VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 7, 2012 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
	✓ Resolution	
	Ordinance	
Final Plat of Subdivision -	Motion	Tom Dabareiner, AICP
4711 Northcott Avenue	Discussion Only	Community Development Director

SYNOPSIS

A resolution for a Final Plat of Subdivision has been prepared to consolidate two existing parcels into one lot for the property located at 4711 Northcott Avenue.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The goals for 2011-2018 identified Exceptional Municipal Services.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the August 7, 2012 consent agenda.

BACKGROUND

The 15,175-square foot property, commonly known as 4711 Northcott Avenue is zoned R-3 Single Family Residential. The property consists of one 60-foot wide parcel and one 15-foot wide parcel owned by the petitioner. The property is currently vacant. The petitioner is proposing to consolidate the two parcels into a single lot to construct a new single family residence.

The property is located within a Localized Poor Drainage Area (LPDA). Village's stormwater ordinance allows construction within LPDA's. The petitioner is aware of the LPDA and is currently developing a design that will meet Village's requirements for construction within LPDAs.

All required infrastructure currently exists and no new public improvements are required. The proposed lot will include new five-foot wide public utility easements along the side property lines and a new ten-foot wide public utility easement along the rear property line which will satisfy the requirements for public utility easements.

The proposed lot will meet all minimum lot dimension requirements for the R-3 Single Family Residence district per Sections 28.1103(c) and 28.1104(c) of the Zoning Ordinance. The petitioner is not requesting any exceptions from Sections 20.101 and 20.301 of the Subdivision Ordinance. The dimensions for the new lot are outlined in the table below:

4711	Lot	Width	Lot	Depth	Lot	Area
Northcott Ave	Required	Proposed	Required	Proposed	Required	Proposed
Lot 1	75 feet	75 feet	140 feet	202 feet	10,500	15,175 sq. ft.
		(no change)		(No change)	sq. ft.	(no change)

The proposed consolidation is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan recommends residential areas provide a variety of housing and dwelling unit types and densities, generally organized by dwelling types and lot sizes. The property is located in a single family residential neighborhood classified as traditional grid. The lot consolidation would allow construction of a home that is consistent with the existing homes in this traditional grid neighborhood. Additionally, the proposed lot is similar in lot size and width to adjacent residential lots.

The Plan Commission considered the petition at their July 2, 2012 meeting. Two members of the public spoke at the hearing expressing concern about construction within the LPDA. Staff explained construction within the LPDA is allowed provided the applicant can satisfy the more stringent engineering requirements. Staff will verify the new home will meet all requirements of the Village's stormwater ordinance during building permit review.

The Commission found that the request met the standards of the Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances. Based on their findings, the Plan Commission recommended unanimous approval of the Final Plat of Subdivision. Staff concurs with the Plan Commission recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

Aerial Map Resolution Staff Report with attachments dated July 2, 2012 Minutes of the Plan Commission Hearing dated July 2, 2012

RESOLUTION	
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A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION FOR 4711 NORTHCOTT AVENUE

WHEREAS, application has been made pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 20 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code for the approval of the Final Plat of Subdivision to consolidate two parcels into one lot for 4711 Northcott Subdivision, located on the east side of Northcott Avenue approximately 165 feet south of Chicago Avenue, commonly known as 4711 Northcott Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois, legally described as follows:

Lot 181 and the south 15 feet of Lot 180 in Branigar Brothers Wooded Homesites, a subdivision in the north half of Section 7, Township 38 North, Range 11, East of the Third Principal Meridian, and the north half of Section 12, Township 38 North, Range 10, East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded October 2, 1920, as Document Number 144598, in DuPage County, Illinois

Commonly known as 4711 Northcott Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515 (PIN: 09-07-104-011)

WHEREAS, notice has been given and a public hearing held on July 2, 2012 regarding this plat application pursuant to the requirements of the Downers Grove Municipal Code; and,

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission has recommended approval of the Final Plat of Subdivision of 4711 Northcott Subdivision, located at 4711 Northcott Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois, as requested, subject to certain conditions.

