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# VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE Report for the Village Council Meeting 10/18/2016

SUBJECT:	SUBMITTED BY:	
2300 Wisconsin Avenue - Special Use Amendment	Stan Popovich, AICP Director of Community Development	

## **SYNOPSIS**

The applicant is requesting an amendment to their previously approved Special Use to allow all permitted and special uses in the M-1 zoning district to be valid for the existing development.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The goals for 2015-2017 include Exceptional Municipal Services and Strong and Diverse Local Economy.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Plan Commission unanimously recommended (6:0) approval of the applicant's request to remove all use related restrictions previously established in 2012 as detailed in Ordinance 5265. Staff recommends that the use restrictions be amended to include the following use types from Section 5, Table 5-1 in the current Zoning Ordinance:

- Building service
- Business support service
- Consumer maintenance and repair
- Research service
- Business and professional office
- Medical, dental and health practitioner
- Warehouse
- Wholesale sales and distribution
- Artisan industrial
- Limited industrial
- General industrial

#### **BACKGROUND**

In 2012, the petitioner received a Special Use to construct three buildings on a single lot of record at 2300 Wisconsin Avenue. The property is zoned M-1, Light Manufacturing. The Special Use Ordinance includes a condition which restricts the types of uses permitted on the property based on Council concerns regarding

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the high density of the buildings and limited on-site parking. The uses permitted by the Ordinance are shown below:

- a) Professional and Business Offices
- b) Research and Development Facilities
- c) Light Manufacturing including production, processing, cleaning, testing and repair limited to uses and products described in 28.902(h)
- d) Wholesale and warehousing, storage and distribution facilities, excluding motor freight terminals or self-storage facilities (mini-warehouses); however, no single tenant shall contain more than 10,000 square feet
- e) Uses accessory to the above-listed permitted uses

Currently, 29 of the 55 tenant units are occupied by a variety of uses including a research and development automotive facility and a craft brewing facility. All current tenants fall into the use categories listed within the Ordinance.

The petitioner is requesting an amendment to the approved Special Use to remove all use restrictions set forth in the ordinance. The requested amendment would allow all permitted uses and special uses identified as allowed in the M-1, Light Manufacturing Zoning District. Special Use requests would be required to go through the standard Special Use process.

In June 2014, the Village adopted an updated Zoning Ordinance which included a consolidation of permitted and special uses into broad categories throughout all zoning districts. Staff supports reconciling the specific use types in the current Zoning Ordinance with the approved use categories from 2012. Staff supports expanding the allowed permitted and special uses to include the following use types from Section 5, Table 5-1 in the current Zoning Ordinance:

- Building service
- Business support service
- Consumer maintenance and repair
- Research service
- Business and professional office
- Medical, dental and health practitioner
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The uses allowed in the M-1 district include public, civic and institutional, commercial, industrial and wholesale uses. Many of these permitted uses are traffic intensive and generate substantial foot-traffic on the property such as "day care center" and "financial service." The broader use category, "Vehicle Sales and Service" could also generate more onsite traffic, create circulation and stacking issues, and lead to the policing of outdoor storage of inoperable vehicles. If the property was opened up to more parking intensive uses with onsite storage and stacking of vehicles, the overall parking and drive aisles could be significantly impacted.

# Compliance with the Comprehensive Plan

This property is designated as Light Industrial/Business Park in the Future Land Use Plan. The property at 2300 Wisconsin Avenue continues to be in broad compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and the

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proposed amendment to the Special Use does not affect the overall land use or character. The Comprehensive Plan recommends the uses in the Industrial Park be restricted to light industrial and office, thus protecting the area from non-compatible commercial, institutional, membership, or recreational uses.

# Compliance with Zoning Ordinance

The proposed amendment has no impact on the bulk requirements for this property as there are no physical changes proposed to the buildings or site. However, parking requirements are dependent on the proposed uses. The staff tracks available parking at this site based on the limited amount of parking (147 spaces) onsite to ensure any proposed use has sufficient parking available. The inclusion of traffic intensive users could impact the amount of available parking and the safe flow of emergency vehicles if vehicles are stored or parked outside of striped parking spaces.

# **Public Comment**

There was no public comment at the Plan Commission meeting.

# **ATTACHMENTS**

Ordinance
Aerial Map
Staff Report with attachments dated September 12, 2016
Draft Minutes of the Plan Commission Hearing dated September 12, 2016

Special Use-2300 Wisconsin Amd PC- 16-0033

<b>ORDIN</b>	ANCE	NO.	

# AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5265 AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE PRINCIPAL BUILDINGS ON A SINGLE LOT AT 2300 WISCONSIN AVENUE

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2012, the Village Council adopted Ordinance No. 5265 entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing a Special Use to Permit the Construction of Three Principal Buildings on a Single Lot at 2300 Wisconsin Avenue"; and,

WHEREAS, the owner of the Property has filed with the Plan Commission, a written petition conforming to the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance, requesting that an amendment to the Special Use granted per Section 28.050(k) of the Zoning Ordinance be granted to remove certain use restrictions; and,

WHEREAS, such petition was referred to the Plan Commission of the Village of Downers Grove on September 12, 2016, and said Plan Commission has given the required public notice, has conducted a public hearing respecting said petition and has made its findings and recommendations, all in accordance with the statutes of the State of Illinois and the ordinances of the Village of Downers Grove; and,

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission has recommended approval of the requested amendment to the Special Use, subject to certain conditions; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, in DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. That SECTION 2, Paragraph 3 of Ordinance No. 5265 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following condition:

- 3. The property may be occupied by the following use types from Table 5-1 in the Zoning Ordinance:
  - a. Building service
  - b. Business support service
  - c. Consumer maintenance and repair
  - d. Research service
  - e. Business and professional office
  - f. Medical, dental and health practitioner
  - g. Warehouse
  - h. Wholesale sales and distribution
  - i. Artisan industrial
  - i. Limited industrial
  - k. General industrial

# <u>SECTION 2</u>. That SECTION 2, Paragraph 8 be added:

8. The Special Use shall substantially conform to the staff report dated September 12, 2016, except as such plans may be modified to conform to the Village codes and ordinances.

SECTION 3. That SECTION 2, Paragraph 9 be added:

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9. The petitioner shall provide the Village with updated parking vacancy numbers for the entire site with every new tenant use.

SECTION 4. That SECTION 2, Paragraph 10 be added:

10. If future tenant uses are allowable Special Uses per the results of this petition, an application to Plan Commission for approval of the Special Use must still be sought.

SECTION 5. That all other provisions of Ordinance No. 5265 shall be in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. The above conditions are hereby made part of the terms under which the Special Use is granted. Violation of any or all of such conditions shall be deemed a violation of the Village of Downers Grove Zoning Ordinance, the penalty for which may include, but is not limited to, a fine and or revocation of the Special Use granted herein.

<u>SECTION 7</u>. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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# VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE REPORT FOR THE PLAN COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
16-PLC-0033		Swati Pandey
2300 Wisconsin Avenue	Special Use Amendment	Planner

#### REQUEST

The petitioner is requesting an amendment to the Special Use Ordinance for 2300 Wisconsin Avenue to remove use restrictions and allow all uses expressly permitted in the M-1 Zoning District.

## NOTICE

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

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**OWNER & APPLICANT** MacNeil Real Estate Holdings, LLC

1 MacNeil Court

Bolingbrook, IL 60440

#### **PROPERTY INFORMATION**

**EXISTING ZONING:** M-1, Light Manufacturing

**EXISTING LAND USE:** Industrial

PROPERTY SIZE: 5.07 acres (220,899 square feet)

PIN: 08-12-407-006

## SURROUNDING ZONING AND LAND USES

ZONING **FUTURE LAND USE** 

NORTH: M-1, Light Manufacturing Light Industrial/Business Park M-1, Light Manufacturing Light Industrial/Business Park SOUTH: WEST: M-1, Light Manufacturing Light Industrial/Business Park M-1, Light Manufacturing & Light Industrial/Business Park EAST: Light Industrial/Business Park

ORM, Office-Research-Manufacturing

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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. Site Plan
- 5. Engineering Plans
- 6. Parking Study
- 7. Ordinance 5265

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The petitioner is requesting an amendment to a Special Use to remove use restrictions set forth in Village Ordinance 5265. The requested amendment would allow all uses, either permitted as of right uses or special uses, expressly identified in the M-1, Light Manufacturing Zoning District, which is the underlying zoning for the property. The site is located on Wisconsin Avenue, 480 feet west of Belmont Road in the Ellsworth Business Park. The approximately five acre property is improved with three multi-tenant buildings, constructed after a Special Use approval in 2012.

As per the Zoning Ordinance in effect in 2012, a Special Use approval was required for multiple buildings on a single lot. When approving the Special Use, Village Council established multiple conditions, one of which restricted the types of uses permitted on the property based on their concerns regarding the high density of the buildings and limited parking on-site. At the public hearing, discussion included a review of allowed uses in the M-1 District and Village Council determined that a condition restricting the types of uses was necessary to limit tenants to less parking intensive uses. The petitioner in 2012 agreed to the conditions of approval for the Special Use.

