

AGENDA PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING Norwalk City Hall, 705 North Ave Monday, July 25, 2016 5:45 P.M.

- 1. Call meeting to order at 5:45 P.M.
- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. Approval of Minutes June 27, 2016
- 4. Chairperson Welcome of Guests
- 5. Public Comment 3-minute limit for items not on the agenda (No action taken)
- 6. New Business
 - a. Public hearing and consideration of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow for urban chickens as an accessory use in the R-1 Single Family District
 - b. Request from Diligent Orchard Hills, LLC to approve the Preliminary Plat of the Orchard Trail Plat 5
 - c. Request from Bruce Gerleman to reconsider the conditions of approval of the Twin Lakes Plat 4
 - d. Discussion on the Chapters 5-6 of Suburban Nation
- 7. Staff Development Update
- 8. Future Business Items
 - a. Trail Plan Update
 - b. Legacy Plat 20
 - c. Blooming Heights Replat
 - d. SubArea 1 Master Plan & Future Land Use Plan
 - e. R-F District Rezoning
- 9. Next Meeting Date: August 8, 2016
- 10. Adjournment

REGULAR NORWALK PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING 7-11-2016

Call to order

The Regular Meeting of the Norwalk Planning and Zoning Commission was held at the Norwalk City Hall, 705 North Avenue, Monday, July 11, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by acting Chairperson Judy McConnell. Those present at roll call were, Judy McConnell, John Fraser, Elizabeth Thompson, Brandon Foldes, Donna Grant and Jim Huse. Absent: Chad Ross.

Present was City Council liaison Stephanie Riva.

Staff present included: Luke Parris, City Planner and Wade Wagoner, Planning and Economic Development Director.

Approval of Agenda - 16-38

Motion by Huse and seconded by Thompson to approve the agenda as presented. Approved 6-0.

Approval of Minutes – 16-39

Parris explained some changes to the minutes submitted by Stephanie Riva.

Motion by Huse and seconded by Grant to approve the minutes as amended from the June 27, 2016 meeting. Approved 6-0.

Welcome of Guests

Acting Chairperson McConnell welcomed guests present. With no one wishing to speak, the business portion of the meeting was opened.

New Business

Public hearing and consideration of a request from Norwalk Land Co to amend the master plan and ownership requirement of Parcel 3 of the Orchard View Planned Unit Development – 16-40

Parris gave the staff report. The future land use plan for the area is identified as High Density Residential. The PUD currently calls for R-3 zoning in this area. The proposed amendment does not request a change in zoning district. The proposal requests:

- 1. Adoption of an updated master plan that expands the site to allow for the required setbacks and buffers for the parcel.
- 2. Change the owner occupied requirement from "The development of this parcel may only include owner occupied units" to "It is the intent that the parcel will be developed as an owner-occupied community. All units will initially be marketed individually forsale."

For request #1, Parcel 3 was not adequate size to allow for the required buffer and setbacks. A previous PUD amendment requested a lessening of the buffer standards. That amendment request was denied. This new master plan expands the parcel to the west to allow for the appropriate buffer and setbacks for the site. The past request included 76 townhome lots on 6.77 acres. The new master plan would include 74 townhome lots on 7.07 acres. The new master plan also results in the shortening of a cul-de-sac to the west and the loss of 4 single-family lots.

For request #2, the current PUD requires that only owner occupied lots be developed on Parcel 3. This is problematic from a City enforcement perspective, as it would be difficult for staff to determine if a home was occupied by an owner or a renter. To enforce this code section, the City would need a mechanism to remove rental occupants from dwelling units. The City does not currently enforce the occupancy type on any other dwelling unit in the community and does not have a mechanism to enforce the requirement at this time. The request is to change the language to read "It is the intent that the parcel will be developed as an owner-occupied community. All units will initially be marketed individually for-sale." This proposed language

would not require the City to verify the occupancy status of each dwelling unit and would not require a mechanism to remove rental occupants from a dwelling unit.

During the previous meeting of the first amendment requests many concerns were raised regarding the impact that the townhome project would have on neighboring property values. Attached is an article with citations to numerous studies on the topic. Additional studies on the topic can be found at the following links:

http://www.jchs.harvard.edu/sites/jchs.harvard.edu/files/rr07-14_obrinsky_stein.pdf https://smartech.gatech.edu/bitstream/handle/1853/10496/matthews_john_w_200605_phd.pdf

Staff recommends approval of the amendment to Parcel 3 of the Orchard View Planned Unit Development. The proposed amendments are relatively minor and do not alter the intent of what the original PUD had for Parcel 3. The proposal further locks in the layout of the townhome development through the inclusion of the Master Plan, providing further assurances on the type of development to occur on Parcel 3.

McConnell opened the public hearing at 5:53 PM.

Jim Campney from Norwalk Land Co. LLC, 475 Alice's Road, Waukee, Iowa 50263 said that the new layout is less dense in that there are 2 less units in the townhomes and 4 less homes on the cul-de-sac to the west. Melissa Hills, engineer for Campney, indicated that the units in the middle are three stories, and on the perimeter they are two stories.

Thompson asked about all of the trees shown on the site plan. Parris indicated they were a part of the buffer requirements.

Huse asked if the storm water retention is in the SW corner. Parris indicated it is.

Hills noted that all of the private streets are 26' wide. Riva added that council has directed staff to ensure that the streets are being installed to SUDAS standards.

Wagoner indicated he had received two questions in the afternoon about design standards and why this is being brought back before one year.

Parris informed the Commission that they will have to use at least 3 different materials from the Class I through Class IV materials list and that will be fleshed out during site plan approval, and that the request had substantially changed to meet our buffer and setback requirements so it was not the same request.

Carl Morton, 610 Tangelo Circle, said he appreciated that Campney had made some changes but still thought that it was too dense. He felt 60 units is better. Morton also expressed concerns about the rental language changing and the quality of the private roads.

McConnell declared the public hearing closed at 6:06 PM.

Parris was asked about private roads. He explained they allow development to be much denser with homes being 25' from the curb as opposed to a minimum of 46' along public streets.

Grant asked about price points. Campney indicated \$165,000'ish for the three story and \$190,000'ish for the two story units.

Acting secretary Wagoner read the following letter aloud.

My apologies for not being able tonight to hear comments or cast a vote, however, I do want to provide comments on this topic.

