



CITY OF WEST ST. PAUL
1616 HUMBOLDT AVENUE, WEST ST. PAUL, MN 55118

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2016 AT 6:00PM
MUNICIPAL CENTER
ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call
3. New Business
 - 3.A. Approve April 6, 2016 Minutes
Documents: [040616.PDF](#)
 - 3.B. Site Plan Review/Approval
Documents: [5-4-16 SITE PLAN MEMO.PDF](#), [5-4-16 LANDSCAPE PLAN.PDF](#)
4. Old Business
 - 4.A. EAB Update
5. Subcommittee Update
 - 5.A. Arbor Day Planning
6. Other
7. Adjourn

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Minutes
West St. Paul Environmental committee
April 6, 2016
West St. Paul Municipal Center-Administrative Conference Room

1. ROLL CALL

Committee members in attendance: Kristy Otte, John Margot, Chris Gevara, Sheila Williams-Ridge, Lauren Smith, Jessica Vanella-Friendshuh

Excused: Megan McGuire, Jon Thompson

Non-voting members present: Bob Gausman, Dave Napier, Dave Schletty

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. MINUTES

The minutes from the March 2, 2016 meeting were approved by the committee with these changes:

- McGuire was not at the meeting and did not mention offering herbs instead of trees at the Arbor Day Event.
- Williams-Ridge did not mention indoor space for youth.

Schletty reminded the committee to identify themselves during the meeting for the minutes.

b. NEW MEMBER

New member Kristy Otte was introduced to the committee. Otte is a teacher and coach. She has taught in 5 schools in West St. Paul and has lived most of her life in West St. Paul and the west side of St. Paul.

c. VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

Schletty reminded the committee that the Volunteer Appreciation event is next Tuesday from 5-7 pm at Thompson County Park. There will be a cash bar, dinner and program. Please RSVP to Diane Erickson.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. ARBOR DAY PLANNING

The event will take place May 13, 5-7:30 pm. A committee member reported that John met with Polly from Garlough regarding the Arbor Day event.

Garlough asked if the City of West St. Paul would contact the Reserves and the Department of Agriculture to attend the event. (Garlough would like to know if West St. Paul is not going to make contact.) Garlough is "happy" with fruit trees being planted. They are also "okay" with the City of West St. Paul calling the event the "West St. Paul Arbor Day Event." This will help to maintain the Tree City USA status. The tree planting will be at 7 pm.

Dan Mortenson is the owner and contact for Southview Gardens.

Simply Grounded will participate. Volunteers from the U of MN Monarch Lab and the Dakota County Recycling Department would be appreciated. Schletty will contact the Department of Agriculture for event. Schletty reported that there has been one sighting of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in West St. Paul. Williams-Ridge has tried to contact the Bee Squad and the Monarch Lab at the U of MN.

MN DNR will donate wildflower packets. Schletty said that it is might be hard to obtain milkweed seeds. He will take charge of getting the trees, herbs and pollinator friendly plants. He will also get the spinning prize wheel from Dakota County. There will be no raffle this year.

Pat Armon would like to staff the table to promote "Adopt a Park."

b. Pollinator Friendly City Resolution

Schletty clarified the pollinator friendly resolution and code compliance. The City Planner said that code compliance will be a little more lenient with [weeds] in the boulevard and not "aggressively" pursue code violations unless there are resident complaints. This will be reviewed on a case-by case basis.

Schletty said that the pollinator friendly resolution mostly affects city practices on city-owned land. (The city currently does not use anything harmful to pollinators.) The city cannot regulate the use of pesticides by residents or businesses. The city can still treat for EAB.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

No Updates.

5. OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS

a. Buckthorn Treatment

Gausman talked about using Triclopyr, an herbicide, to kill/control buckthorn.

b. Next Objectives for Committee

The chair asked the committee to think of what they would like to focus on for their next objective.

c. Thompson Oaks Golf Course Closure

Napier thanked the committee for their work with the pollinator resolution and with EAB. He said that the committee will be part of the discussion regarding the future of the golf course. There is a lot of excitement about the land among developers. Napier emphasized that part of the land will be preserved as green space. Napier also thanked Margot for attending the last council meeting and talking about the golf course land.

Margot asked if the YMCA has decided what they want to do yet. (The YMCA owns two “holes” on the golf course.) The YMCA has not decided where they want to relocate and what they would like to do with the golf course land that they own.

Margot wanted to discuss how other committee members felt about the closing. Gausman said that the original plan was to set aside the land for sale. He is taking the “wait and see” approach. Schletty said that the plans will be put before the public for comment before it is developed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Committee and with no objections, the Environmental Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:42 pm.