The petitioner is requesting that the Plan Commission and Village Council reconsider the original use restrictions set forth in Ordinance 5265 because of difficulties leasing the remaining units, as described in the petitioner's project narrative. There are 55 tenant units in the three buildings, with 29 units occupied by a variety of uses including a research and development automotive facility and a craft brewing facility. All current tenants fall into the 2012 Zoning Ordinance use categories of light manufacturing, warehouse, office, research and development. As described in the analysis below, the use categories and specific types of business activities were slightly altered through the 2014 Zoning Ordinance revision.

Ordinance 5265 limits the potential tenants to the following use categories, per the Zoning Ordinance in effect in 2012:

- a) Professional and Business Offices
- b) Research and Development Facilities
- c) Light Manufacturing including production, processing, cleaning, testing and repair limited to uses and products described in 28.902(h)
- d) Wholesale and warehousing, storage and distribution facilities, excluding motor freight terminals or self-storage facilities (mini-warehouses); however, no single tenant shall contain more than 10,000 square feet
- e) Uses accessory to the above-listed permitted uses

Staff supports reconciling the specific use types in the current Zoning Ordinance with the approved use

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categories as selected by Village Council through Ordinance 5265. This would expand the permitted use types to include all activities that fell under the 2012 Zoning Ordinance umbrella for the five categories Council approved, regardless of what category the business type correlates to in the 2014 ordinance revision. Through the revision of the Zoning Ordinance, culminating in 2014, some specific use types or business activities were shifted from one category to another, and as a result, are no longer allowed for this development. For example, repair of household or office machinery or equipment and printing and publishing establishments previously fell under item "c" which was classified as "Industrial" in 2012. In the current Zoning Ordinance, these uses fall under the umbrella of "Commercial Service", not "Industrial", and thus Staff would no longer consider the activity a legally conforming, permitted use since the use category "Commercial Service" was not approved by Council. Staff is supportive of guaranteeing all uses allowed at the time of Ordinance 5265 remain permitted, regardless of shifting priorities and categories in the Zoning Ordinance.

Staff supports expanding the allowed uses to include the following use types from Table 5-1 in the Zoning Ordinance and described further in Section 5:

- Building service
- Business support service
- Consumer maintenance and repair
- Research service
- Business and professional office
- Medical, dental and health practitioner
- Warehouse
- Wholesale sales and distribution
- Artisan industrial
- Limited industrial
- General industrial

Per the current Zoning Ordinance, the uses allowed in the M-1 District range from public, civic and institutional, commercial, industrial, agriculture to other types of uses. Many of these permitted uses are traffic intensive and generate substantial foot-traffic on the property such as "medical, dental and health practitioner", "day care center", and "financial service." The broader use category, "Vehicle Sales and Service" could also generate more onsite traffic, create circulation and stacking issues, and lead to the policing of outdoor storage of inoperable vehicles.

The petitioner provided a parking study that showed parking as observed on a Wednesday and Friday. According to the parking study, the peak parking demand was observed in the evening between 6:00-9:00 PM, influenced by the demand at Alter Brewing Company. Ninety-five out of the 147 parking spaces are outdoor parking spaces. Of the 95 outdoor spaces, on Friday evening at 9:00 PM, 50 spaces were occupied. As stated in the parking study, shared parking is working because of the varied peak parking characteristics. However, if the property was opened up to more parking intensive uses with evening competing hours or onsite storage and stacking of vehicles, Staff believes that overall parking could be significantly impacted as one use occupies one third of the parking lot at peak time.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

This property is designated as Light Industrial/Business Park in the Future Land Use Plan. Light Industrial/Business Park uses include manufacturing activities such as design, assembly, processing, packaging, storage and transportation of products. The property at 2300 Wisconsin Avenue continues to be in broad compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and the proposed amendment to the Special Use does not affect the overall land use or character. However, the Comprehensive Plan recommends the uses to be restricted to light industrial and office, thus protecting from the non-compatible commercial, institutional, membership, or recreational uses.

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The Comprehensive Plan identifies the property as a catalyst site within the Belmont/Ellsworth Business Park, and since the construction of the three buildings, remains a flexible tenant space for contemporary light industrial and business uses. The development is in close proximity to I-355 and I-88 and complements the existing uses in the Ellsworth Industrial Park.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH THE ZONING ORDINANCE

The subject property is zoned M-1, Light Manufacturing, as are the properties to the north, south and west. Properties to the east of the subject property are zoned M-1, Light Manufacturing and O-R-M, Office-Research-Manufacturing. The development was approved through a Special Use process. No changes are being proposed that would affect the site or the buildings on the property. The allowed uses on the property fall under the categories permitted in Ordinance 5265. These uses are a restricted subgroup of uses allowed in the underlying M-1 Zoning District.

Required parking is calculated based on the parking factor in the zoning ordinance for the proposed use and the square footage of the tenant space. Staff tracks the available parking and tenant space for the project site. The current total number of required parking spaces from a zoning perspective is 66 of the total 147 parking spaces on the property.

#### **ENGINEERING/PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS**

The petitioner is not proposing any changes to the site that would result in public improvements. All required infrastructure exists and adequately services the property.

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD COMMENT**

Notice was provided to all property owners within 250 feet of the subject property in addition to posting a public hearing sign on the subject property and publishing a notice in *Downers Grove Suburban Life*. Staff has received one inquiry about the petition expressing concerns related to parking and the potential spillover of parking onto the neighboring property.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

The petitioner is requesting an amendment to an approved Special Use to allow all uses expressly permitted in the M-1 Zoning District at 2300 Wisconsin Avenue. Staff finds that the proposal does not meet all of the standards for granting a Special Use as outlined below:

## Section 28.12.050.H Approval Criteria

No special use may be recommended for approval or approved unless the respective review or decision-making body determines that the proposed special use is constituent with and in substantial compliance with all Village Council policies and plans and that the applicant has presented evidence to support each of the following conclusions:

- 1. That the proposed use is expressly authorized as a Special Use in the district in which it is to be located; The property is located in the M-1, Light Manufacturing zoning district. The development was approved through a Special Use process under a previous version of the Zoning Ordinance. The current uses on the property are consistent with Ordinance 5265 and are permitted in the underlying zoning district and the current Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment to the Special Use is to provide the option to consider all uses allowed in the M-1, Light Manufacturing zoning district. This standard has been met.
- That the proposed use at the proposed location is necessary or desirable to provide a service or a facility
  that is in the interest of public convenience and will contribute to the general welfare of the
  neighborhood or community.
  - While the uses permitted under the M-1 zoning district are compatible with the surrounding properties similarly zoned, the high density of this development creates the unique challenge of adequately allocating

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available parking across various uses and tenant spaces. The Special Use approving three buildings with 55 units on the property in 2012 identified some traffic, circulation and parking challenges and therefore conditions were placed by the Village Council to limit the types of uses to uses that would be less parking intensive and commensurate with the development plan. By expanding the allowed uses to all uses permitted in the M-1 District, parking overspill and parking in access drive aisles may result. There are no site changes proposed that affect the original determination by Village Council. Therefore, the proposed amendment is not in the interest of public convenience and does not contribute to the general welfare of the neighborhood or community. This standard is not met.

3. That the proposed use will not, in the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity or be injurious to property values or improvements in the vicinity.

The proposal to allow all uses in the M-1 zoning district includes uses that generate a greater traffic and parking demand as discussed above. It includes the potential for auto-oriented uses, such as personal vehicle repair and maintenance, to generate heavier traffic and parking needs. Given the tight circulation and site constraints, some typical M-1 allowed uses may not be compatible with the site. Also, at the time of the original development, the site plan did not take into account different elements that would have allowed for greater flexibility with uses such as pedestrian access, circulation, stacking and other issues. Therefore, the proposed use will be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of persons residing in or working in the vicinity. This standard has not been met.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The request to amend the Special Use Ordinance for 2300 Wisconsin Avenue, to remove all use restrictions and allow all uses expressly permitted in the M-1 Zoning District, is not consistent with Ordinance 5625 as adopted by Village Council in 2012. No change in the conditions or development have occurred since Council first placed the use restrictions. Based on the findings listed in this report, Staff recommends that the petitioner's request be **denied**; however Staff recommends amending the approved uses from 2012 to the categories in the current Zoning Ordinance shown below in the conditions:

- 1. The Special Use shall substantially conform to the staff report, except as such plans may be modified to conform to the Village codes and ordinances.
- 2. The property may be occupied by the following use types from Table 5-1 in the Zoning Ordinance:
  - a. Building service
  - b. Business support service
  - c. Consumer maintenance and repair
  - d. Research service
  - e. Business and professional office
  - f. Medical, dental and health practitioner
  - g. Warehouse
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  - k. General industrial
- 3. The petitioner shall provide the Village with updated parking vacancy numbers for the entire site with every new tenant use.
- 4. If future tenant uses are allowable Special Uses per the results of this petition, an application to Plan Commission for approval of the Special Use must still be sought.

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Staff Report Approved By:

Stanley J. Popovich, AICP

Director of Community Development

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#### PROJECT NARRATIVE

MacNeil Real Estate Holdings, LLC ("Owner") is the current owner of the property located at 2300 Wisconsin Avenue ("Property") in Downers Grove. On May 15, 2012, the Village Council approved a special use to allow construction on the Property of three principal buildings on a single lot within the M-1 Light Industrial District ("Ordinance.") The ordinance approving the Special Use limited the uses allowed on the Property to the following:

- a. Professional and Business Offices.
- b. Research and Development Facilities.
- c. Light Manufacturing including production, processing, cleaning, testing and repair limited to uses and products described in 28.902(h).
- d. Wholesale and warehousing, storage and distribution facilities, excluding motor freight terminals or self-storage facilities (mini-warehouses); however, no single tenant shall contain more than 10,000 square feet.
- e. Uses accessory to the above-listed permitted uses.