Orchard Hills' residents are a passionate group of people that expressed concerns of having this parcel changed from R1 to R3 a few years ago. Asking why more townhomes needed built within the community as there were already townhomes on Orchard Hills Drive, Aspen Drive and Wright Road as well the potential investors converting owner occupied homes to rental properties. The owner provided a potential layout of townhomes they called patio homes coupled with wording in the PUD addressing owner occupied which relaxed the community's concern and allowed for the parcel to be rezoned. Note: The previous owner is not here today to support the wording they agreed to nor the layout they suggested.

Myself and others in the Orchard Hills Community have met with Mr. Campney and made suggestions to help Norwalk Land Company develop a townhome community that would complement Orchard Hills as a whole, such as the one that was presented during the rezoning of the parcel. Those suggestions were to lighten the density, lowering the profile of the homes, provide basements for storm protection and to make sure to build at a quality and value of the current community. As well move forward with the current wording of the PUD.

I can appreciate the efforts Norwalk Land Company has made to adjust the wording to ease concerns about a rental community being created as well the adjustment to attend land while decreasing the number of units but still do not feel this project compliments the current Orchard Hills community.

If we approve the removal of the 'Owner Occupied Only' then we will open up the same situation we had a few years ago where a development was proposed that also did not complement Orchard Hills or Norwalk as a whole.

Let's encourage Norwalk Land Company to bring a complimentary development to Orchard Hills by recommending less density, lower profile, basements, and owner occupied units only.

Sincerely, Chad A. Ross

Jim Campney reiterated that the PUD allowed 80 units but he only has 74 and that basements will ruin the price points. The two story units have 1,600 square feet and the three story have 625 per floor.

Grant indicated that no basements means all the storage ends up in the garage, displacing vehicles to the driveways and streets.

Foldes asked for higher standards, wants to see some permanent materials and more guest parking stalls when the site plan comes in.

Parris was asked if on street parking is allowed. Parris indicated that would be up to the HOA but he believes 26' wide streets can accommodate on one side, but the sheer number of driveways makes it sparse.

Motion by Foldes and seconded by Huse to approve as proposed. Approved 6-0.

Public hearing and consideration of a request from Hubbell Realty Co. to amend the Parcel 10 of the Legacy PUD to designate the site for an assisted living facility – 16-41 Parris gave the staff report.

Following the approval of the Legacy Landing apartment complex, directly south of this proposed site, the City passed an amendment to Parcel 10 of the Legacy PUD that restricted any future high density residential to only senior living type concepts. The proposal for this site is an assisted living center that meets the intent of Parcel 10. The development of an assisted living facility at this location can provide a transition of uses from the single-family homes to the west to the likely commercial development to the east. Additionally, in many recent City meetings, staff has heard of the desire for additional senior living options in Norwalk. This proposal provides a new facility in Norwalk to help meet the needs of an aging population.

McConnell declared the public hearing open at 6:23 PM.

Thompson asked what age of people would be living in this facility? Kris Sadoris from Hubbell homes said that the average entrance age is 85 and residents that need assistance with medicine, bathing, etc, but this is not a single bed nursing home.

Huse asked about the courtyards. Dean Roghair, engineer for Hubbell, explained that those are patios.

Sadoris added that they just opened a similar facility in Johnston and also one on the South side of Des Moines.

Huse indicated that the City received feedback at the Subarea 1 meeting that the City needs more senior housing so he was happy to see this proposal.

Thompson asked how this will affect traffic on Beardsley. Sadoris said that some individuals have vehicles but that this is not a big traffic generator.

Brittany N. Lumadue, 2986 Park Place, asked about a buffer, Dean Roghair pointed out where that buffer will be and how many trees per linear feet.

Andrew Crawford, 2990 Park Place, was worried about it being something other than assisted living. Parris indicated that it could not, as the only assisted living still allowed.

Sadoris indicated the project would not start until next spring.

McConnell closed the public hearing at 6:48 PM.

Motion by Grant and seconded by Thompson to approve the PUD amendment to Parcel 10 of the Legacy PUD to designate the site for an assisted living facility. Motion carried 6-0

Request from Kruse Construction, LLC to approve the Final Plat of the Timber View Plat 1 – 16-42 Parris gave the staff report.

The applicants are: Kruse Construction, 2209 Riverwoods Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50320 & Cooper Crawford & Associates, 475 S. 50th Street, Suite 800, West Des Moines, Iowa 50265

This request would create 61 single family lots in the Timber View subdivision. The subdivision will have standard city sidewalks on both sides of the streets throughout. An 8' trail is shown on the preliminary plat along Cumming Avenue. Lots in this section of Timber View are zoned R-1(70). Later phases of the development property have R-1(80) zoning along the north boundary, but are not part of this request. Parkland dedication for the area is identified in the preliminary plat as a 3.233 acres parkland site that will be dedicated to the City during the next phase of the subdivision. The Future Land Use Map designates the area in question as Low Density Residential and High Density Residential. The Final Plat consists of 61 single family lots, containing approximately 51.374 acres of ground.

Streets shown will be dedicated to the City for street use upon approval of the Final Plat. The streets include a continuation of the 31' wide main street named Timberview Drive and 28' wide local streets name Partlow Street, Serenity Circle, and Blooming Heights Drive.

Therefore, staff recommends that the request for the Final Plat of Timber View Plat 1 be approved with the suggested conditions:

- That the applicant provides all supporting documentation required within the Norwalk Subdivision Regulations.
- That any significant modifications to the final plat be reviewed and approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission and City Council.

It was moved by Foldes, seconded by Fraser to approve the Final Plat of Timber View Plat 1 with staff's suggested conditions.

Request from Savannah Homes to approve the Final Plat of the Old School Plat 2 – 16-42
Parris gave the staff report. The applicants are Savannah Homes. 800 S. 50th Street, Suite 101
West Des Moines, IA 50265 & Cooper Crawford & Associates, 475 S. 50th Street, Suite 800, West Des Moines, IA 50265. This request would create 10 single family lots in the Old School subdivision.

No public parkland is dedicated on site. Parkland dedication for the area needs to be satisfied via donation of ground outside of the development, improvements to existing parks, or a fee in lieu of parkland. The development would require 0.17 acres of parkland for the 10 lots. The site does provide a 0.77 acre private park. This private park reduces the parkland requirement by 25% down to 0.1275 acres. The City has determined that the fair market value of 0.1275 acres of parkland is \$1,848.75. The dedication requirement will need to be satisfied prior to release of the plat for recording.

Staff recommends that the request for the Final Plat of Old School Plat 2 be approved with the suggested conditions:

 That the applicant provides all supporting documentation required within the Norwalk Subdivision Regulations. • That any significant modifications to the final plat be reviewed and approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission and City Council.