TO: ENVIRONMENTAL COMM.
THROUGH: PARK & REC SUPERINTENDENT
FROM: ASSISTANT COMM. DEV. DIR.
DATE: APRIL 29, 2016



SUBJECT:

CASE #16-06 – Site Plan review for the redevelopment of 1685, 1701, and 1725 Robert St.

REQUEST

Review Landscape Plan and provide recommendations to the Planning Commission/Council

BACKGROUND

Venture Pass has submitted plans for Site Plan review to redevelop and construct 20,000 sq. ft. of new retail/medical/restaurant space at the properties located at 1685-1725 Robert St. (former Sharepoint Bank, former Sonic, and Ideal Credit Union properties).

Based on the exterior linear feet of the newly created property, code requires a total of 89 trees on-site (1 tree per 20 lineal ft. of property). The applicant is proposing a total of 32 deciduous trees at 2.5 caliper inches, 11 coniferous trees at six feet in height, and 7 ornamental trees for a total of 50 trees (see second page of plans). With the exception of requiring two landscaped islands in the middle of the northernmost parking lot (which will include three more trees), Staff is comfortable with the proposed landscaping despite the reduction in required trees. Staff believes that the proposed plan distributes trees appropriately in areas where they can be located plus the applicant is proposing a total of 353 perennials, grasses and shrubs for the site.

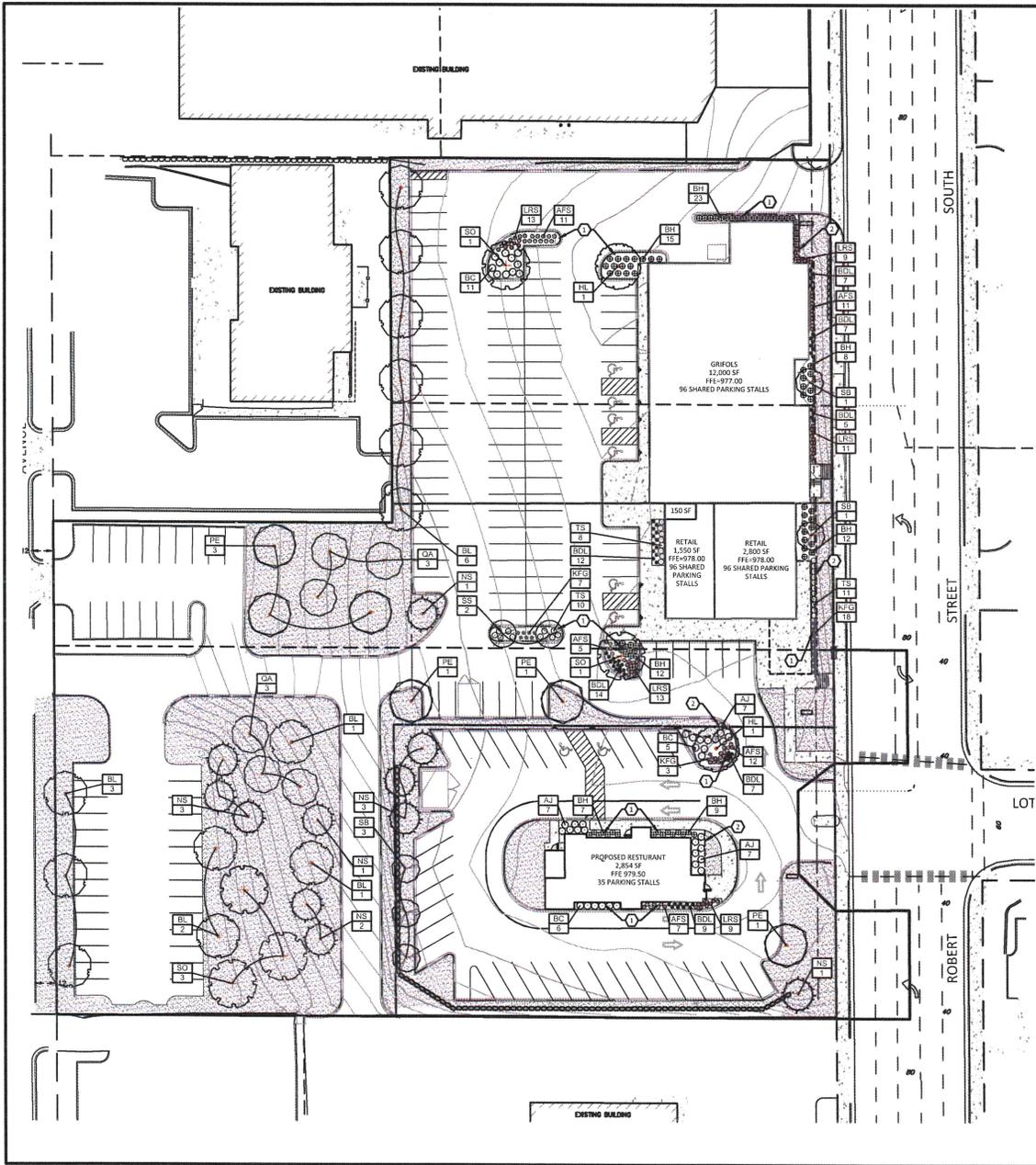
With that said, Staff is requesting a recommendation from the Environmental Committee should the committee have recommendations pertaining to planting types and/or locations.