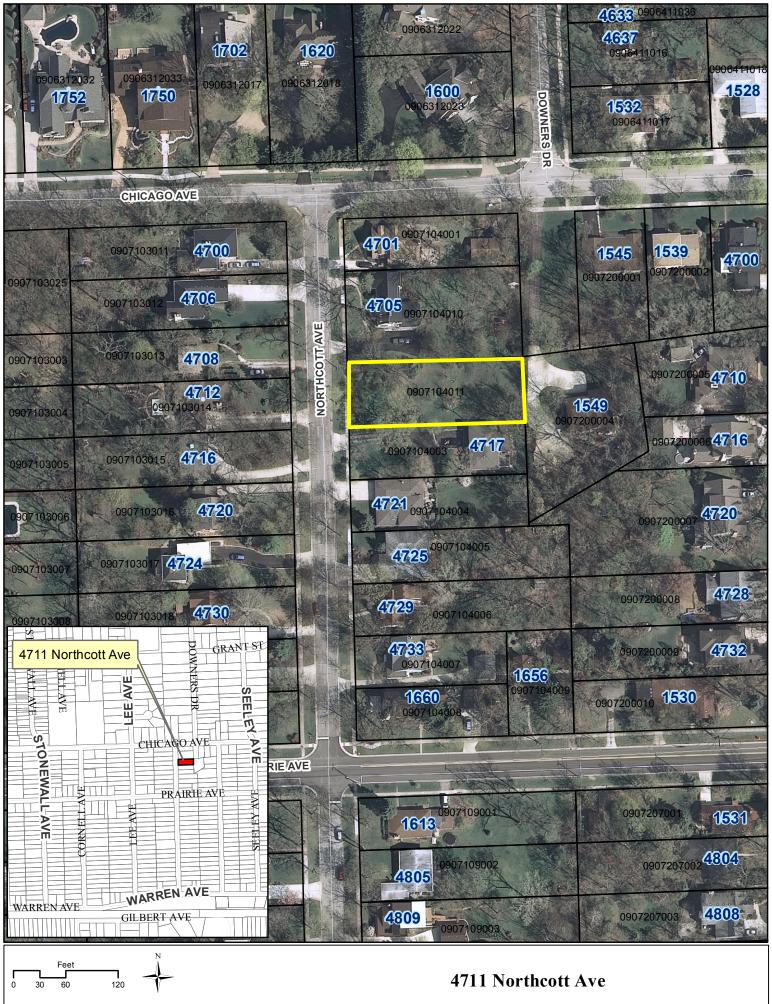
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove that the Final Plat of Subdivision of 4711 Northcott Subdivision, located at 4711 Northcott Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois, be and is hereby approved subject to the following condition:

1. The final plat of subdivision shall substantially conform to 4711 Northcott Subdivision plat prepared by Haeger Engineering LLC., dated May 23, 2012 except as such plat may be modified to conform to the Village Codes and Ordinances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Village Clerk are authorized to sign the final plat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption in the manner provided by law.

	Mayor
Passed:	·
Attest:	
Village Clerk	





VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE REPORT FOR THE PLAN COMMISSION JULY 2, 2012 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
PC-22-12 4711 Northcott Avenue	Final Plat of Subdivision	Damir Latinovic, AICP Planner

REQUEST

The petitioner is requesting approval of a final plat of subdivision to consolidate two existing parcels into one lot.

NOTICE

The application has been filed in conformance with applicable procedural and public notice requirements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

OWNER/APPLICANT: David and Megan Altholz

4711 Northcott Avenue Downer Grove, IL 60515

PROPERTY INFORMATION

EXISTING ZONING: R-3 Single Family Residential District

EXISTING LAND USE: Residential 15,175 square feet **PINS:** 09-07-104-011

SURROUNDING ZONING AND LAND USES

ZONINGR-3 Single Family Residence District

SOUTH:

R-3 Single Family Residence District

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ANALYSIS

SUBMITTALS

This report is based on the following documents, which are on file with the Department of Community Development:

- 1. Application/Petition for Public Hearing
- 2. Project Narrative
- 3. Plat of Survey
- 4. Plat of Subdivision

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The petitioner is requesting approval of a final plat of subdivision to consolidate two existing parcels into one lot. The property, commonly known as 4711 Northcott Avenue is zoned R-3 Single Family Residential. The property is made up of one 60-foot wide by 202-foot deep parcel, and one 15-foot wide by 202-foot deep parcel. The property is currently vacant.

The petitioner is proposing to construct a new single family home in the future. The property is located within a Localized Poor Drainage Area (LPDA). The petitioner has the ability to construct the home on only the existing 60-foot lot, however a 75-foot lot will provide additional setbacks and allow better management of stormwater. The petitioner is aware of the LPDA and is currently developing a design that will meet Village's requirements for construction within LPDAs. Staff will verify the new home will meet all requirements of the Village's stormwater ordinance during building permit review. The petitioner is awaiting the decision by the Village Council to apply for a building permit.