It was moved by Fraser, seconded by Grant to approve the Final Plat of Old School Plat 2 with staff's suggested conditions.

Discussion on Subdivision Regulations update focusing on Parkland Dedication

Wagoner discussed a staff prepared memo that was shared with the Planning & Zoning Commission related to updating the City's Subdivision Ordinance. That memo identified the following areas as focus points for the update:

- Review and Approval Procedures for Final Plats
- Complete Streets Policy
- Street Design Standards
- Lot Design Standards
- Drainage
- Parkland Dedication
- Fees

Wagoner mentioned the six sigma process that former council person Tom Greteman aided staff with. The purpose of the exercise was to streamline the platting process for developers without compromising the final product.

Wagoner indicated that last Thursday night he gave the presentation to council about Street widths. Wagoner feels that we can make our streets simultaneously better, but also narrower streets are cheaper streets as well. His research indicates that for every square yard of concrete not poured the developer saves about \$40. The City also saves down the road on maintenance cost. Wagoner would like to capture some of that savings and use it to implement a park plan. Parris explained the section of Sub Division Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan that were attached. Riva indicated that talks are under way with the Council, Parks Board, and hopefully a consultant to come up with a parks master plan, a cost of what it will take to implement/implementation strategies. Wagoner reiterated that cost savings from unnecessarily wide streets is a potential way to fund a better parks system.

Discussion on the Chapters 2-4 of Suburban Nation

Wagoner provided the following analysis and talking points City staff asked the Planning Commission to read and provide feedback from chapter 2, 3, and 4 of the book Suburban Nation. The purpose of this exercise is to have the Planning Commission gain a better understanding of past development patterns used across the U.S and to learn new practices to implement when developing future plans for the City of Norwalk. As we move forward on the Subdivision Regulation update, we feel the takeaways from Chapter 4 are particularly important.

The following are key takeaways identified from City staff after reading and review of the second chapter of Suburban Nation:

- Identifying why there are more traffic congestions in the suburbs than in the city (everyone is forced to drive)
- Creating a distinction between adjacency & accessibility.
- Visualizing structures in a different light: the convenience store as the corner store, the shopping center as the main street, and the office park included on main street.
- Rethinking how we use open space in the suburbs.
- Reevaluate the need to have curving streets and cul-de-sacs.
- Traffic calming

The following are key takeaways identified from City staff after reading and review of the third chapter of Suburban Nation:

- Considering why housing trends help support the spread of sprawl. "Isolation en masse"
- An examination of differences between the private and public realm of the 'McMansions' and subdivisions.
- Why suburbs fuel segregation by how much you earn.
- Cookie cutter housing and the value of diverse housing styles
- The two types of affordable housing that are illegal: The home above the store and the outbuilding.
- The two forgotten rules of affordable housing: affordable housing should not look different from market rate housing; and affordable housing shouldn't be concentrated in large quantities.
- The middle class housing crisis.

The following are key takeaways identified from City Staff after reading and review of the fourth chapter of Suburban Nation:

- Identifying the increasingly reluctance to participate in civic life: family, community, the public realm, the motorist.
- The relationship between drivers and pedestrians.

Prerequisites for street life: meaningful destinations, safe streets, comfortable streets, and interesting streets.





A small curb radius slows down vehicles and shortens crossing distance. Meanwhile, highway geometry applied to local streets encourage speeding and increases crossing distance





Poor street design severs walking connections and precludes pedestrian life. Proper design can create a street that is a sociable space with many purposes.

Staff Development Update

Wagoner indicated that he been tasked with coming up with an Economic Development model or plan. The plan would include a business attraction and retention component, would set parameters for how and when the City will use TIF, abatement, and other incentives. Wagoner plans to work with the Economic Development CIAC group, and include members of the development community while drafting the policy document.

Future Business Items

Parris provided an update on the following future upcoming business items.

- a. Sidewalks at St. John's Catholic Church
- b. Trail Plan Update
- c. Orchard Trail Plat 5
- d. Legacy Plat 20
- e. Old School Plat 2 Final Plat
- f. SubArea 1 Master Plan & Future Land Use Plan
- g. R-F District Rezoning

Next meeting Date July 25

Adjournment - 16-43

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Judy McConnell, Vice Chairperson	Luke Parris, City Planner	

CITY OF NORWALK REPORT TO THE NORWALK PLANNING COMMISSION

ITEM: Public hearing and consideration of an amendment to the

Zoning Ordinance to allow for urban chickens as an

accessory use in the R-1 Single Family District

MEETING DATE: July 25, 2016

STAFF CONTACT: Luke Parris, AICP

City Planner

GENERAL DISCUSSION: At the June 2, 2016 City Council meeting, the City Council

directed staff to develop an ordinance amendment that would allow up to four chickens at a residence provided specific criteria was met and that an annual license was obtained. Staff developed the requested ordinance which requires amendments to the Animal Control and Protection chapter of the City Code and the Zoning Ordinance. The amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is to allow chickens as an accessory use in the R-1 Single Family Residential District and to set standards for the chicken enclosure. The full proposed ordinance is included as an attachment.

The specific changes to Section 17.10.030.3 Permitted Accessory Uses are as follows:

- K. The keeping of up to four (4) chickens on a lot in accordance with City Code Chapter 55.16 Urban Chickens. The necessary chicken enclosure is also allowed, provided the following standards are met:
 - 1. The enclosure is covered and fully enclosed.
 - 2. The enclosure shall have a latch mechanism or lock to ensure that access to the enclosure remains secure.
 - 3. The enclosure provides a minimum of 5 square feet per chicken.
 - 4. The enclosure shall have a minimum height of four feet.
 - 5. The enclosure shall be located inside a fenced area that provides a minimum of 10 square feet per chicken, excluding the square footage of the enclosure. The fence shall have a height of 6 feet.
 - 6. The enclosure shall not be located closer than 25' to any principal structure on an adjacent lot.

ORDINANCE	NO.	
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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE: CHAPTER 55 ANIMAL CONTROL AND PROTECTION; CHAPTER 177 RATES AND FEES; AND ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 17.10.030 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK, IOWA:

SECTION 1. <u>PURPOSE</u>. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 55 Animal Control and Protection, and Chapter 177 Rates and Fees of the City of Norwalk City Code and Section 17.10.030 R-1 Single-Family Residential District of the City of Norwalk Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 2. <u>AMENDMENT</u>.

