



CITY OF WEST ST. PAUL

1616 HUMBOLDT AVENUE, WEST ST. PAUL, MN 55118

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2016 AT 6:00PM
MUNICIPAL CENTER
ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM**

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call
3. New Business
- 3.A. Approve October 5, 2016 Minutes

Documents:

[100516.PDF](#)

- 3.B. Site Plan Review

Documents:

[11-2-16 260 MARIE MEMO.PDF](#)
[11-2-16 260 MARIE LANDSCAPE PLAN.PDF](#)

4. Old Business

- 4.A. Priority List Of Agenda Items

Documents:

[PRIORITY TOPICS.PDF](#)

5. Subcommittee Update

6. Other

7. Adjourn



Minutes
West St. Paul Environmental committee
October 5, 2016
West St. Paul Municipal Center-Administrative Conference Room

1. ROLL CALL

Committee members in attendance: Jonathan Wagner, Chris Gevara, Lauren Smith, Jon Thompson, Jessica Vanella-Friendshuh, Sheila Williams-Ridge

Excused: Kristy Otte, John Margot

Non-voting members present: Bob Gausman, Dave Schletty

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. MINUTES

The minutes from the September 7, 2016 meeting were approved by the committee.

b. SITE PLAN APPROVAL, 1994 ROBERT STREET SOUTH

Schletty talked about the site plan for 1994 Robert Street South. Developers plan to build a 4,297 sq. ft. bank with a drive-through ATM. Based on the exterior linear feet of the newly created property, code requires a total of 51 trees on-site (1 tree per 20 lineal ft. of property). The applicant is proposing a total of 15 deciduous trees at 2.5 caliper inches, 2 ornamental trees at 1.5 caliper inches, and 12 evergreen trees at 6 ft. in height for a total of 29 trees. There is presently not enough room for 22 more trees.

The committee discussed their concerns with the shortage of trees. One committee member remarked that the lack of trees may relate to safety [sight] issues. The committee suggested recommending cluster of birch or scotch pine trees to be planted. Wagner said that the cluster would create its own "biome community." Schletty said that the cluster trees may still need more space later; they may grow together. Wagner suggested Japanese Lilac trees. Smith suggested Norway Maples.

A motion was made to recommend that an additional 10 -12 trees be added and our recommendations are Japanese Lilac, Columnar Norway Maple and Ginkgo and we ask that any shrub sand flowers that are planted that they be native and that they also not be treated with any neonicotinoids and that they be pollinator friendly for the bees and butterflies; we are recommending that the trees to be placed in the south end of the parking lot between former Old Country Buffet and the proposed parking lot, next to the rain garden, where it indicates lawn [on the plan] and we also encourage the applicant when they install their sign on the front lawn facing Robert to put some kind of plantings there that would not block their signs nor their windows. All Ayes

The committee would also like to include the recommended tree list to the applicant.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. PRIORITY LIST OF AGENDA TOPICS

The committee discussed the list of priority topics. Thompson Oaks could be postponed because the fate of the golf course has yet to be decided. Committee members talked about taking sections of City Code/Ordinances and becoming familiar with them in relation to priority topics. Each committee member could prepare a ten minute skit on the ordinance.

Committee members voted for their preferred priorities. Subcommittees were formed for "Recycling – Ban of plastic bags/Styrofoam" -(Thompson, Williams-Ridge, Vanella-Friendshuh) and "Litter" – (Smith, Wagner, Gevara and Gausman.)

Gevara instructed the subcommittees not to meet before next month's meeting.

b. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

No updates reported.

4. OTHER

a. Planning Commission

Smith attended the last Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission was reviewing 963 Robert Street South. The plan was "failed" by the committee first and later was approved.

b. Art Park

Schletty reported that the concrete was poured at the Art Park and recently seeded and landscaped.

5. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Committee and with no objections, the Environmental Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:02 pm.