The project was completed and opened on October 1, 2014. Since that time, it has encountered challenges leasing the units due to the limits placed on the allowable uses. Currently, only 29 of 55 total units are leased (as are depicted on the attached site plan and list of existing tenants.) The Owner has actively marketed the property over the past 21 months, to no avail. Advertisements for leasing opportunities have been published in the Naperville Sun and the Doings Newspaper, which serves Hinsdale, Clarendon Hills, La Grange (Park), Western Springs, Oak Brook, Elmhurst, Burr Ridge, Indian Head Park, Oakbrook Terrace and Westchester. In addition, advertisements have been placed on various commercial real estate websites including LoopNet, City Feet, and CoStar. Failure to fully lease the Property for such an extended period of time is making the financial success of the development difficult to achieve.

There have been a minimum of seven potential uses that would have been an authorized permitted or special use in the underlying M-1 District that have been rejected by the Village of Downers Grove due to the use limitations imposed by the Ordinance. These users included a wholesale facility, personal trainer, and various motor vehicle uses. Almost all of the rejected uses would have been allowed by the M-1 District regulations as a permitted or special use. This option was not available to the Owner due to the Ordinance. Minutes of the Plan Commission and Village Board are silent as to why the additional restrictions were imposed by the Ordinance and current Village staff is unable to clarify what happened due to staff turnover.

The Owner is filing an application seeking to amend the existing Ordinance to remove the limitation on uses and permit the full range of authorized permitted and special uses allowed in the underlying M-1 District with the goal of fully leasing the development. The Owner simply seeks to be treated the same as any other owner of property located in the M-1 District and have

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the right to make a case that an authorized use meets the Code requirements. Many of the rejected uses are deemed a "special use" under the M-1 regulations. The special use process would require a hearing where evidence can be introduced that parking is available to serve the use and conditions can be placed on that use if deemed required. The Owner believes that this would be a more fair approach and allow more flexibility to lease the vacant spaces.

Owner is seeking consistent application of the Downers Grove Zoning Code. There are a number of uses such as "Animal Service" that has a similar parking requirement to the "Professional and Business Office" which is permitted by the Ordinance. It is unclear why "Animal Service" is not allowed on the Property while it has a similar parking requirement as a use allowed by the Ordinance and is allowed on other properties zoned M-1. Another example is "Personal Improvement Service" which has a similar parking requirement. This use is allowed down the street at 2474 Wisconsin Avenue, which is also located in the M-1 District, but is not allowed on the Property.

As the Parking Study prepared by KLOA concluded, existing uses are generating parking at a ratio less than anticipated allowing more parking to be utilized by future tenants. In addition, the development is an example where shared parking is working. Existing tenants with different peak parking periods have resulted in less occupied parking during the business day. This data supports the request for an amendment to the Ordinance to allow a greater variety of uses on site.

Full occupancy of the building is in the interest of the Downers Grove due to the jobs created and enhanced tax revenues paid to the Village. As an owner of three properties located within the Ellsworth Industrial Park, Owner has a history of being a responsible landlord and has strict Tenant Rules in place to ensure that this remains a high quality development from an aesthetic and operational perspective. Owner believes that the flexibility provided by the ability to lease to a larger group of potential tenants will result in the success of this project and an enhanced manufacturing environment for Downers Grove.

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# Compliance with Special Use Standards

The Owner believes that the proposed amendment to the special use complies with the standards contained in the Downers Grove Zoning Ordinance which govern approval of a special use:

"1. that the proposed use is expressly authorized as a special use in the district in which it is to be located;"

This standard is not applicable since the purpose of the original special use (i.e. to allow three principal buildings on one zoning lot) has been effectuated by successfully constructing the development in 2014.

"2. that the proposed use at the proposed location is necessary or desirable to provide a service or a facility that is in the interest of public convenience and will contribute to the general welfare of the neighborhood or community;"

The Owner is simply seeking equity by having the Village apply the same rules to the subject property as are applied to other properties located within M-1 zoning districts located throughout Downers Grove. If a use is permitted in a M-1 District, it should be allowed as of right. If the proposed use is an authorized special use, the Owner should have the right to make its case to the Village that the proposed use is consistent with the special use standards.

It is in the interest of the public convenience to fully lease the development. This will make a broader range of uses available to meet the needs of the citizens of Downers Grove and result in increased tax revenues to the Village. Failure to remove the lease restrictions will continue to hinder leasing efforts and prevent the development from becoming a successful, productive property benefitting the Village.

"3. that the proposed use will not, in the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity or be injurious to property values or improvements in the vicinity."

The Owner is seeking to remove the use restrictions from applying to the subject property and be treated like any other property owner in a M-1 District. Any use to be located within the buildings will comply with the underlying zoning and, thus, be consistent with surrounding uses and not be detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of persons working in the vicinity. In addition, this consistency with the underlying plan for the area will ensure that there are no adverse effects on property values or improvements in the vicinity. The Owner is concerned that a failure to fully lease the building and have a

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successful development will ultimately adversely impact property values and the general welfare of nearby workers.

We look forward to working with you to answer any questions that you may have regarding the proposed amendment to the special use. Please let us know if any further information or documentation is required for your review.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

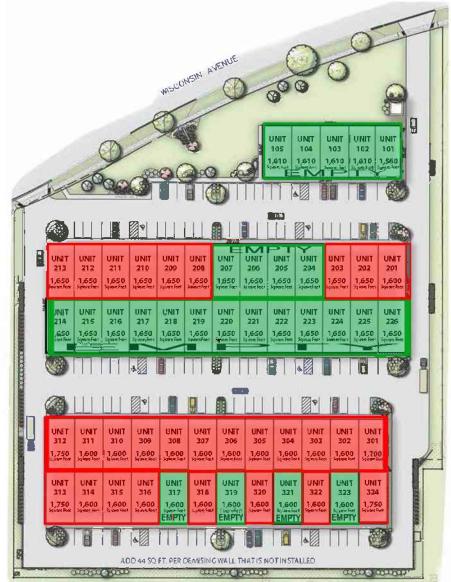
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#### Attachments

David MacNeil (via e-mail w/out attachments) cc:

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#### 2300 WISCONSIN AVENUE

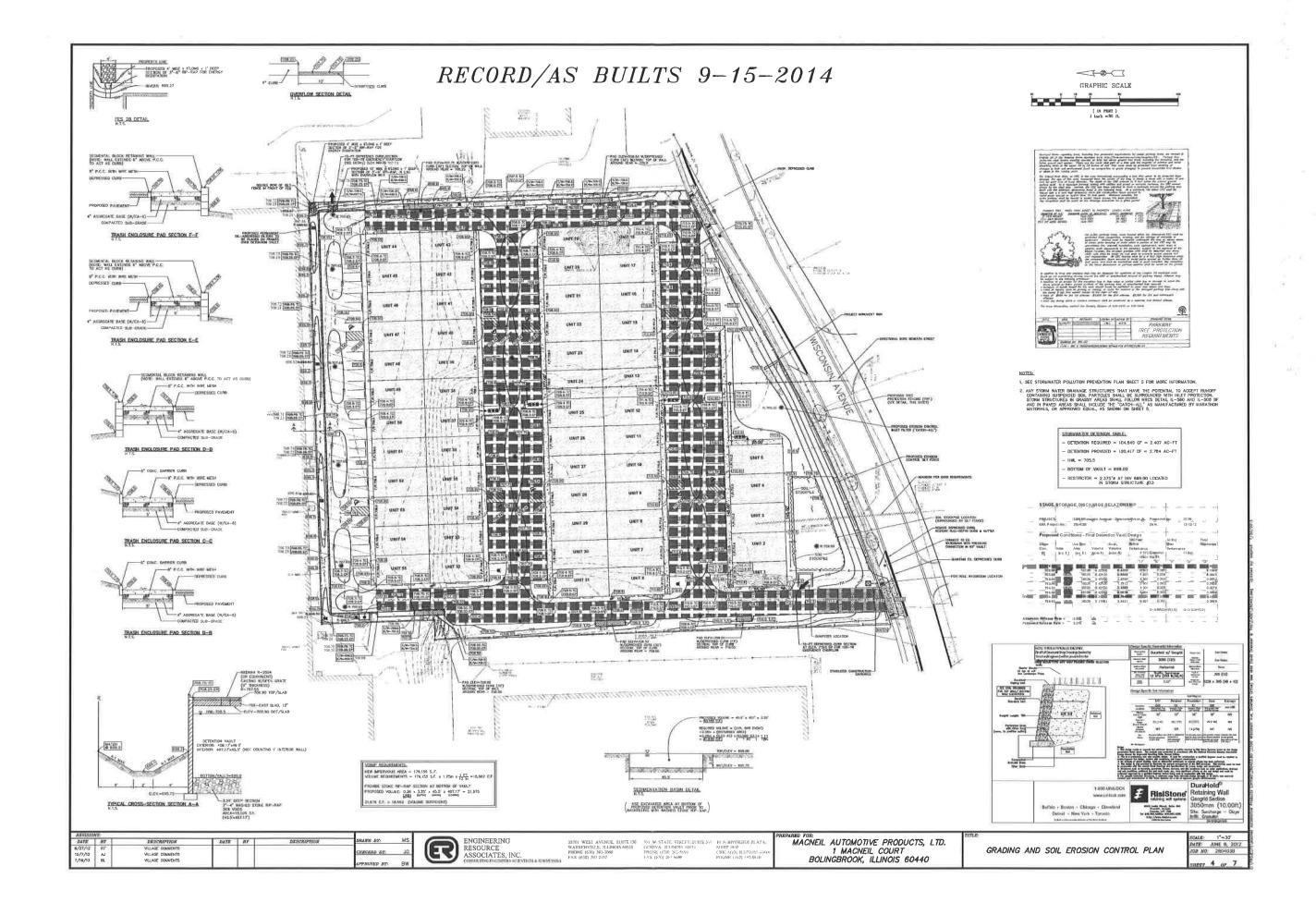
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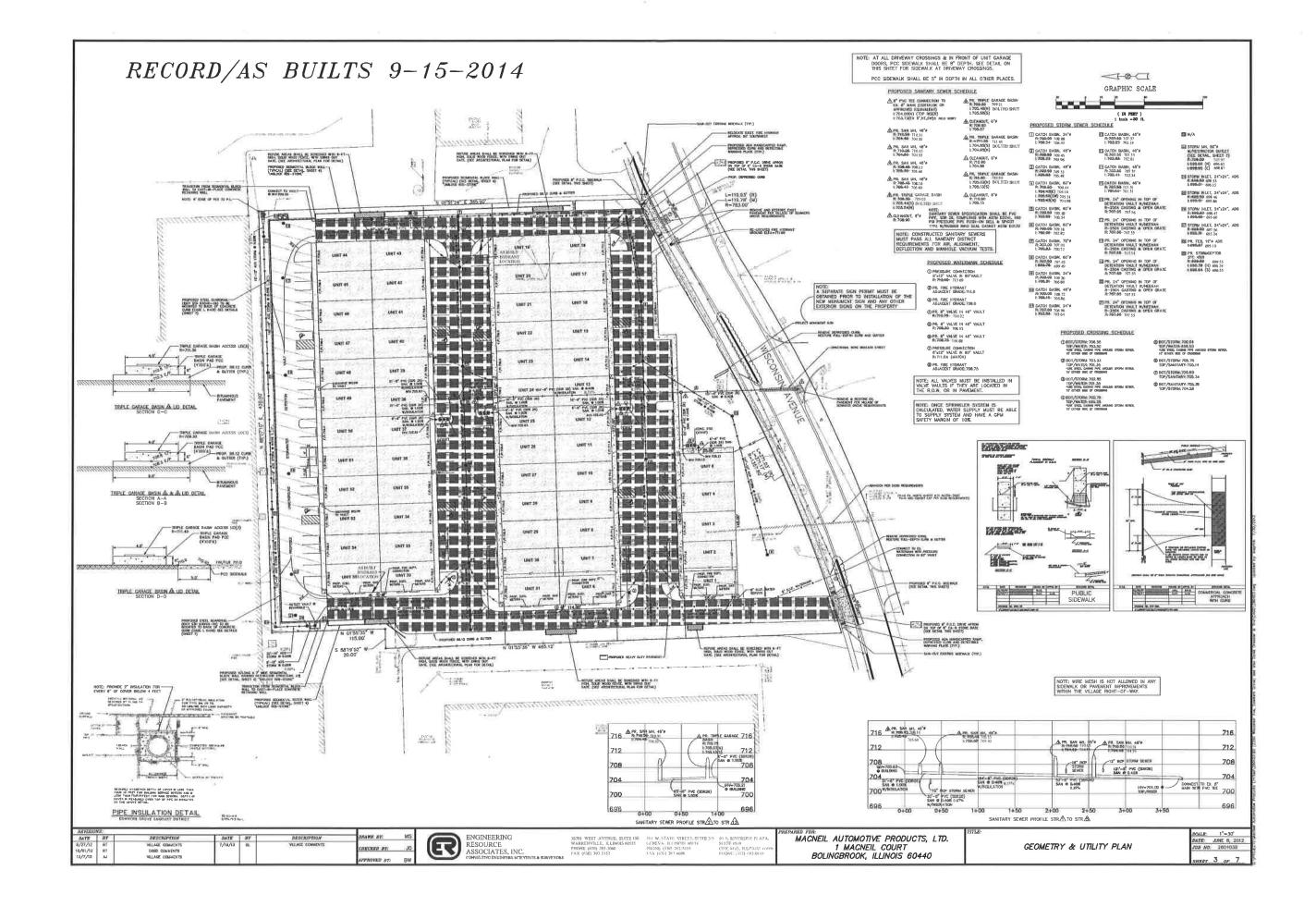
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- FLARED END SECTION WATER VALVE VAULT FIRE HYDRANT **O UTILITY MANHOLE** (430.00)UTILITY STRUCTURE TRAFFIC SIGNAL - IRON PIPE IS 0.10' SOUTH & 0.09' EAST IRON PIPE IS 0.50' SOUTH & ONLINE -D- POWER POLE MONUMENTATION FOUND CONCRETE IS 1.15' SOUTH CONCRETE IS IT SOUTH O MONUMENTATION SET (IRLS 35-2551) (50') RECORD DIMENSION
-X-FENCE LINE LOCATION MAP CURTISS STREET LOT 1 (20.00)IRON PIPE IS ON LINE & O.II' EAST POWERPOLE 15 1.2' SOUTH & ONLINE 2300 10' PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT-WISCONSIN AVE. 1.0' x 11.5' CONCRETE WALLS (TYPICAL) BITUMINOUS DRIVE IS 0.4' WEST-CHAIN LINK FENCE IS 0.4' EAST-- BHUMINOUS DRIVE IS 4.05' EAST ELMORE AVENUE -WOOD PORCH - BHILMINOUS -PARKING LOT TOTAL LOT AREA 219,211.18 SQ. FT. (5.032 ACRES) TOTAL BUILDING AREA 52,968.44 SQ. FT. (200.00') NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WISCONSIN AVENUE 654 06514 -CONC. WALK NOTE:
OUR FIELD CREW OBSERVED NO VISIBLE EVIDENCE OF EARTHWORK LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS ON THE SITE EXCEPT THAT NECESSARY TO REMOVE A SECTION OF LOT 1 IN FRANK LOPATA RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 10, 11 AND 12 IN THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 8 TO 13 INCLUSIVE IN ELLSWORTH PARK UNIT 3, SIDEWALK AND ELIMINATE AN ENTRANCE ON THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE BUILDING. THOUGH THE FOOTPRINT OF THE BUILDING REMAINS AND LOT 24 IN ELLSWORTH PARK UNIT 5 IN THE EAST HALF OF THE THE SAME AS OUR PREVIOUS SURVEY DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2005 WE CAN NOT CERTIFY THAT INTERNAL CHANGES TO THE STRUCTURE HAVE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, AND THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF OR HAVE NOT BEEN MADE. SAID FRANK LOPATA RESUBDIVISION RECORDED AUGUST 13, 1965 AS DOCUMENT R65-30445, IN DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. CHAIN LINK FENCE IS 0.35' EAST-BECAUSE OF THE SNOW COVER AT THE TIME THE FIELD WORK WAS PERFORMED THERE MAY BE GROUND LEVEL OBJECTS THAT DO NOT APPEAR ON THIS DRAWING. BITLIMINOUS DRIVE IS 0.45' WEST-Ordered By: Atlas Partners, LLC 55 E. Monroe, Suite 1890 Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 516-5707 SURVEY NOTES STATE OF ILLINOIS) SS All distances shown hereon are in feet and decimal parts thereof. BHUMINOUS DRIVE IS 5.75 EAST Compare the Legal Description, Building Lines, and Easements as shown hereon with your Deed, Title Insurance Policy or Title Commitment. REFERENCE TO: CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY POLICY # 1401880004186 EFFECTIVE DATE FEBRUARY 6, 2007 . Consult the local authorities for additional setback lines and restrictions not shown hereon. alta/acsm survey 4. Compare all survey points and report any discrepancies immediately. 2300 WISCONSIN AVE., DOWNERS GROVE DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS <sup>le:</sup> 1" = 30' FLOOD CERTIFICATION 5. Consult utility companies and municipalities prior to the start of any Fld Bk Pg: 48-00 Revision: ATLAS PARTNERS, LLC 03/16/07 CERT. & LOCATION MAP All dimensions to and along the buildings as shown hereon are exterior SIGNED AND SEALED AT WHEATON, ILLINOIS THIS 12th DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 2007.

BY Alley D. Canadala, Illinois professional land surveyor no. 35-2551.

MY LICENSE EXPIRES NOVEMBER 30, 2006 ALLEN D. CARRADUS 108 W. Liberty Drive, Wheaton, Illinois 60187 (630) 588-0416 (FAX) 653-7682 foundation measurements. 18889-AL Do Not Assume distances from scaled measurements made hereon.