COMPLIANCE WITH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Residential Area Plan section of the Comprehensive Plan recommends residential areas provide a variety of housing and dwelling unit types and densities, generally organized by dwelling types and lot sizes as identified in the Land Use Plan. The property is located in a single family residential neighborhood classified as traditional grid. The lot consolidation would allow construction of a home that is consistent with the existing homes in this traditional grid neighborhood. Additionally, the proposed lot is similar in lot size and width to adjacent residential lots. Staff believes the proposed consolidation of two parcels into one lot is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

COMPLIANCE WITH ZONING ORDINANCE

The property is zoned R-3 Single Family Residence District. The existing residential use is a permitted use in the district. The proposed lot complies with Sections 28.1103(c) and 28.1104(c) of the Zoning Ordinance. If the subdivision is approved, the petitioner will be able to construct a new single family home in the future. The new home will meet all Zoning Ordinance bulk and setback requirements.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

The proposed lot will meet all minimum lot dimension requirements for residential lots in the R-3 district. The lot dimensions are specified in the table below:

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NEIGHBORHOOD COMMENT

Notice was provided to all property owners 250 feet or less from the property in addition to posting the public hearing notice sign and publishing the legal notice. At this time, staff has not received any comments regarding this petition.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Staff believes the proposed Final Plat of Subdivision to consolidate the two existing parcels into a single lot meets the standards of Sections 28.1103(c) and 28.1104(c) of the Zoning Ordinance and Sections 20.101 and 20.301(b) of the Subdivision Ordinance. The consolidation of the property into a 75-foot lot will enable the petitioner to adequately manage the stormwater impact on the property. Staff believes the request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances of the Village.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The proposed final plat of subdivision is compatible with the surrounding zoning and land use classifications. Based on the findings listed above, staff recommends the Plan Commission make a positive recommendation to the Village Council regarding PC-22-12 subject to the condition below:

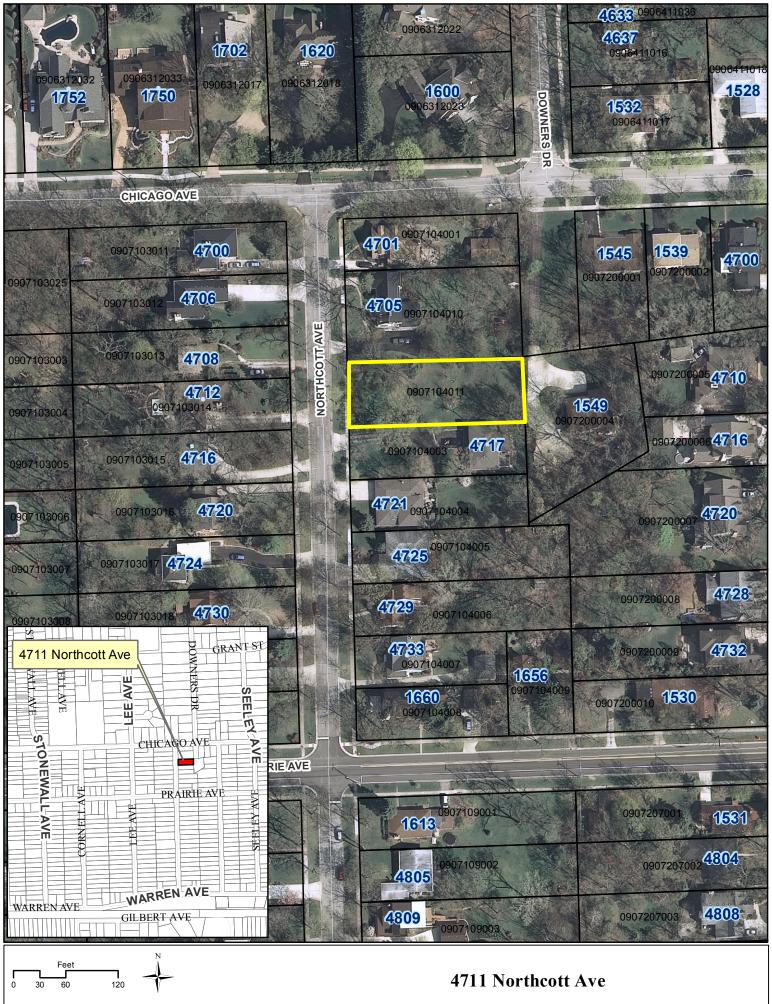
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Staff Report Approved By:

Tom Dabareiner, AICP
Director of Community Development

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To the Village of Downers Grove Plan Commission,

We were fortunate to purchase a lot of land in Downers Grove in late 2011, and we are looking to build our new home on it this fall. In the process of working with the Village and our builder we found that our property actually consists of two lots instead of one (one that is 60 feet wide and the other that is 15 feet wide). Our vision was to build our home to take advantage of the full 75 foot wide property that we purchased, so we are submitting this petition to the Plan Commission in order to consolidate the two lots into one.

Our petition to have these two lots converted into one includes: the petition itself, proof of ownership, the application fee, six (6) copies of the legal registered surveyors plat of survey, a list of property owners within 250 feet of our property (with mailing labels for all 30 addresses), and six (6) copies of the final subdivision plat.

We believe that the consolidation of the lot fits harmoniously within all Village Codes as they are outlined in the Downers Grove Municipal Code. Furthermore, the two lots are already viewed as one parcel of land by the county as it has one pin number as well as only one postal address. As you will see in the final subdivision plat, the new survey has the proper easements allotted on all sides for drainage and public utilities.

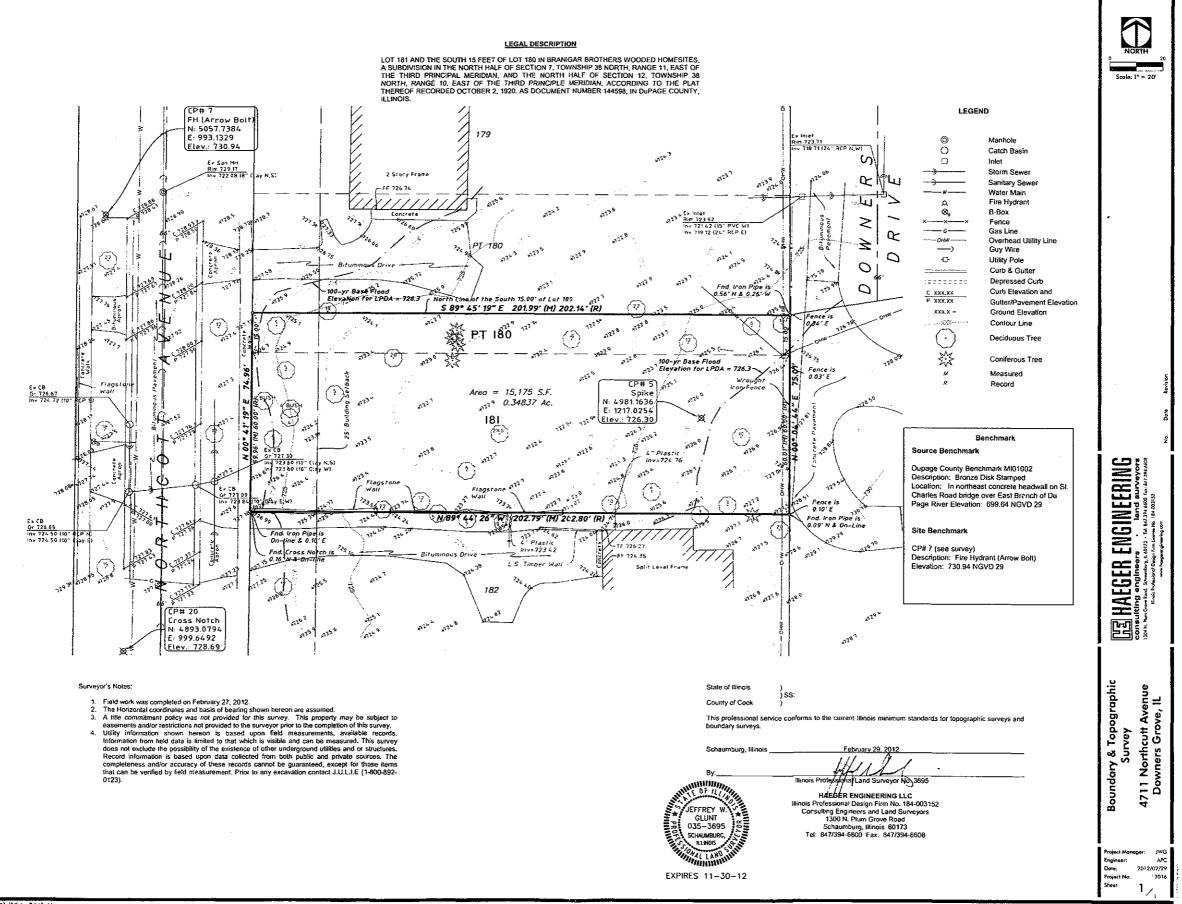
From a building perspective, we understand that the land is in an LPDA area and will require some special processes for building a proper home. This includes: no underground living area (basement), using caissons to place the home on solid footing, and dealing with the stormwater drainage appropriately. Our goal is to build a home that utilizes this land in the best possible way, that is sustainable and very environmentally conscious.