ATTACHMENT

Submitted Landscape Plan

TIMELINE

May 17: PC public hearing
May 23: CC public hearing



PLANT SCHEDULE						
TREES	CODE	BOTANICAL NAME / COMMON NAME	CONT	CAL	SIZE	QTY
	HL	Gleditsia tracanthos 'Skyline' / Skyline Honey Locust	B & B	2.5" Cal		2
	QA	Populus tremuloides / Quaking Aspen	B & B	2.5" Cal		6
	SO	Quercus bicolor / Swamp White Oak	B & B	2.5" Cal		5
	BL	Tilia americana 'Boulevard' / Boulevard Linden	B & B	2.5" Cal		13
	PE	Ulmus americana 'Princeton' / American Elm	B & B	2.5" Cal		6
CONIFERS	CODE	BOTANICAL NAME / COMMON NAME	CONT	CAL	SIZE	QTY
	NS	Picea abies / Norway Spruce	B & B		6"	11
ORN. TREES	CODE	BOTANICAL NAME / COMMON NAME	CONT	CAL	SIZE	QTY
	SB	Amelanchier canadensis 'Autumn Brilliance' / Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry	B & B	2" Cal		5
	SS	Malus x 'Spring Snow' / Spring Snow Crab Apple	B & B	2" Cal		2
SHRUBS	CODE	BOTANICAL NAME / COMMON NAME	CONT			QTY
	BC	Aronia melanocarpa 'Autumn Magic' / Autumn Magic Black Chokeberry	5 gal			22
	BH	Oenothera biennis / Dwarf Bush Honeysuckle	5 gal			86
	AJ	Juniperus horizontalis 'Compacta' / Andorra Compact Juniper	5 gal			21
	TS	Spiraea betulifolia 'Tor' / Birchleaf Spiraea	5 gal			29
GRASSES	CODE	BOTANICAL NAME / COMMON NAME	CONT			QTY
	KFG	Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster' / Feather Reed Grass	1 gal			28
PERENNIALS	CODE	BOTANICAL NAME / COMMON NAME	CONT			QTY
	BDL	Hemerocallis x 'Baja' / Baja Daylily	1 gal			66
	LR5	Perovskia atriplicifolia 'Little Spire' / Little Spire Russian Sage	1 gal			55
	AFS	Sedum x 'Autumn Fire' / Autumn Fire Sedum	1 gal			46
GROUND COVERS	CODE	BOTANICAL NAME / COMMON NAME	QTY			
	TUR HG	Turf Sod Highland Sod / Sod	41,053 sf			

LANDSCAPE LEGEND

- DRESSER TRAP ROCK
- STEEL EDGER

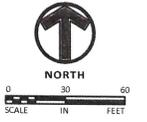
CITY LANDSCAPE CODE

TREE PRESERVATION:
 *REPLACEMENT TREES WILL CONSIST OF 30% OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CALIPER INCHES OF QUALITY TREES (2.5" @ 4').

TOTAL QUALITY TREES AFFECTED: 59
 TOTAL CALIPER INCHES REMOVED: 352
 CALIPER INCHES NEEDED FOR REPLACEMENT: 106

LANDSCAPE CODE:
 ONE TREE REQUIRED PER 40 LINEAR FEET OF PROPERTY LINE.

PROPERTY PERIMETER: 1800.3 LF
 TOTAL TREES REQUIRED: 45
 TOTAL EXISTING TREES TO REMAIN: 24
 TOTAL NEW TREES REQUIRED: 21



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Location
 WEST ST. PAUL,
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Certification
 I hereby certify that this survey, plan or report prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

Josh McKinney
 Joshua J. McKinney
 Registration No. 5544 Date: 04/02/2016
 The certification is valid unless otherwise signed in blue ink. If any changes, contact us for a new signed copy of this report. It is available upon request at any time. Minneapolis, MN office.

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