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MEMORANDUM TO: Richard Curran

MacNeal Real Estate Holdings, LLC

FROM: Luay R. Aboona, PE

Principal

DATE: July 22, 2016

SUBJECT: Parking Study

2300 Wisconsin Avenue Downers Grove, Illinois

This memorandum presents the findings of a parking study conducted by Kenig, Lindgren, O'Hara, Aboona, Inc. (KLOA, Inc.) for the 2300 Wisconsin Avenue office development in Downers Grove, Illinois. The development consists of three buildings with 55 units and has a total of 89,800 square feet of gross floor area with 95 outdoor parking spaces and 55 indoor (individual garages) parking spaces for a total of 150 spaces. The development is currently 53 percent occupied (29 occupied units) with Building 1 vacant, Building 2 35 percent occupied, and Building 3 83 percent occupied. **Figure 1** is an aerial view of the development.

The purpose of this parking study is to determine the adequacy of the parking supply in meeting the parking needs of the existing uses, establish the parking ratio for the uses, and confirm the adequacy of the parking supply for future tenants of the development.

# **Parking Occupancy Surveys**

Parking occupancy surveys of the existing parking were conducted on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 and Friday, July 15, 2016 at various times of the day to determine current occupancy levels and peak demand. **Table 1** summarizes the results of the surveys for each day by the following parking areas:

- Area 1: Between Buildings 1 and 2 with 42 outdoor spaces (three handicap) and
  - 18 indoor spaces
- Area 2: Between Buildings 2 and 3 with 36 outdoor spaces (four handicap) and 25

indoor spaces

- Area 3: North of Building 3 with 17 outdoor spaces (two handicap) and 12 indoor

spaces

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**Aerial View of Site Location** 

Figure 1

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Table 1 PARKING OCCUPANCY SURVEYS

Time -		Available			
i iiie ——	1	2	3	Total	Parking
Wednesday, July	13, 2016				
10:00 A.M.	9	6	6	24	129
12:00 P.M.	10	6	8	24	126
2:00 P.M.	16	9	6	31	119
4:00 P.M.	20	7	6	33	117
6:00 P.M.	31	4	7	42	108
8:00 P.M.	32	5	3	40	110
Friday, July 15,	2016				
11:00 A.M.	15	6	11	32	118
1:00 P.M.	15	7	8	30	120
3:00 P.M.	18	8	6	32	118
5:00 P.M.	16	4	7	27	123
7:00 P.M.	40	3	2	45	105
9:00 P.M.	42	6	2	50	100

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As can be seen, the peak parking demand on Wednesday occurred at 6:00 P.M. with 42 occupied spaces or 28 percent of available spaces. On Friday, the peak demand occurred at 9:00 P.M. with 50 occupied spaces or 33 percent of available spaces.

# **Parking Evaluation**

The results of the parking occupancy surveys show that parking is readily available during the day. The peak demand occurs after regular business hours and is influenced by the demand of Alter Brewing Company. The peak demand during regular business hours is 33 spaces occurring on Wednesday at 4:00 P.M. which is 22 percent of available parking spaces. These results indicate the following:

- Shared parking is currently working well due to the different peak parking characteristics of the uses including Alter Brewing Company.
- The overall parking ratio of occupied spaces is 1.72 spaces per occupied unit which occurs at 9:00 P.M.
- During regular business hours, the parking demand ratio is 1.14 spaces per occupied unit occurring at 4:00 P.M.
- The available parking spaces (117 spaces), when compared to the vacant units (26 units), will translate into a ratio of 4.5 spaces per unit, which far exceeds the observed demand.

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Tenant 2300 Wisconsin Ave.	Units	Contact : Person and Number	e email
Building 1			
Empty	101		
Empty	102		
Empty	103		
Empty	104		
Empty	105		
Building 2 South			
Fastenal	201-203	Kirk Decker 630-795-1081	kdecker@fastenal.com
Empty	204		
Empty	205		
Empty	206		
Empty	207		
Custom Cabinet Connections	208	Pete Guardi 630-688-2448	pguardi@comcast.net
Alter Brewery		David Yob 773-203-9434	davidyob@gmail.com
	212-213		
Building 2 North Side			
Empty	214		
Empty	215		
Empty	216		
Empty	217		
Empty	218		
Empty	219		
Empty	220		
Empty	221		
Empty	223		
Empty	224		
Empty	225		
Empty	226		
Building 3 South Side			
Olsen Motor Sports	301-302	Tim Olsen 312 810-5353	Olsenmotorsports@me.com
Boo Coo Enterprises	303	ED Brackett ( 630-484-6779	9 Edbrackett4@gmail.com
All Around Vending	304	Dennis Neisteom 630-674-	7 <u>Snacktime@hotmail.com</u>
Apple and Sons Vending	305	Anthony Appleyard 708-83	7 aapples1992@sbcglobal.com
Tim Hendricks	308	Tim Hendricks 312-513-247	1

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John Kucera	309	John Kucera 630-887-7510 jdkucera@comcast.net
Saratore Resource Group	310	David Iverson 773- 399- 959 <u>DSIverson@weathertech.com</u>
The Car Stall	311-312	Patrick Wolmak <u>pwomack20@aol.com</u>
Building 3 northside		
Naperville property's	313	Joel Weinberger 630-388-54 jkw@continentalmotors.com
Sievers & Stevens Const	314	Mike Stevens Michael Stevens. <mike@sieversan< td=""></mike@sieversan<>
Vulcan Motot Sports	315	Anthony 331-588-9083 Tonyd8620@gmail.com
Empty Empty	316 317	
McBath Construction	318	Mike McBath 708-654-8204
Empty	319	
Epoc Construction	320	Dan Deem 630-808-7962 <u>ddeem@epochconstrction.com</u>
Empty	312	
1st Class Garage Door	322	Branden Suva 630-532-8937 fcgdoor@gmail.com
empty	323	
Todd Hensley	324	Todd Hensley 417-830-2990 Todd@toddsdomain.com

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# ORDINANCE NO. \_5265\_\_\_\_

# AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE PRINCIPAL BUILDINGS ON A SINGLE LOT AT 2300 WISCONSIN AVENUE

WHEREAS, the following described property, to wit:

Lot 1 in Frank Lopata Resubdivision of Lots 10, 11 and 12 in the Resubdivision of Lots 8 to 13 inclusive in Ellsworth Park Unit 3, and Lot 24 in Ellsworth Park Unit 5 in the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 12, and the north half of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 38 North, Range 10 East of the third principal meridian, according to the plat of said Frank Lopata Resubdivision recorded August 13, 1965 as Document R65-30445, in DuPage County, Illinois,

Commonly known as 2300 Wisconsin Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515 (PIN 08-12-407-006)

(hereinafter referred to as the "Property") is presently zoned "M-1 -Light Manufacturing District" under the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Downers Grove; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the Property has filed with the Plan Commission, a written petition conforming to the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance, requesting that a Special Use per Section 28.1300SEC (a) of the Zoning Ordinance be granted to permit construction of three principal buildings on a single lot; and,

WHEREAS, such petition was referred to the Plan Commission of the Village of Downers Grove on April 2, 2012, and said Plan Commission has given the required public notice, has conducted a public hearing respecting said petition and has made its findings and recommendations, all in accordance with the statutes of the State of Illinois and the ordinances of the Village of Downers Grove; and,

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission has recommended approval of the requested Special Use, subject to certain conditions; and,

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds that the evidence presented in support of said petition, as stated in the aforesaid findings and recommendations of the Plan Commission, is such as to establish the following:

- 1. The proposed use at that particular location requested is necessary or desirable to provide a service or a facility which is in the interest of public convenience and will contribute to the general welfare of the neighborhood or community.
- 2. The proposed use will not, under the circumstances of the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity or injurious to property values or improvements in the vicinity.
- 3. The proposed use will comply with the regulations specified in this Zoning Ordinance for the district in which the proposed use is to be located.
- 4. The proposed use is one of the special uses specifically listed for the district in which it is to be located and, if approved with restrictions as set forth in this ordinance, will comply with the provisions of the Downers Grove Zoning Ordinance regulating this Special Use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, in DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. That a Special Use of the Property is hereby granted to permit construction of three principal buildings on a single lot within the M-1 zoning district.

# SECTION 2. This approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The Special Use shall substantially conform to the staff report, engineering plans prepared by Engineering Resource Associates, Inc. dated February 24, 2012 and architectural plans prepared by Fergon Architects, LLC., dated February 21, 2012, except as such plans may be modified to conform to the Village codes and ordinances.
- 2. The applicant shall obtain an extension of the Special Use from Village Council if the construction of Phase II does not commence on or before May 1, 2014.
- 3. The Special Use shall be limited to the following uses:
  - a. Professional and Business Offices
  - b. Research and Development Facilities
  - c. Light Manufacturing including production, processing, cleaning, testing and repair limited to uses and products described in 28.902(h).
  - d. Wholesale and warehousing, storage and distribution facilities, excluding motor freight terminals or self-storage facilities (mini-warehouses); however, no single tenant shall contain more than 10,000 square feet.
  - e. Uses accessory to the above-listed permitted uses.
- 4. The proposed sidewalk on the private property shall be connected to the existing public sidewalk along Wisconsin Avenue.
- 5. All new signage on the property shall conform to the Sign Ordinance. A separate sign permit is required prior to installation of any new signage on the property.
- 6. Private fire hydrants shall be provided within 100 feet of the Fire Department connection and no greater than 300 feet apart.
- 7. The buildings shall have fire suppression and detection systems in a manner suitable to the Fire Prevention Bureau Chief.