The City of Norwalk City Code Chapter 55 Animal Control and Protection is hereby amended by removing the following struck through language in Section 55.05:

55.05 LIVESTOCK. It is unlawful for a person to keep livestock within the City except by written consent of the Council or except in compliance with the City's zoning regulations.

The City of Norwalk City Code Chapter 55 Animal Control and Protection is hereby amended by adding the follow new Section 55.16:

55.16 URBAN CHICKENS. The keeping of chickens within the City is allowed in compliance with the City's zoning regulations and the following criteria:

- 1. No more than four (4) chickens allowed per lot.
- 2. An annual chicken license shall be obtained by the property owner.
 - a. The cost of the license shall be established in Chapter 177 of this Code of Ordinances.
 - b. If the property owner acquires possession of the chicken(s) less than six (6) months prior to the expiration date of a license, the license fee shall be reduced fifty percent (50%).
 - c. All license fees shall be deemed delinquent on April 1 of the year in which they are due and not paid, and a delinquent penalty of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be added to each unpaid license on and after said date.
 - d. The application for a chicken license runs with the owner and his/her current location, any change in ownership or change in address will require the submission of a new license application.
- 3. No person shall keep any rooster.
- 4. No person shall slaughter any chickens.

- 5. No chickens may be kept without an approved enclosure that meets the standards of the zoning ordinance.
 - a. The enclosure shall be covered and fully secured so that it can be locked at night.
 - b. The enclosure shall be completely secure and free of any attractive nuisances as spelled out in Chapter 50 Nuisance Abatement of the municipal code.
- 6. All chicken coops shall obtain the proper accessory structures permit and meet all setback requirements spelled out in the zoning ordinance.
- 7. More than two violations of Chapter 50 Nuisance Abatement in a calendar year may result in revocation of the license and subsequent removal of the chickens, subject to City Council review.

The City of Norwalk City Code Chapter 177 Rates and Fees is hereby amended by adding the following license fee for Urban Chickens:

4. Chapter 55 - Urban Chicken Licenses

License Fee \$25.00 per year

License Fee Delinquency Fee \$10.00 per delinquent year

The City of Norwalk Zoning Ordinance Section 17.10.030.3 Permitted Accessory Uses is hereby amended with the following:

- Κ. The keeping of up to four (4) chickens on a lot in accordance with City Code Chapter 55.16 Urban Chickens. The necessary chicken enclosure is also allowed, provided the following standards are met:
 - 7. The enclosure is covered and fully enclosed.
 - 8. The enclosure shall have a latch mechanism or lock to ensure that access to the enclosure remains secure.
 - 9. The enclosure provides a minimum of 5 square feet per chicken.
 - 10. The enclosure shall have a minimum height of four feet.
 - 11. The enclosure shall be located inside a fenced area that provides a minimum of 10 square feet per chicken, excluding the square footage of the enclosure. The fence shall have a height of 6 feet.
 - 12. The enclosure shall not be located closer than 25' to any principal structure on an adjacent lot.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. In any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

CITY OF NORWALK REPORT TO THE NORWALK PLANNING COMMISSION

REQUEST: Request from Diligent Orchard Hills, LLC to approve the

Preliminary Plat of the **Orchard Trail Plat 5**

MEETING DATE: July 25, 2016

STAFF CONTACT: Luke Parris, AICP

City Planner

APPLICANT(S): Diligent Orchard Hills, LLC Civil Engineering Consultants, Inc.

> 12119 Stratford Dr. Ste B 2400 86th St. Unit 12

Clive, Iowa 50325 Des Moines, Iowa 50322

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: This request would create 33 lots along the continuation of the

Rellim Drive stub off of West Pine Avenue

IMPACT ON The properties surrounding the new area are single-family

NEIGHBORHOOD: homes.

VEHICULAR & The plat shows the construction of two new streets. Rellim PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC:

Drive provides a north/south street between Sycamore Drive

and West Pine Avenue. The plat includes a section of Sycamore Drive that completes the development of this street, providing a connection from Orchard Hills Drive to

North Avenue.

TRAIL PLAN: The plat includes standard 5' sidewalks. A 6' trail is included

on the south side of Sycamore Drive.

ZONING HISTORY FOR This site is zoned in the Orchard Hills PUD. Surrounding land is

SITE AND IMMEDIATE

VICINITY:

zoned in the Orchard Hills PUD and Orchard View PUD. The majority of the surround ground is R-1 Single Family with the exception of the R-3 parcel of the Orchard View PUD to the southwest and the existing R-3 townhome project to the

northwest.

BUFFERS REQUIRED/

NEEDED:

N/A

DRAINAGE: Drainage for the residential lots overland and to the storm

sewer system on the streets. The storm sewer system

eventually connects to the detention basin in Orchard Trail Plat 4 which is sized accordingly to handle storm water from

the site.

DEVELOPMENT HISTORY:

Development of single family homes in the area has been occurring since the mid 2000's.

FLOODPLAIN:

None of the proposed lots are located within a floodplain.

PARKLAND:

The subdivision ordinance requires 783 square feet of parkland per single family dwelling unit. The development has 33 lots and is required to provide 0.59 acres of parkland, or the equivalent per Subdivision Regulations, to the City. No park is shown on site. Parkland dedication requirements will be finalized during final platting.

UTILITIES: WATER, SANITARY SEWER, STORM SEWER.

- An 8" water main is provided on the east side of Rellim and on the south side of Sycamore.
- Hydrants are shown along Rellim and Sycamore with adequate coverage.
- An 8" sanitary sewer is provided on the west side of Rellim and provides service to the 33 lots.
- A 15" storm sewer is along Rellim and connects to an 18" storm sewer that connects offsite to the south.

RELATIONSHIP TO COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN:

The future land use plan designates this location medium density residential.

STAFF ANALYSIS – ZONING ORDINANCE:

The Preliminary Plat consists of 33 residential lots. The plat consists of 10.06 acres of land south of West Pine Avenue and east of Orchard Hills Drive. The residential lots vary in size measuring from 8,714 SF to 17,246 SF.

Streets shown will be dedicated to the City for street use upon approval of the Final Plat. The designated street right-of-way is 60 feet with a 28' wide road on Rellim and 60 feet with a 31' wide road on Sycamore.