TO: ENVIRONMENTAL COMM.
THROUGH: PARK & REC SUPERINTENDENT
FROM: ASSISTANT COMM. DEV. DIR.
DATE: OCTOBER 28, 2016



SUBJECT:

CASE #16-17 – Site Plan review for the construction of a new Multi-family Apartment Building at 260 Marie Ave.

REQUEST

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

BACKGROUND

Westview Park Apartments has submitted plans for Site Plan review to redevelop 260 Marie Ave. The applicant is proposing a new four-story 56 unit market rate apartment building.

Based on the exterior linear feet of the property, code requires a total of 33 trees on-site (1 tree per 40 lineal ft. of property). The applicant is proposing a total of 23 deciduous trees and 13 evergreen trees (5 of which are 20 ft. tall to provide screening for the neighboring single-family home adjacent to the west property line and parking lot). The applicant is proposing to maintain roughly 15 quality trees on-site per the plan and plant a large number of native plantings throughout the site. In addition to the proposed landscaping, the applicant is also proposing six raingardens on-site to help with stormwater infiltration. The redevelopment of the property results in a decrease of 6,497 sq. ft. of impervious surface.

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

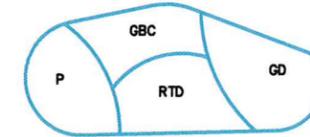
TIMELINE

November 15: PC public hearing
November 28: CC public hearing

INFILTRATION BASIN / RAINWATER GARDEN PLANTING SCHEDULE

KEY	COMMON/BOTANICAL NAME	QUANTITY	SPACING	NOTES	AREA SF
P	BLUE GRAMA	340	2' OC	plant in groups of 10 or more	1,350
GBC	GLOSS BLACK CHOKEBERRY	50	5' OC	plant in groups of 5 or more	1,350
RTD	RED TWIGGED DOGWOOD	40	6' OC	plant in groups of 5 or more	1,350
GD	GRAY DOGWOOD	20	8' OC	plant in groups of 5 or more	1,350
BG	BIG BLUESTEM GRASS	2500	6" OC	plant in groups of 10 or more	675
IG	INDIAN GRASS	2500	6" OC	plant in groups of 10 or more	675

ALTERNATIVE AND/OR ADDITIONAL NATIVE PLANTINGS MAY BE SUBSTITUTED AS AVAILABLE AND APPROVED
 NATIVE GRASSES SHALL BE INSTALLED IN GROUPS RANDOMLY AS DIRECTED
 INSTALL 4" THICK MINIMUM SHREDED WOOD MULCH AROUND PLANTS



TYPICAL RAINWATER GARDEN PLANTING

TREE AND BUSH PLANTING AND SCHEDULE

KEY	QTY	COMMON/BOTANICAL NAME	SIZE	SPACING	NOTES
M	3	RED MAPLE <i>Acer rubrum</i>	2.5 calper inch	45'	= 2.5 calper inch
B	3	RIVER BIRCH <i>Betula populifolia 'Whitespire'</i>	1.5 calper inch	45'	clump (3 min). = 4.5 calper inch
C	1	FLOWERING CRABAPPLE <i>Malus spp.</i>	2 calper inch	as shown	= 2.0 calper inch
S1	5	BLACK HILLS SPRUCE <i>Picea glauca 'densata'</i>	20' ht	15'	= 3.0 calper inch
S	8	BLACK HILLS SPRUCE <i>Picea glauca 'densata'</i>	6' ht	15'	= 2.5 calper inch
L	5	GREENSPIRE LINDEN <i>Tilia cordata 'Greenspire'</i>	2 calper inch	45'	= 2.0 calper inch
H	2	CANADIAN HEMLOCK <i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	6' ht	10'	= 2.5 calper inch
R	10	RED CEDAR <i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	6' ht	15'	= 2.5 calper inch

EXISTING TREES SHALL BE SAVED AND PROTECTED.