SECTION 3. The above conditions are hereby made part of the terms under which the Special Use is granted. Violation of any or all of such conditions shall be deemed a violation of the Village of Downers Grove Zoning Ordinance, the penalty for which may include, but is not limited to, a fine and or revocation of the Special Use granted herein.

<u>SECTION 4</u>. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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Passed: May 15, 2012 Published: May 16, 2012

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Attest: Village Clerk

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with the environmental standards set forth in Article XX. The Plan Commission may in its discretion require that there be furnished favorable certification by a registered professional engineer approved by the Plan Commission covering any one or more of such environmental standards; and

(3) Such proposed activity will be in compliance with all applicable provisions of this Zoning Ordinance. (Ord. 4628, Amended, 12/07/2904; Ord. 4527, Amended, 08/19/2003; 4164 Amended, 12/07/1999; 4069, Enacted 10/05/1998)

Article IX. Manufacturing Districts (4069, Enacted, 10/05/1998)

# 28.900. Manufacturing Districts - General Provisions.

- (a) All uses and structures within a manufacturing district shall comply with the requirements of this Article, as well as all other applicable requirements found in this Zoning Ordinance. This includes, but is not limited to applicable regulations governing height, lot area, lot width, open space, lot coverage, floor area, floor area ratio, setback and yard requirements found in Article XI; off street parking requirements found in Article XIV; environmental regulations set forth in Article XX; sign requirements found in Article XV; use requirements found in Article X; and special use requirements found in Article XIX and, for Planned Developments, the requirements found in Article XVI.
- (b) All manufacturing, processing, or assembly of materials and products must be carried on in a manner not injurious or offensive to the occupants of adjacent property by reason of the emission of odors, fumes or gases, dust, smoke, noise, vibrations, or fire hazards. (4069, Enacted, 10/05/1998)

# 28.901. M-1 Districts - General Provisions.

- (a) Since most uses permitted in this district will be in proximity to residence districts, it is hereby declared that performance standards shall be high, and that all manufacturing, processing, or assembly of materials and products must be carried on in a manner not injurious or offensive to the occupants of adjacent premises by reason of the emission of odors, fumes or gases, dust, smoke, noise, vibrations, or fire hazards.
- (b) Any production, processing, cleaning, servicing, testing, repair, or storage of goods, materials or products shall take place without creating disturbing influences to the use and occupancy of adjoining properties.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided herein, and except for authorized temporary uses, all uses shall be conducted wholly within enclosed buildings. Within one hundred fifty (150) feet of the nearest point of any residence district, all storage shall be in completely enclosed structures, and storage located elsewhere in this district may be open to the sky, but shall be enclosed by solid wall or fence eight (8) feet high, including solid doors or gates thereto. However, open off-street loading facilities and open off-street parking facilities for the storage of motor vehicles may be unenclosed throughout the district except for such screening of parking and loading facilities as may be required under the provisions of Article XIV.

(4069, Enacted, 10/05/1998)

# 28.902. M-1 Districts - Permitted uses.

The following uses are allowed in the M-1 Light Manufacturing District as permitted uses:

(a) Uses permitted in the B-3 General Ser-

vices and Highway Business District, which are not permitted in other business districts.

- (b) Animal hospitals, pounds, and shelters
- (c) Banks and financial institutions
- (d) Day care center. (See Section 28-1017.)
- (e) Fuel and ice sales
- (f) Gymnasiums

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- (g) Production, processing, cleaning, testing and repair limited to the following uses and products:
  - (1) Advertising displays
- (2) Art and needlework and hand weaving
  - (3) Artificial limb manufacture
  - (4) Awnings, venetian blinds
  - (5) Bakeries
  - (6) Batteries
  - (7) Beverages, non-alcoholic
  - (8) Bicycles
  - (9) Blacksmith shops
- (10) Blueprinting and photostating establishments
- (11) Boat building and repair of pleasure craft
- (12) Books hand binding and tooling
- (13) Bottling works beverage or creamery
  - (14) Brushes and brooms
- (15) Camera and other photographic equipment, except film
  - (16) Candy manufacture
  - (17) Canvas and canvas products
- (18) Carpentry and woodworking shops
  - (19) Carpet and rug cleaning
  - (20) Caskets and casket supplies
- (21) Ceramic products such as pottery and small glazed tile
  - (22) Clothing manufacture
  - (23) Cold storage plants
  - (24) Cosmetics and toiletries
  - (25) Dentures
  - (26) Drugs

- (27) Dry cleaning establishments
- (28) Dwellings for watchmen, located on the premises where employed.
- (29) Electric appliances, such as lighting fixtures, irons, fans, toasters, and electric toys.
- (30) Food products, processing and combining of baking, boiling, canning, cooking, dehydrating, freezing, frying, grinding, mixing and pressing.
  - (31) Frozen food lockers
- (32) Fur goods, not including tanning or dyeing
- (33) Glass products, from previously manufactured glass
- (34) Hair, felt and feather products (except washing, curling and dyeing)
  - (35) Hat bodies of fur and wool felt
  - (36) House trailers or mobile homes
  - (37) Ice, dry and natural
- (38) Ink mixing and packaging and inked ribbons
  - (39) Insecticides
  - (40) Jewelry
- (41) Laboratories, medical, dental, research, experimental and testing
  - (42) Laundries
- (43) Leather products, including shoes and machine belting
  - (44) Luggage
- (45) Machine shops for tool, die and pattern making
- (46) Machinery, farm sales, repairing and overhauling
  - (47) Medical and dental clinics.
- (48) Metal finishing, plating, grinding, sharpening, polishing, cleaning, rust-proofing and heat treatment.
- (49) Metal stamping and extrusion of small products, such as costume jewelry, pins and needles, razor blades, bottle caps, buttons and kitchen utensils.
  - (50) Monument works
  - (51) Musical instruments
  - (52) Offices, business and profes-

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- (53) Orthopedic and medical appliances, such as artificial limbs, braces, supports and stretchers.
- (54) Paper products, small, such as envelopes and stationery, bags, boxes, tubes, and wallpaper printing.
- (55) Perfumes and perfumed soaps, compounding and packaging only.
- (56) Pharmaceutical products, compounding and packaging
- (57) Plastic manufacture and processing
- (58) Precision instruments, such as optical, medical and drafting
- (59) Printing, lithographing, or publishing establishments for letter press, business cards, mimeographing and other similar custom services, newspaper publishing, including engraving and photo-engraving.
- (60) Products from finished materials plastic, bone, cork, feathers, felt, fibre, fur, glass, hair, horn, leather, paper, precious and semi-precious stones, rubber, shell, or yarn.
- (61) public service facilities, including electric distribution substations, fire and police stations, telephone exchange and similar uses.
- (62) Repair of household or office machinery or equipment
- (63) Rubber products, small and synthetic treated fabrics, (excluding all rubber and synthetic processing), such as washers, gloves, footwear, bathing caps and atomizers.
  - (64) Sheet metal shops
  - (65) Silverware, plate and sterling
  - (66) Sign painting
- (67) Soap and detergents, packaging only
  - (68) Soldering and welding
- (69) Sporting and athletic equipment, such as balls, baskets, cues, gloves, bats, racquets and rods.

- (70) Statuary, mannequins, figurines, and religious and church art goods, excluding foundry operations.
- (71) Textiles spinning, weaving, manufacturing, dyeing, printing, knit goods, yarn, thread, and cordage, but not including textile bleaching.
  - (72) Truck repair garages
- (73) Tools and hardware, such as bolts, nuts and screws, doorknobs, drills, hand tools and cutlery, hinges, house hardware, locks, non-ferrous metal castings, and plumbing appliances.
  - (74) Toys
  - (75) Umbrellas
- (76) Upholstering (bulk), including mattress manufacturing, rebuilding and renovating.
- (77) Vehicles, children's such as bicycles, scooters, wagons, and baby carriages
  - (78) Watches
- (79) Wood products such as furniture, boxes, crates, baskets, and pencils, and cooperage corks.
- (h) Wholesale and warehousing, storage and distribution Facilities, excluding motor freight terminals or self-storage facilities (mini-warehouses).
- (i) Public and community service uses
- (j) Adult Entertainment Establishments. (See Section 28-1011.)
- (k) Telecommunications Towers. (See Section 28-1307.)
- (1) Uses incidental to permitted uses as follows:
  - (1) Signs.
- (2) Incidental retail sales of products, parts or service directly related to a permitted use.
- (3) Temporary buildings for construction purposes for a period not to exceed the duration of such construction. (Ord. 4628, Amended, 12/07/2004; Ord. 4598, Amended, 07/06/2004; 4164,

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Amended, 12/07/1999; 4150, Amended, 08/16/1999; 4069, Enacted, 10/05/1998)

28.903. M-1 Districts - Special Uses. The following uses are allowed in the M-1 Light Manufacturing District as special uses:

- (a) Aircraft landing areas.
- (b) Automobile Dealerships.
- (c) Automobile Laundries.
- (d) Automobile Repair.
- (e) Automobile Service Stations. (See Section 28-1018.)
- (f) Banks and financial institution drive-in type facilities.
- (g) Planned developments. (See Article XVI.)
- (h) Railroad and motor freight terminal, railroad switching facilities.
- (i) Recycling collection facilities. (See Section 28-1007.)
- (j) Self-storage facilities, including miniwarehouses. (See Section 28-1010.) (Ord. 4628, Amended, 12/07/2004; 4150, Amended, 08/16/1999; 4069, Enacted, 10/05/1998)

# M-2 District - General Provisions.

In the M-2 Restricted Manufacturing District all uses are subject to the following conditions:

(a) The M-2 District is intended generally to accommodate nuisance-free operations, such as headquarters offices, research laboratories, and restricted industrial activities. The standards prescribed for this district are intended to ensure the creation of an environment in which each use is a credit to the others and the investment in well-designed and maintained heilities and grounds is secured by the maintenance of the highest reasonable standards throughout the district. All uses shall be in Reeping with the character of the district and shall not be detrimental to the orderly and harme-

nious development and maintenance of the Yillage as a whole and nearby districts.