The proposed preliminary plat would be for any residential lots to be in the R-1 district with the following bulk regulations:

- Minimum lot area 7,500 SF
- Minimum lot width 60'
- Front Setback 25' on Rellim, 30' on Sycamore
- Side setback 12' total (min. 5' one side)
- Rear setback 30'
- Height 35'

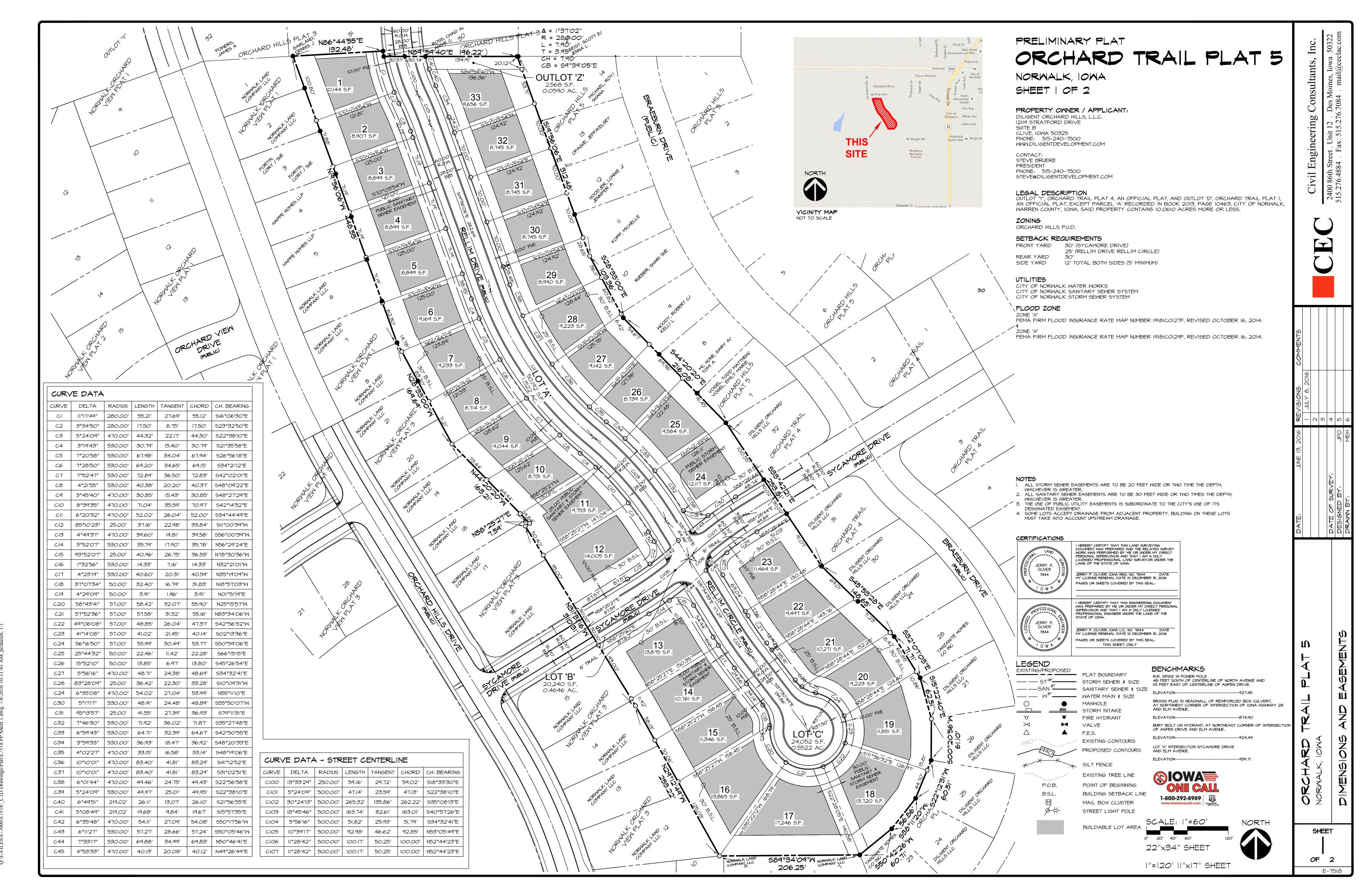
STAFF ANALYSIS – SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE:

The Subdivision Ordinance requires that Preliminary Plat submissions details on lot design, street layout, sanitary sewer layout, water main layout, grading, and storm water management. All information has been submitted by the applicant.

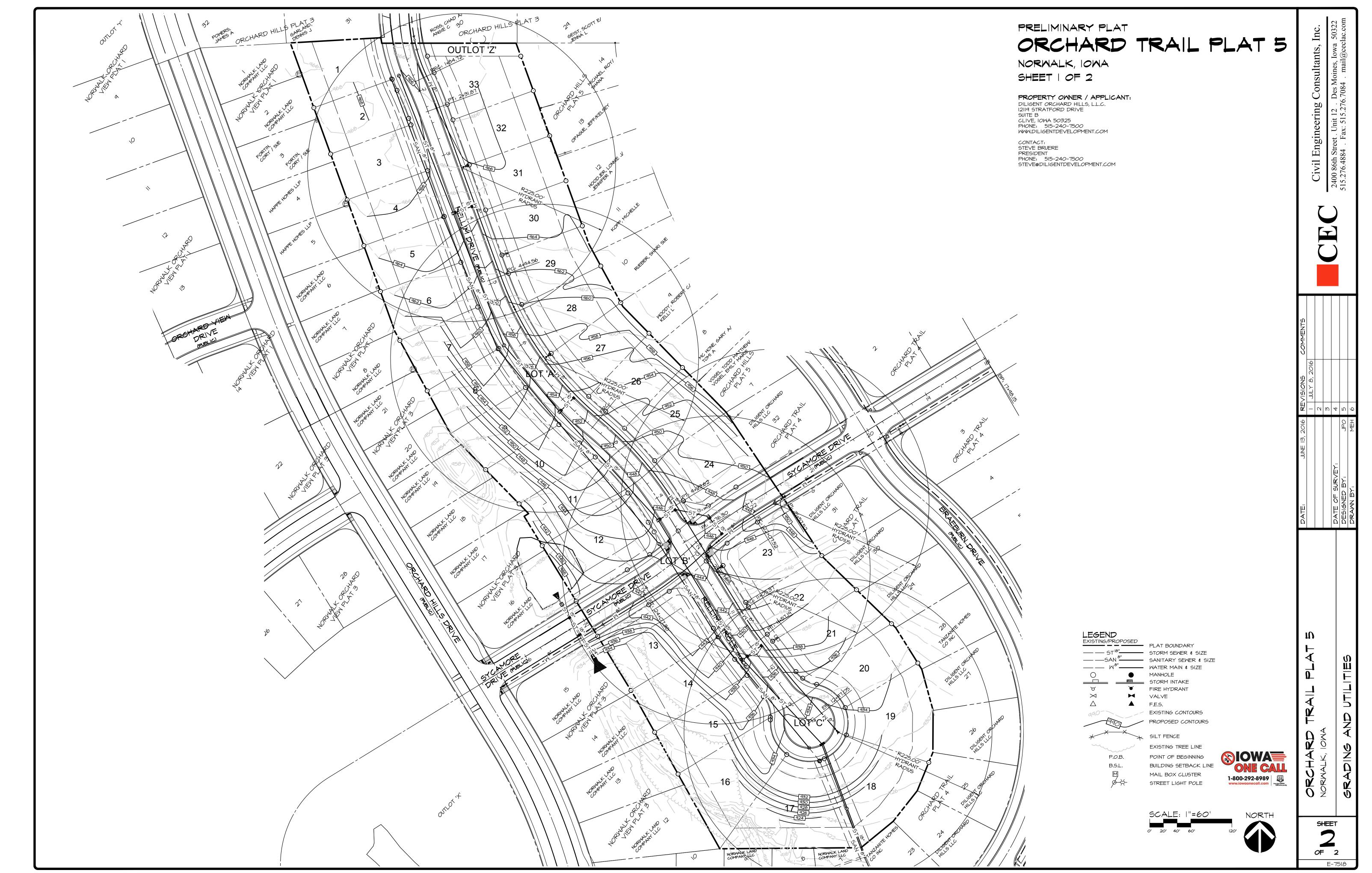
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Therefore, staff recommends that the request for the Preliminary Plat of Orchard Trail Plat 5 be approved with the following conditions:

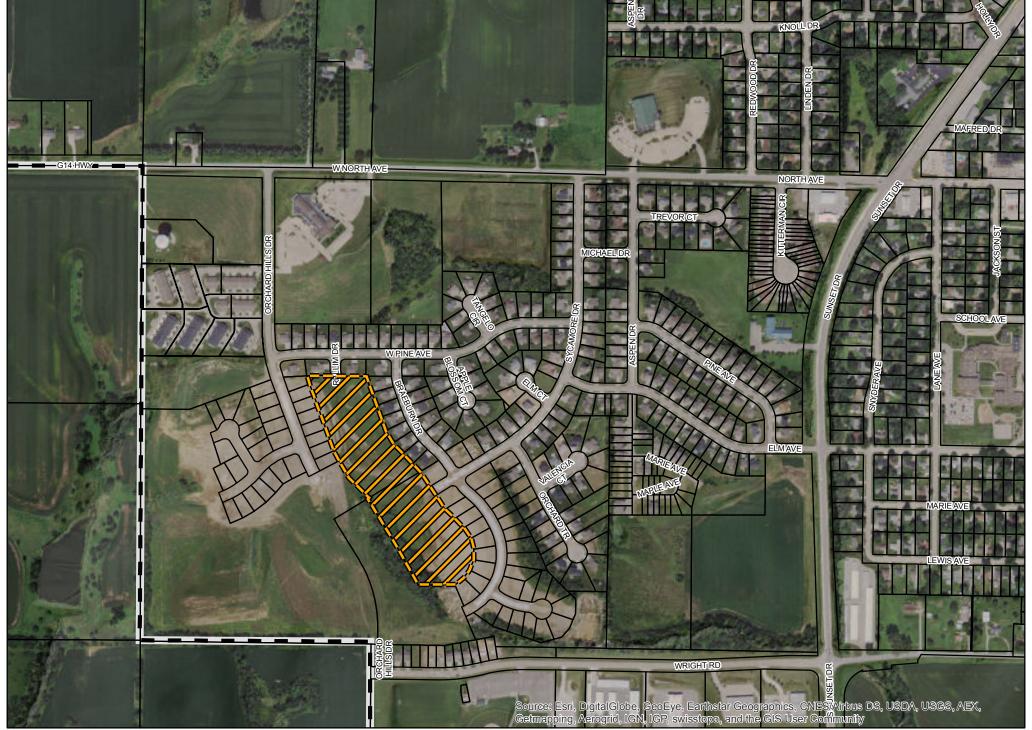
- That the applicant provides all supporting documentation required within the Norwalk Subdivision Regulations.
- That any significant modifications to the final plat be reviewed and approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission and City Council.



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CITY OF NORWALK REPORT TO THE NORWALK PLANNING COMMISSION

REQUEST: Request from Bruce Gerleman to reconsider the conditions of

approval of the Twin Lakes Plat 4

MEETING DATE: July 25, 2016

STAFF CONTACT: Luke Parris, AICP

City Planner

SUMMARY: On May 19, 2016 the City Council approved the Twin Lakes

Plat 4 Preliminary Plat with the following conditions:

 The applicant agrees to provide a bridge over the creek wide enough to accommodate a 26-foot wide road.

- The applicant agrees that the street in plat 4 be graded to allow for a 26-foot rural top section with the initial paving being 18-foot wide with the potential to add 4-foot of widening to each side.
- The applicant agrees to modify the steep area of Boston Circle located in plat 3 to widen street pavement to 24 feet and to steepen the slope of the street to a maximum of 14%.

On July 8, 2016, staff received a letter from Veenstra & Kimm, on behalf of Bruce Gerleman, developer of Twin Lakes Plat 4. Mr. Gerleman is request reconsideration of the approval conditions with the following:

- Boston Circle on the east side of the bridge would be graded to accommodate a future 26-foot wide pavement and would be initially paved with 18-foot wide asphalt to meet the other streets in Twin Lakes.
- The bridge would be constructed to accommodate an 18-foot wide street pavement with the bridge being designed to facilitate widening to accommodate a 26foot wide pavement.
- On the east side of the bridge, Bruce Gerleman is requesting no change and agrees to grad the road to accommodate the future 26-foot wide pavement and pave the road to 18-foot wide.



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July 6, 2016

Luke Parris City Planner City of Norwalk 705 North Avenue Norwalk, Iowa 50211

TWIN LAKES PLAT 4
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Bruce Gerleman, the developer of Twin Lakes Plat 4 has reviewed the requirements imposed by the Norwalk City Council as part of the agreement of the preliminary plat of Twin Lakes Plat 4. The particular requirements that were reviewed by Bruce Gerleman include:

- 1. Paving Boston Circle on the westerly side of the bridge at 24-foot width.
- 2. Constructing the bridge on Boston Trail to accommodate a 26-foot wide pavement.
- 3. Grading Boston Trail on the east side of the bridge to accommodate a future 26-foot wide pavement with an initial 18-foot wide pavement.

