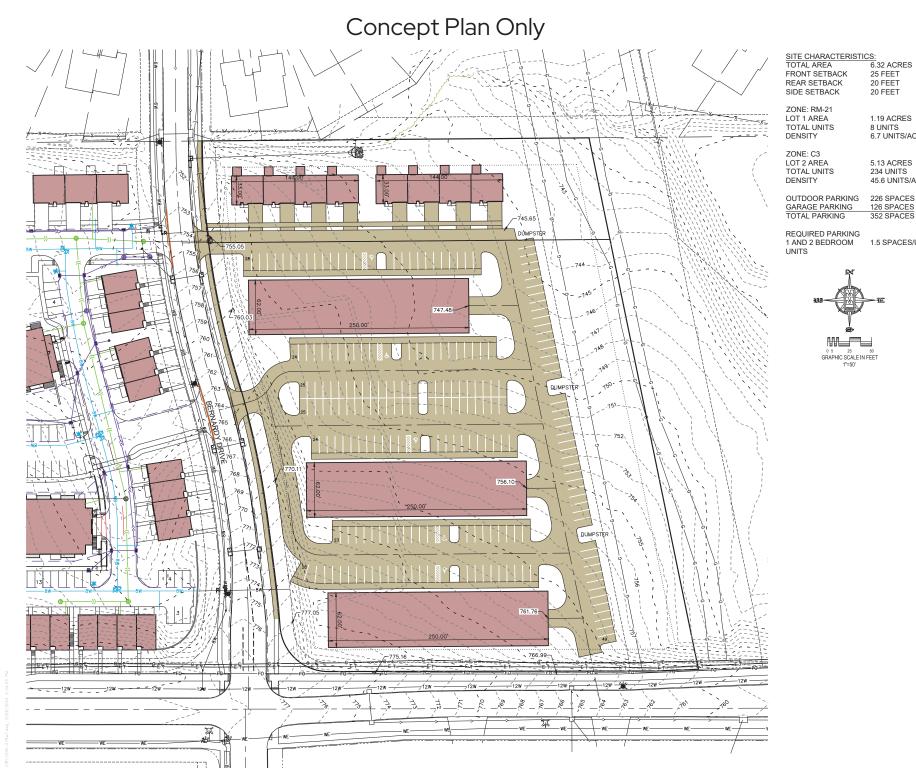
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Ryan Rusnak

From:

Brian crow <northblackbird@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, September 19, 2024 7:05 AM

To:

Ryan Rusnak

Subject:

Re: [External] Northeast Corner of West Forevergreen Road and Bernardy Drive

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Thank you for taking the time to respond to me. Your points are well taken. If I may, I'd like to say one last thing in response.

As you mentioned, the area is already highly commercialized, but so far the businesses are on the south side of Forevergreen Road, where there are basically no houses. People live on the north side of the road. Children walk to school on the north side of the road. Businesses on this block would be creating traffic and congestion for them.

Anyway, I'll stop bugging you about it now. Thanks again for your time.

Brian Crow

On Sep 18, 2024, at 8:14 AM, Ryan Rusnak <rrusnak@northlibertyiowa.org> wrote:

Hi Brian,

Thanks for participating in the virtual meeting. For feedback is valued.

Your concern about commercial uses if rezoned is valid.

I assume your concern over commercial is limited to certain uses (such as gas stations as you mentioned).

Even though that is not their intent, I struggle with the concept that no commercial is appropriate because Forevergreen is a major road and there is commercial across the street.

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RYAN "RUS" RUSNAK
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From: Brian Crow <northblackbird@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 6:58 PM
To: Ryan Rusnak <rrusnak@northlibertyiowa.org>

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Hello, Ryan. My family and I are residents of the Creekside neighborhood and we are concerned about the proposed rezoning at the corner of Forevergreen Road and Bernardy Drive. I realize that Hodge's current plan is to simply build higher-density residential buildings on the site, but I am worried that the rezoning could open the door for potentially having businesses, etc in that area. This is a nice, peaceful neighborhood and it would be upsetting if someone dropped something like a gas station into it.

I just wanted to be sure you are aware that the people who live in this neighborhood might have some concerns about this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration. Brian Crow



MINUTES



Planning Commission

September 3, 2024 Council Chambers, 360 N. Main Street

Call to Order

Vice chair, Barry A'Hearn called the September 3, 2024, Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 360 N. Main Street. Commission members present: Davie Willer, Sheila Geneser, Valerie Ward, Josey Bathke, Jason Heisler, absent: Amy Yotty.

Others present: Ryan Rusnak, Josiah Bilskemper, Stacey House, and other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Public Hearing on Zoning Map Amendment

Staff Presentation

Rusnak presented Request of Corridor Media Properties, LLC for a zoning map amendment (rezoning) on property owned by Corridor Media Properties, LLC on approximately 1.53 acres from O/RP Office and Research Park District to C-3 Higher-Intensity Commercial District on property located at 2345 Landon Road.

Applicant Presentation
No presentation

Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

Questions and Comments

The Commission had no questions or comments on the application.

Recommendation to the City Council

Willer moved, Heisler seconded that the Planning Commission accept the listed finding and forward the zoning map amendment to the City Council with a recommendation for approval. The vote was: ayes – Ward, Bathke, Heisler, Willer, Geneser; nays – none; absent – Yotty. Motion carried.

Public Hearing on Ordinance

Staff Presentation

Request of the City of North Liberty for an Ordinance amending Chapters 165, 167, 168, 169 and 180 of the North Liberty Code of Ordinances, including regulations for preliminary site plans, certificates of zoning compliance, definitions, residential district dimensional standards, uses

listed in the use matrix, uses defined and use standards, off-street vehicle parking requirements, parking lot landscaping, fences and walls, permitted encroachments into required yards, design standards and required improvements for subdivisions.

Public Comments

William Gorman and Jeff Kellbach offered design alternatives and spoke in favor of the request.

Questions and Comments

There were general questions about the ordinance from the Planning Commission.

Recommendation to the City Council

Heisler moved, Geneser seconded that the Planning Commission accept the listed finding and forward the Ordinance to the City Council with a recommendation for approval.

The vote was: ayes – Geneser, Willer, Bathke, Ward, Heisler and A'Hearn; nays – none; absent – Yotty. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Heisler moved, Willer seconded to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2024, meeting. The vote was all ayes. Minutes approved.

Old and New Business

No old business was reported.

New Business

Rusnak reported that the city is nearing the final push for construction before Winter.

<u>Adjournment</u>

At 7:13 p.m., Willer moved, Geneser seconded to adjourn. The vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Signed:

Stacey House, Deputy City Clerk