- (b) Except as otherwise provided, except for authorized temporary uses, all remitted uses shall be conducted wholly within enclosed buildings. Within five hundred ' (500) feet of the nearest point of any residence district, all storage shall be in comple ely enclosed structures, and storage located elsewhere in this district may be open to be sky, but shall be enclosed by solid wall or fence eight (8) feet high, including sold doors or gates thereto; provided that dif-street loading facilities and off-street parling facilities for the storage of vehicles may be unenclosed throughout the district except for such screening of parking and loading facilities as may be required under the provisions of Article XIV.
- (c) All areas on a zoning lot not occupied by structures, pavement or similar improvements shall be landscaped.
- (d) All activity involving the storage, utilization, or manufacture of materials or products which decompose by detonation shall be prohibited. Such prohibited materials shall include, but not limited to, all primary explosives such as lend azide and lead styphnate, fulminate of mercury; all high explosives and boosters, such as TNT, RDX, tetryl and ammonium nitrate; black powder, ammonium perchlorate, and niroguanidine; blasting explosives such as dynamite and nitroglycerine pyrotechnics and fir works materials such as powdered magnesium, potassium chlorate; rocket fuels such as lydrazine nitrate and nuclear fuels, fissionable materials and products, and reactor elemen as Uranium 235 and Plutonium 239. (4069, Enacted, 10/05/1998)

# , 28.905. M-2 District - Permitted uses.

The following uses are allowed in the M-2 Restricted Manufacturing District

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# VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE PLAN COMMISSION MEETING PUBLIC HEARING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

Chairman Rickard called the September 12, 2016 meeting of the Downers Grove Plan Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Plan Commissioners and public in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL**:

**PRESENT:** Chairman Rickard, Ms. Gassen, Ms. Hogstrom, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Quirk,

Mr. Thoman

**ABSENT:** Mr. Cronin, ex-officios Mr. Livorsi and Mr. Menninga

STAFF: Village Planners Scott Williams, Rebecca Leitschuh, Swati Pandey

VISITORS: Mr. Jason Jarrett and George Kisiel, OK-Rent Kisiel, 122 S. Michigan Ave.,

Chicago; Mr. Rich Curran, MacNeil Real Estate, 841 Remington, Boling Brook; Mr. Greg Jones, Ancel Glink, 140 S. Dearborn St., Chicago; Mssrs. Greg O'Keefe Jarrett Kreger, Daspin & Aument, 300 S. Wacker Dr., Chicago; Mr. Jeffrey Crane, 4825 Saratoga Ave., Downers Grove; Mr. Bill Styczynski, Studio 21, 221 8th Street, Downers Grove; D. Norvilas and V. Norvilas, 5440 Gunor Ave., Downers Grove; P. Yano, 5321 Webster, Downers Grove; Ms. Shanon Tully, Realty Executives, 943 Maple, Downers Grove; Mr. Brian McLachlan and Ms. Colleen McLachlan, Doggie

Depot, 4723 Elm St., Downers Grove

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<u>AUGUST 1, 2016 MINUTES</u> – MOTION BY MR. THOMAN, SECONDED BY MS. HOGSTROM, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE OF 5-0-1 (MS. GASSEN ABSTAINS)

# **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Chairman Rickard explained the protocol for the public hearings and swore in those individuals that would be speaking on the petitions below.

<u>FILE 16-PLC-0033</u>: A petition seeking to amend the existing Special Use Ordinance to allow all uses expressly permitted in the M-1 Zoning District. The property is currently zoned M-1, Light Manufacturing. The property is located on Wisconsin Avenue, 480 feet west of Belmont Road, commonly known as 2300 Wisconsin Avenue, Downers Grove, IL (PIN 08-12-407-006). MacNeil Real Estate Holdings, LLC, Owner.

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Village Planner Swati Pandey reviewed the petitioner's request to amend Ordinance No. 5265 which was approved in 2012, specifically to remove the use restrictions and allow all uses in the M-1 Light Manufacturing Zoning District. Reviewing the site, located at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and Belmont Road, Ms. Pandey referenced the plat of survey and the three buildings on the site, explaining there were certain restrictions placed on the types of uses that were permitted on it back in 2012. At that time, there were concerns raised which included the parking ratio and the high density being proposed for the site. She referenced the list of uses allowed under the ordinance being attached to staff's report.

Ms. Pandey reported the petitioner was experiencing challenges in leasing the tenant space due to the restrictions placed on the types of uses and only 53% occupancy currently existed. A quick depiction of the broad use categories allowed under Ordinance 5625 followed. However, since 2012, Ms. Pandey stated the zoning ordinance changed and some of the uses depicted were not considered to be allowed under M-1 zoning but had moved to other broader category types. Staff was asking the commission to consider those uses under a different category type under the 2014 ordinance and to continue them to be interpreted as if they were under the 2012 definition of the Industrial Uses under Ordinance 5625.

Ms. Pandey did a quick review of the comprehensive plan's recommendations for the site and the standards of approval for special use. Of particular note was the fact that the petition did not meet Standards 2 and 3 since there were concerns of high density, resulting in more traffic/parking/circulation issues and those conditions still remained. In summary, Ms. Pandey stated the proposal was not consistent with Ordinance 5625 as adopted by Council in 2012 and, based on staff's findings, staff recommended denial of the petition; however, staff recommended amending the approved uses from 2012 to the categories in the current zoning ordinance shown in staff's report (pgs. 5 and 6).

Questions from the commission included how many parking spaces would be needed to allow the development to include all uses in the standard M1, to which Ms. Leitschuh stated 1.7 per 1,000 square feet and it depended upon the uses on a case by case basis. She found that each of the three buildings, having their own unique set of uses, was very unique. Details followed. Turning to Standard No. 2 for approval, Ms. Pandey explained the proposed use was not complying with issues of parking, traffic and congestion in the neighborhood and complaints were already occurring with parking. Per Mr. Quirk's questions, Ms. Pandey stated that staff's analysis in its report was based on material/information from the petitioner currently and from material/information provided in 2012. A couple of commissioners pointed out the square foot of the floor area was 89,800 sq. feet and there were 147 exterior parking spaces.

Questions followed as to why certain uses were refused by staff; whether there was ever consideration to allow the permitted and special uses in the M1 district; keeping a parking log for each of the uses; and whether staff denied permitted uses on the permitted list because parking was not sufficient at the site. Ms. Leitschuh pointed out that the petitioner had to show that enough permitted parking existed or existed offsite through an agreement in order to avoid compounding issues for surrounding properties. Further assumptions regarding the parking followed by Mr. Thoman, summarizing that parking issues probably existed in 2012 and the village council placed conditions on the development because they wanted the project to move forward but limited what was considered high traffic uses. Questions followed that if the site, back in 2012, was for a 86,000 sq. foot single-story building, how much parking would be needed, wherein staff explained

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it depended upon the intended use. The range would be a minimum ratio of .67 to 4.1 maximum 1000 sq. feet.

The petitioner was invited to speak.

For the petitioner, Bridgett O'Keefe, attorney with Daspin & Aument, 300 S. Wacker, Chicago, on behalf of MacNeil Real Estate Holdings (owner of the property), confirmed the owner was seeking an amendment to the special use governing the property to remove the restriction on uses and allow a full range of M-1 permitted and special uses.

Attorney and friend of the petitioner, Robert Aument, 4721 Wallbank Avenue, Downers Grove, shared some business and personal background about Mr. David MacNeil, who is the founder of Weather Tech Floors and Mats and whom purchased a few properties in the village, one of them being 2300 Wisconsin. Mr. Aument shared how Mr. MacNeil improved the site from its original condition back in 2007 but had to turn away potential tenants due to the burdensome restrictions placed on his property, which were not imposed on other properties located in the industrial park within the M-1 zoning district. He wanted to have the same uses offered to other M-1 properties.

Ms. O'Keefe proceeded to "interview" Mr. Rich Curran, property manger for the subject property by asking him a number of questions including how many units existed (55), how many were leased (33 with 22 tenants), the type of tenants on-site (light industrial companies using space for storage); how tenants are found for the site and the difficulties of finding tenants. Mr. Curran summarized some examples of tenants that would fit in the building nicely, including an exercise facility, a yoga facility, a physical therapy office, and smaller types of businesses. Ms. O'Keefe added that 7 to 9 uses were denied by the village. Mr. Curran reviewed rules for the site, such as no overnight parking, no truck parking, and no storage in the common areas. (Ms. O'Keefe distribute copies of the rules) To date, Mr. Curran said there were no issues at the site since he visited the site twice daily.

Per Mr. Thoman's question, Mr. Curran stated the 7 to 9 tenants that were denied were denied in the past year and in the past year there were 5 to 6 new tenants added. A typical lease was 1 to 5 years.