Bruce Gerleman has reviewed the pricing for the improvements, especially the bridge. Based on the cost increase to meet these requirements Bruce Gerleman is requesting the City of Norwalk reconsider its approval in accordance with the following:

- 1. Boston Circle on the east side of the bridge would be graded to accommodate a future 26-foot wide pavement and would be initially paved with 18-foot wide asphalt to meet the other streets in Twin Lakes.
- 2. The bridge would be constructed to accommodate an 18-foot wide street pavement with the bridge being designed to facilitate widening to accommodate a 26-foot wide pavement.
- 3. On the east side of the bridge Bruce Gerleman is requesting no change and will agree to grade the road to accommodate the future 26-foot wide pavement and pave the road to 18-foot wide.

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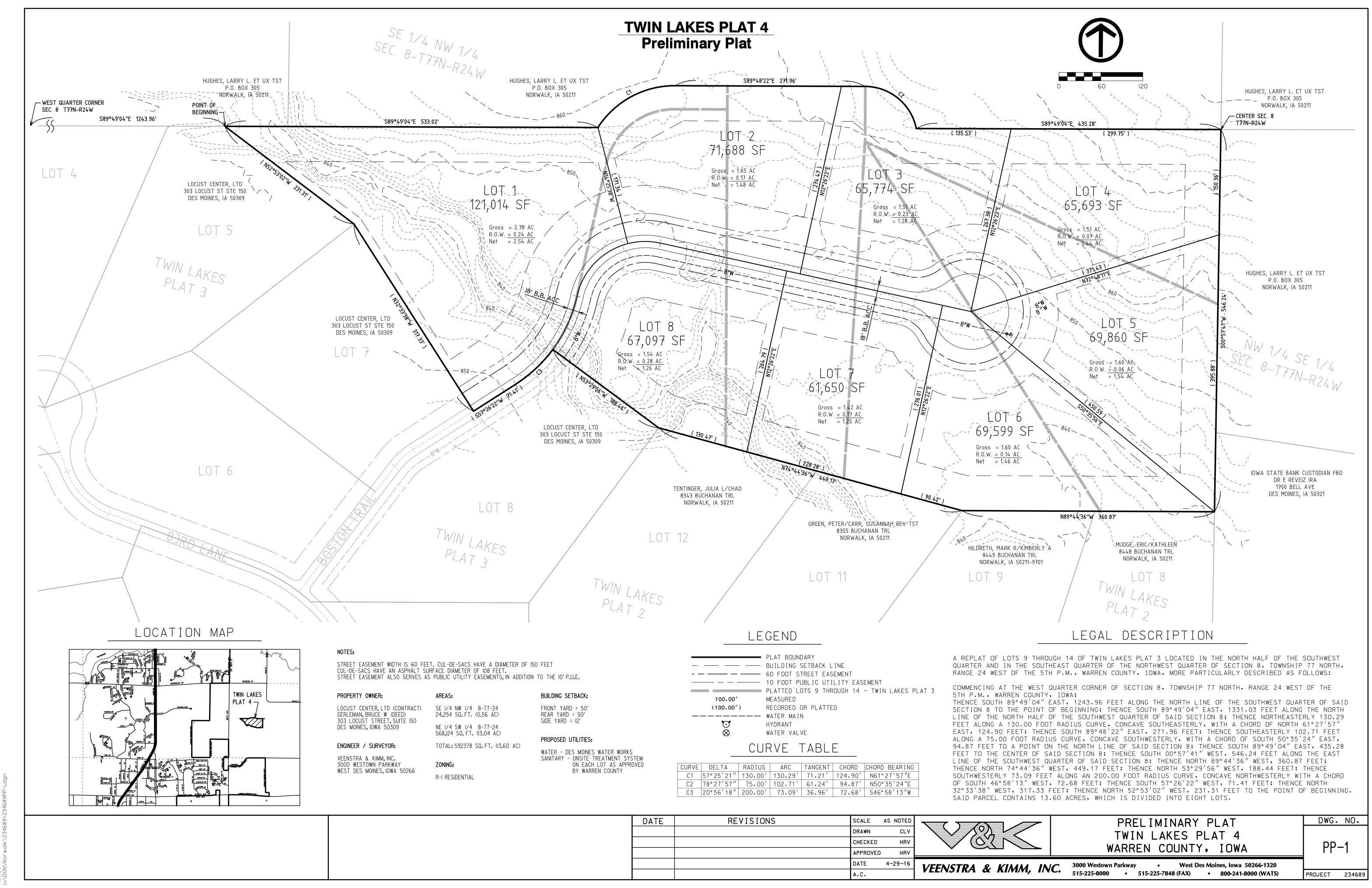
The changes Bruce Gerleman is requesting include deferring the widening of the road east of the bridge and widening the bridge until such time as the roadways are annexed to the City of Norwalk and the City determines it necessary and appropriate to widen the roadway and bridge to 26-foot wide to convert the road from a private road to a public street.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the project, please contact the writer at 225-8000.

VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC.

H. R. Veenstra Jr.

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CITY OF NORWALK REPORT TO THE NORWALK PLANNING COMMISSION

ITEM: Discussion on the fifth and sixth chapters of Suburban Nation

MEETING DATE: July 25, 2016

STAFF CONTACT: Luke Parris, AICP

City Planner

Wade Wagoner, AICP

Planning & Economic Development Director

GENERAL DISCUSION: City staff asked the Planning Commission to read and provide

feedback from chapter 5, and 6 of the book *Suburban*Nation. The purpose of this exercise is to have the Planning

Commission gain a better understanding of past

development patterns used across the U.S and to learn new practices to implement when developing future plans for the

City of Norwalk.

The following are key takeaways identified from City Staff after reading and review of the fifth chapter of Suburban Nation:

- Examining the impacts of the national transportation policy of the United States and how it effects municipal planning.
- Exploring the phrase "the highwayless town and the townless highway".
- Visualizing why adding lanes makes traffic worse for communities.
- Breaking down why automobile users receive a subsidy.

The following are key takeaways identified from City Staff after reading and review of the sixth chapter of Suburban Nation:

- Analyzing the history of the American developer.
- Reconsidering the advice from 'market experts'.
- Going back to using conventional wisdom when thinking about development.
- Studying the shifts in home builder behaviors.
- A tour of a National Association Homebuilders convention.