Thank you for taking the time to review our request. We look forward to presenting this information to you at the Plan Commission meeting on July 2, 2012.

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Regards,

David and Megan Altholz



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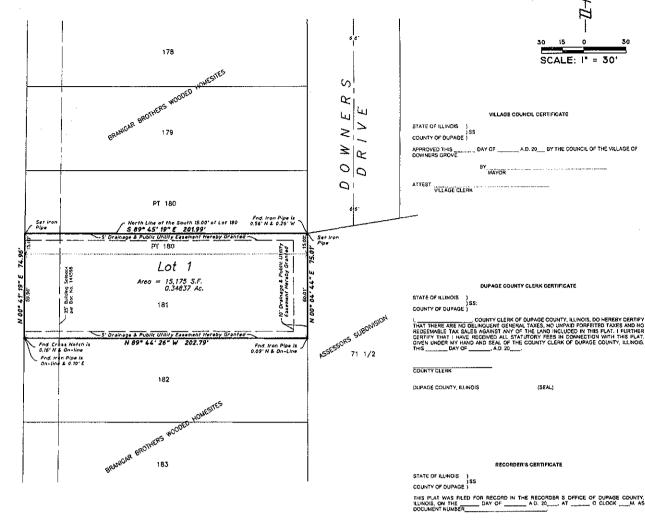
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VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE PLAN COMMISSION MEETING PUBLIC HEARING

JULY 2, 2012, 7:00 P.M.

Chairman Jirik called the July 2, 2012 meeting of the Plan Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for a roll call:

PRESENT: Chairman Jirik, Mr. Beggs, Mr. Hose, Mr. Matejczyk, Mrs. Rabatah, Mr. Webster

ABSENT: Mr. Cozzo, Mr. Quirk, Mr. Waechtler

STAFF PRESENT: Community Development Planning Manager Jeff O'Brien and Planners Stan Popovich and Damir Latinovic; Public Works Asst. Dir. Stan Balicki

VISITORS: David and Megan Altholz, 4711 Northcott, Downers Grove, Jenna Niebauer, 4705 Northcott, Downers Grove; Brad Kreifels-Morerson, 4717 Northcott, Downers Grove;

Matthew Horner, Greenscape Homes, LLC, 4355 Weaver Parkway, Warrenville, IL 60555

Chairman Jirik led the Plan Commissioners in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 4, 2012 MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 4, 2012 MEETING WERE APPROVED, AS PRESENTED, ON MOTION BY MR. HOSE. SECONDED BY MRS. RABATAH. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE OF 4-0-2. (MR. BEGGS AND MR. MATEJCZYK ABSTAIN)

Chairman Jirik reviewed the protocol for the public hearing.

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File PC-22-12 A petition seeking approval of a Final Plat of Subdivision to consolidate two existing parcels into one lot. The property is located on the east side of Northcott Avenue approximately 165 feet south of Chicago Avenue, commonly known as 4711 Northcott Avenue, Downers Grove, IL (PIN 09-07-104-011); David and Megan Altholz, Petitioners/Owners.

Chairman Jirik swore in those individuals who would be speaking on the above petition.

Village Planner, Mr. Damir Latinovic, reviewed the petition before the commissioners, again reminding them, the petition was for a lot consolidation similar to others in months prior. An aerial photo of the property was presented on the overhead. Currently the R-3 zoned property consisted of two parcels which sat vacant. One parcel was 60 feet wide while the adjacent one was 15 feet wide to the north of the first parcel. Total square footage equaled 15,175 sq. feet. The petitioner was seeking a final plat of subdivision to combine the two parcels into one lot.