PLANTING NOTES:

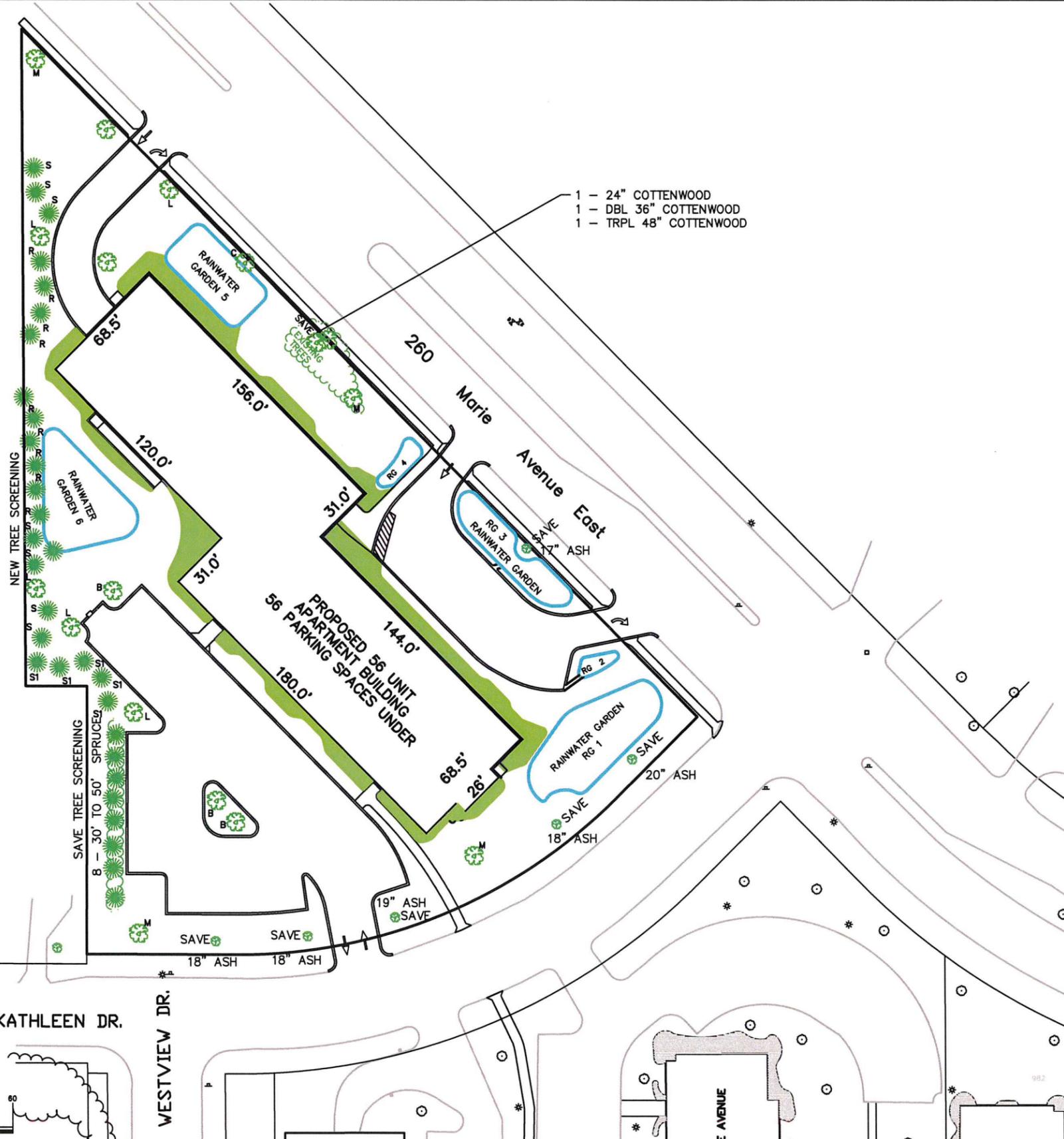
- 1) IMMEDIATELY BEFORE SEEDING, SOIL SHALL BE TILLED TO A DEPTH OF 2" TO IMPROVE SEED TO SOIL CONTACT AND WATER INFILTRATION.
- 2) SEEDING SHALL BE DONE FROM APRIL 15 TO JULY 15, AND SEPTEMBER 15 UNTIL THE GROUND FREEZES. NO SEEDING SHALL BE DONE FROM JULY 15 TO SEPTEMBER 15.
- 3) PROVIDE WATER, IF NECESSARY, TO AID IN ESTABLISHMENT AFTER SEEDING.
- 4) TREES SHALL HAVE BACKFILL SOIL AMENDED WITH COMPOST OR PEAT MOSS
- 5) TREES SHALL BE WATERED AS NEEDED TO AID IN ESTABLISHMENT. DURING DRY PERIODS, WATER AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK, AND MORE OFTEN DURING HEIGHT OF SUMMER. - UNTIL OCTOBER 1ST, AFTER THAT DATE WATERING BY OWNER.
- 6) TREES SHALL HAVE WOOD CHIP MULCH PLACED OVER ROOT BALL AFTER INITIAL PLANTING AND WATERING, TO A DEPTH OF 4".
- 7) NO TREES SHALL BE PLACED WITHIN 25' FROM BP PIPELINE
- 8) TREES IN XCEL POWERLINE EASEMENT SHALL BE ON THE APPROVED XCEL TREE LIST.