Norwalk Community Development June 2016 Monthly Report



Economic Development:

The City worked with Loffredo Holdings and Warren County on an amendment to the development agreement related to the removal of the large dirt pile to the east of the Produce Innovations facility. On June 6, 2016, with the support of City Staff, and Councilperson Erika Isley, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to extend the timeline on the dirt pile for 18 months, until December 31, 2017.

The City is going over possible changes to the Norwalk Orchard View Townhomes PUD, specifically related to the occupancy type.

Planning and Zoning Commission

The Planning Commission met on June 27, 2016 and discussed the following items:

- Request from Norwalk Land Co, LLC to approve the Final Plat of the Norwalk Orchard View Plat 3
- Discussion on Subdivision Regulations update focusing on Complete Streets
- Invitation to SubArea 1 Master Plan and Future Land Use Update Open House on July 6th
- Discussion on the first chapter of Suburban Nation

Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment did not meet in June.

Code Enforcement

On June 21, members of staff, the Mayor, and residents of Lakewood testified at the courthouse in Indianola regarding a Chapter 50 nuisance complaint at 400 Beardsley Street regarding the continuous riding of loud motorcycle(s) outside of the parameters set by the Norwalk City Council on September 17, 2015.

Announcement

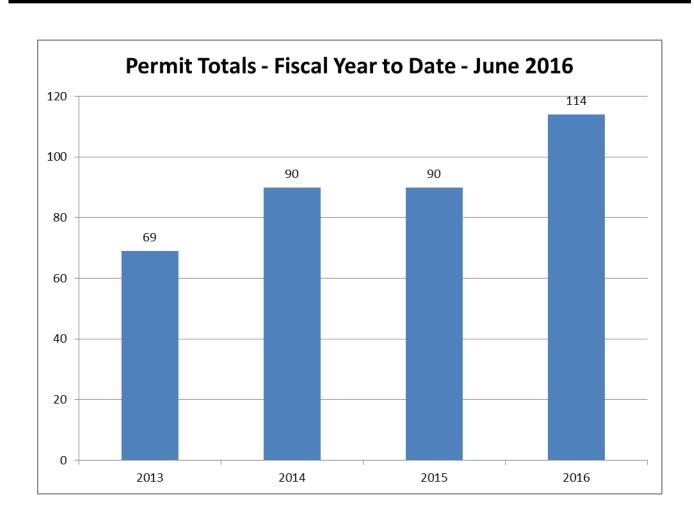
Planning & Economic Development Director Wade Wagoner and his wife Amanda welcomed their third child on June 13, 2016. Samuel W. Wagoner was born at 8:59 AM, weighed 6lbs 14 ounces, and was 19.75 inches in length. The family is doing well.





Building Department - Permit Information:

City of Norwalk -June New Construction Building								Permi	s			
BP Issued	Single Family		Value	Townhome		Value	Multi-Family		Value	Commercial		Value
2016												
This month	16	\$	4,781,526	3	\$	587,753	0	\$	=	0	\$	=
YTD	63	\$	16,333,416	7	\$	1,371,266	0	\$	-	3	\$	582,736
FYD	114	\$	30,108,593	20	\$	4,358,758	0	\$	-	3	\$	582,736
2015												
This month	14		\$4,612,628	11		\$2,335,759	0	\$-		0	\$-	
YTD	56		\$17,780,751	25		\$5,157,256	0	\$-		0	\$-	
FYD	90		\$28,440,631	31		\$6,713,652	5		\$13,574,770	1		\$345,864
2014												
This month	17		\$4,247,574	0	\$-		0	\$-		0	\$-	
YTD	44		\$13,690,813	2		\$621,822	2		\$6,945,179	1		\$4,072,969
FYD	90		\$28,140,156	23		\$6,138,745	2		\$6,945,179	1		\$4,072,969
2013												
This month	5		\$1,542,274	0	\$-		0	\$-		0	\$-	
YTD	40		\$10,049,959	0	\$-		0	\$-		1		\$1,471,204
FYD	69		\$18,276,566	14		\$2,431,310	0	\$-		1		\$1,471,204



Building Permit Revenue Report								
PERMIT TYPE	MONTHLY TOTAL	JUNE REVENUE		FYD REVENUE				
A so ort ma o m t								
Apartment Building	0	\$		\$				
Commercial	U	Þ	-	\$	-			
Addition	1	\$	166.14	\$	166.14			
Commercial	I	Þ	100.14	Þ	100.14			
Building	0	\$		\$	2 100 24			
Commercial	0)	-	2	3,180.24			
Remodel	0	ተ		φ.	4 410 45			
Deck	0 2	\$	-	\$	4,419.45			
Demolition	_	\$	50.00	\$	725.00			
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Driveway	2	\$	50.00	\$	700.00			
Electrical	16	\$	955.00	\$	11,644.70			
Fence	12	\$	300.00	\$	1,775.00			
Garage	0	\$	-	\$	1,632.13			
Misc	1	\$	25.00	\$	305.99			
Mechanical	3	\$	105.00	\$	9,067.00			
Plumbing	8	\$	550.00	\$	10,660.00			
Porch	1	\$	25.00	\$	619.87			
Pool	1	\$	25.00	\$	65.00			
Residential								
(Single Family)	16	\$	38,389.77	\$	273,468.56			
Residential								
Addition	0	\$	-	\$	309.38			
Residential								
Remodel	3	\$	774.40	\$	6,270.11			
Shed	2	\$	50.00	\$	325.00			
Sidewalk	0	\$	-	\$	300.00			
Sign	0	\$	-	\$	518.69			
Townhome	3	\$	6,343.44	\$	45,810.05			
	71	\$	47,808.75	\$:	372,162.31			

Together Tony and Chris averaged 9 inspections a day during the 22 working days in June.

June Storm Water/Nuisance Inspections:

17 Nuisance Inspections

10 Dry Weather Outfall Inspections

104 Storm Water Inspections

JUNE BUILDING INSPECT	IONS
Deck	12
Electrical	21
Final	23
Footing	20
Foundation Drain	1
Foundation Wall	9
Framing	14
Mechanical	15
Plumbing	45
Sheer Wall	13
Sidewalk/Approach	13
Tar/Tile/Gravel	7
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	193

FY 15-16 Budget	BALANCE
\$120,000	\$ 252,162.31

Construction Board of Appeals

The Construction Board of Appeals met on June 21, 2016. At that meeting they approved a permit refund policy that they would like to make a recommendation to council to approve, along with the Board being the entity that hears appeals regarding all refunds in the Building Department. Next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2016.