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The lot, as summarized by Mr. Latinovic, was affected by the Locally Poor Drainage Area (the "LPDA") and the petitioners were working with the Village staff and engineer to design a home that meets all of the requirements of the Village's Stormwater Ordinance. It would be during the building permit review process that the requirements of the Stormwater Ordinance for construction within the LPDA would be reviewed closely. The new home will meet all requirements of Village's Stormwater Ordinance prior to issuance of the building permit.

No changes to the property were noted on the proposed final plat. The proposed lot will be 75 feet wide by 202 feet deep. The proposal will meet all requirements of the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances. No exceptions were being requested at this time. New easements will be platted, five feet along the side lot lines and a 10-foot easement along the rear lot line.

Per Mr. Latinovic, proper notification was sent to the surrounding neighbors and published accordingly in the newspaper as well as on-site. A couple of phone calls were received from neighbors concerning new construction within the LPDA. Staff believed the proposal met the above requirements of the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances and was consistent with the Village's Comprehensive Plan. Staff recommended approval of the petition, subject to the one condition listed in its staff report.

Mr. Matejczyk, who lives in the area, discussed the history of the area, noting a survey was done some years ago by a neighbor. At that time, the surveyor discovered that the outflow for the low area existed between the 1539 Chicago Ave and 4700 Northcott Ave addresses. Additionally, some filling was done in the area, which resulted in, as he understood it, flooding. He asked staff to explain the restrictions for the LPDA as his concern was about flooding too.

Mr. Latinovic reported that the Stormwater Ordinance is updated periodically. He asked that more specific questions from the public are directed to the Village's engineer who will review the project when they apply for the building permit. He explained that the petitioner's home would be constructed on caseons with no basement to reduce the amount of fill placed on the property. The home will have to meet the maximum height restriction. Per the Ordinance, the petitioner will have to provide on-site compensatory storage 110% of the fill placed on site and the home will be elevated above the flood level elevation.

Chairman Jirik invited the petitioner to speak.

Mr. David Altholz, 4711 Northcott, introduced himself and his wife, Megan. He reported that when he and his wife purchased the property they found out the property consisted of two separate lots and they wanted to construct a home that took advantage of the full 75 feet width. He confirmed he and his wife were aware that it was an LPDA area and were working with their engineer and Village staff on construction of a home that would not impact the surrounding homes with stormwater as is required by the Stormwater Ordinance.

No commissioner questions followed. Chairman Jirik opened up the meeting to public comment.

Mr. Brad Kreifels-Morerson, 4717 Northcott, stated his home was the home that flooded. He voiced concern on where the water would go and how it would dissipate. He did not see how the home was similar to the homes in the area since he knew of no other homes placed on caseons.

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Ms. Jenna Niebauer, 4705 Northcott, supported the consolidation if it was workable, but expressed concern about flooding and the movement of water. She currently used a pump in her yard in order to keep her neighbor from flooding. A few years prior she considered purchasing the petitioner's lot but was told by engineers that it was not possible to build on it.

Per Chairman Jirik's request, Mr. O'Brien walked through the steps an owner takes when constructing a single lot development in a LPDA prior to building permit and noted that two engineering requirements would be considered: 1) how much fill is being placed in the LPDA; and 2) is there compensatory storage being provided in the LPDA. Details followed.

Hearing no other public comment, Chairman Jirik closed public participation. Commissioners had no further questions. The petitioner waived his closing statement.

Mr. Matejczyk stated he looked forward to having a nice home constructed on the property but stated it would be a challenge from an engineering perspective.

WITH RESPECT TO FILE PC-22-12, MR. HOSE RECOMMENDED THAT THE PLAN COMMISSION FORWARD A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITION:

1. THE FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION SHALL SUBSTANTIALLY CONFORM TO 4711 NORTHCOTT SUBDIVISION PLAT PREPARED BY HAEGER ENGINEERING LLC., DATED MAY 23, 2012 EXCEPT AS SUCH PLAT MAY BE MODIFIED TO CONFORM TO THE VILLAGE CODES AND ORDINANCES.

SECONDED BY MR. MATEJCZYK. ROLL CALL:

AYE: MR. HOSE, MR. MATEJCZYK, MR. BEGGS, MRS. RABATAH, MR. WEBSTER,

CHAIRMAN JIRIK

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 6-0

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THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:27 P.M. ON MOTION BY MR. WEBSTER, SECONDED BY MRS. RABATAH. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE OF 6-0.

/s/ Celeste K. Weilandt
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(As transcribed by MP-3 audio)