NATIVE FOUNDATION PLANTING SCHEDULE

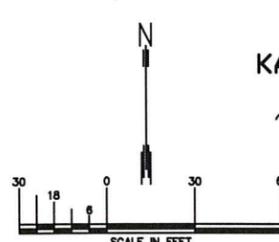
KEY	QTY	COMMON/BOTANICAL NAME	SIZE	SPACING	NOTES
F	50	<i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i> coral berry	#3 POT	3'	plant in groups of 10 to 20
F	50	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i> white snowberry	#3 POT	3'	plant in groups of 10 to 20
F	50	<i>Ribes odoratum</i> clove current	#3 POT	3'	plant in groups of 10 to 20
F	50	<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> black chokeberry	#3 POT	3'	plant in groups of 10 to 20

FOUNDATION AREA = 0.13 ACRES, APPROXIMATELY 100 PLANTS

YARD AREAS SHALL BE SOD OR MNDOT SEED MIXTURE 25-151 AND MULCHED
 INFILTRATION RAINWATER GARDENS SHALL BE MNDOT SEED MIXTURE 34-171 (NATIVE) AND MULCHED
 ALL SEED SHALL BE APPLIED AT 85 LBS/ACRE.



- 1 - 24" COTTENWOOD
- 1 - DBL 36" COTTENWOOD
- 1 - TRPL 48" COTTENWOOD



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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN, SPECIFICATION, OR REPORT WAS PREPARED BY ME OR UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION AND I AM A DULY LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.
 Mark R. Welch
 DATE _____ REG. NO. 42738

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REVISED	BY	DATE

LATEST REVISION: 10-18-2016
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 Westview Park Apartments
 285 Westview Drive
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 FILE NO.: 16-290 WPA

CITY OF WEST SAINT PAUL
 DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA
 2017 CONSTRUCTION

260
 MARIE AVENUE EAST

LANDSCAPE
 PLAN
 SHEET 4 OF 7 SHEETS

Priority Topics:

1. Walkable City - Trails and sidewalks, Robert Street and the lack of neighborhood grocery store, ("Food Desert") were grouped under Walkable City.
2. Pollinators
3.
 - A. Community Gardens/Gardening
 - B. City Code Modifications (Residential Lakes and water control issues were grouped under city code modifications.)
 - C. Recycling (including organics)
 - D. Storm Water Management
4.
 - A. Styrofoam/Plastic bag Bans
 - B. Thompson Oaks Golf Course/Preserving Green Space

Other Topics:

- Outdoor Play and Education
- Mud Lake Clean-up and commercial applicators
- Invitations to Bike and walking clubs