Mr. Luay Aboona, traffic and parking consultant with KLOA in Rosemont, reviewed the parking/occupancy survey done for the 55-unit facility taken on a Wednesday and a Friday, 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM during various hours of the day and divided into three areas on the site. He noted the parking demand during the day was not very high but what was driving the parking was the Alter Brewery. The peak for the overall facility appeared to be 9:00 PM on Friday with 50 parking spaces occupied, which calculated to be 1 space per 1,000 and left 2.5 spaces per 1000 sq. feet of available square footage for future tenants which was higher than the 1.7 that was provided.

During business hours, however, Mr. Aboona pointed out that the park demand was less, or 33 spaces at 4:00 PM which left almost 2.8 spaces per 1,000 available for future tenants. Details followed. From his analysis, the parking demand was lower than what was provided. He believed ample parking existed for multiple types of tenants and stated the shared parking was working between the tenants. Further details were explained.

Ms. O'Keefe returned and pointed out that most of the uses on-site were classified as light industrial or storage and the code parking requirements for wholesale/distribution/storage was .67 per 1,000

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while industrial was 1.17 per 1,000 and <u>not</u> 1.7, which was why the parking was working very well and the surplus parking existed.

Mr. George Kisiel, land use expert and president with OK-Rent Kisiel Associates, shared his professional background and was retained by MacNeil Real Estate. He reviewed the history of the special use when it was granted in May of 2012 for three buildings on the site, noting the original staff report was in support of the proposal and the proposal was consistent with the village's comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance standards. At that time staff anticipated the 1.17 ratio per 1,000 sq. feet would be adequate for light industrial. However, 1.7 per 1000 was provided for the development and no matter what use, an adequate amount of parking would have to be demonstrated for each use. He confirmed additional use conditions were placed on the site by the village council. Of note, however, Mr. Kisiel stated that while about 150 parking spaces existed on the site, in certain circumstances another 55 spaces could be utilized on-site through the use of tandem parking and valet service. Specifics of the parking lot, current tenants, as well as a quick review of Mr. Aboona's parking analysis followed. Other uses in the industrial park were described as well as the parking ratio for other, nearby multi-tenant buildings in the area, including 2416 and 2500 Wisconsin Avenue, which had a 0.4 floor area ratio and a 1.7 parking ratio while immediately west of the subject building, 2302 Wisconsin, had a 0.4 floor area ratio and 2.2 per 1,000 parking standard.

Mr. Kisiel reviewed each of the three standards for approval of the special use. He and staff agreed Standard No. 1 was met. With regard to Standard No. 2, whether the proposed use is necessary or desirable to provide a service or facility that is in the interest of public convenience etc., Mr. Kisiel emphasized the importance of providing jobs to the area and agreed the M-1 District was appropriate for its location. Its uses were also appropriate and were supported by the village's comprehensive plan. He stated Standard No. 2 was met. However, Mr. Kisiel also pointed out the fact that staff now disagreed with Standard No. 2 by pointing out that the site was too dense and caused parking and circulation issues. He reminded the commissioners that density was measured by floor area ratio and not by the number of units on a site and, currently a .04 floor area ratio existed which was less than half of what was allowed in the M-1 District and was similar to nearby uses and light industrial uses, as constructed. Evidence in support of Standard No. 2 followed by Mr. Kisiel, including staff reports from 2012.

As to Standard No. 3, whether the proposed use will be detrimental to the health, safety, and general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity, or be injurious to property values, etc., Mr. Kisiel stated the M-1 uses were compatible with the nearby land uses and were supported by the village's comprehensive plan. The development was well maintained with the site being fifty percent leased and showed no issues with traffic or site circulation and presented no threat to health, safety, and general welfare, nor property value. Standard No. 3 was met. However he pointed out that staff disagreed with this criteria, giving similar reasons as stated in Standard No. 2.

Mr. Kisiel closed by stating that in-place use restrictions from special use Ordinance #5265 were unnecessary and were burdensome to the applicant compared to similar properties and it served no public purpose. The proposal was consistent with the applicable standards for special uses and granting the proposed amendment would have no adverse impacts.

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Per Mr. Quirk's question, Mr. Aboona returned and stated there was enough cushion if a couple of tenants with higher parking ratios came to the development. Mr. Thoman asked for clarification of the comparisons used for the other nearby properties.

Of the 7 tenants that were denied, Ms. Leitschuh stated the majority were denied due to the uses listed in the ordinance. As for the multiple buildings on the site, she clarified to the chairman that in the 2014 ordinance update, it was no longer a special use and the development would, instead, come before the commission as either a planned unit development application or as an Institutional INP2 development (civic/governmental type building).

Mr. Aboona returned and addressed internal and external tenant parking spaces on the site for Mr. Thoman.

Ms. O'Keefe, attorney for the petitioner, proceeded to "interview" Mr. Kevin Grayhill, project director for MacNeil Real Estate, and wanted to clarify some of the confusion that appeared to exist in the process of obtaining the special use in 2012, specifically since there was a statement in staff's report stating that Mr. MacNeil agreed to the restrictive conditions, which she said he did not. Mr. Grayhill confirmed that parking for the proposal, at that time, would be handled and individually reviewed on a tenant by tenant basis by staff. Mr. Grayhill confirmed that he did meet with village staff prior to the buildings being constructed to confirm that the development would fall under the M-1 District. He stated there was no discussion of putting any restrictions on uses at the 2012 Plan Commission meeting. (O'Keefe submits copy of April 2, 2012 Plan Commission meeting minutes.) However, as to restrictions and the type of uses within the development, Ms. O'Keefe pointed out there was a reference to Planner Damir Latinovic stating that the only restrictions would be based on the parking requirements because it was anticipated they would be reviewed on a case by case basis, consistent with what staff stated tonight.

Discussing the May 1, 2012 village council hearing, Ms. O'Keefe confirmed with Mr. Grayhill that there were questions about the types of uses that could be used on-site but that there were no serious discussions of restrictions on uses that took place. Listening to the May 1, 2012 hearing herself, Ms. O'Keefe stated there were questions about the allowed uses in the M-1 District and concern about certain uses that could generate much traffic. However, she stated at that meeting that staff was asked to provide the council with a list of the uses that would be allowed in an M-1 District and that staff would provide that list to the council. There was no discussion about drafting an ordinance or eliminating the restrictions in the ordinance. Mr. Grayhill confirmed the prior statements.

Asked if Mr. Grayhill saw a copy of the draft ordinance before it went through the process, Mr. Grayhill stated he did not. He would not have agreed to the restrictions. Copies of the April 2, 2012 Plan Commission minutes, staff's report to the village board from the Plan Commission hearing, and the minutes from May 1, 2012 and May 15, 2012 Village Council hearings were provided by Ms. O'Keefe, who stated that nowhere within the documents was there an issue of such concerns being placed in writing about the restrictions be placed. She said she found no record of the restrictions being discussed in a public setting.

Chairman Rickard interjected and asked if Ms. O'Keefe ever approached the village council or staff in the past to address her concerns as to what was or was not agreed upon wherein Ms. O'Keefe explained what took place, i.e., her client kept getting denied and so they decided to do some

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research into the matter. The reason she was bring this topic forward was that she wanted the commissioners to be aware of it "from an equity point of view" because her client was being forced to abide by something they did not agree to, yet go along in good faith, while other property owners were not expected to comply with the same restrictions. She stated this was her client's chance to challenge the matter because her client did not even have a chance to file a petition.

Chairman Rickard invited the commissioners to ask questions. Mr. Thoman asked if anyone was present from MacNeil Real Estate at the village council meeting when the policy was voted on and approved? Mr. Grayhill stated he was present at the meeting and no restrictions were discussed which was why he had no need to speak. Ms. O'Keefe stated the public hearing was held on May 1, 2012 and she listened to the tape; no discussion of restrictions were voiced. Mr. Grayhill stated he was present and, again, said there was no discussion about restrictions.

Concern was raised by Mr. Thoman that this matter was moving into adjudication and outside the scope of this commission.

Chairman Rickard then opened up the meeting to public comment. No public comment received.

Ms. O'Keefe closed by summarizing how each of the three Standards for Approval were met and believed all three satisfied the requirements for the amendment and had no detrimental affect to the general health, welfare and safety of the public and there was no diminution of property values. Further supportive comments followed.

The chairman queried staff as to whether the uses that were excluded from this project, yet allowed in other M-1 districts, were due to the parking demand or because the uses in the specific project could be problematic. Ms. Leitschuh explained that the ratio 1.17 was for a low intensity M-1 use and there was the assumption that every tenant space would fall under the low intensity M-1 use but as soon as higher intensity uses were added, the 1.17 ratio increased to a 3.5 ratio per 1000 sq. feet and it became a multiplying effect and a future issue. She explained her response in greater detail.

Discussion moved toward some of the complaints that came from the site as it relates to parking. However, another commissioner pointed out that one of the witnesses stated there was no complaints received with regard to the site. Comments from the chairman included that as long as the parking worked and the uses were within the M-1 zoning, it should be fine. Staff even researched past documentation to find out how the restrictions changed and could not confirm it with documentation.

Mr. Quirk supported removing the restrictions, pointing out the Plan Commission, from its prior minutes, did not recommend the conditions and it was not an issue then and should not be an issue today. The applicant provided data to this commission and it was a hardship to them. As to how many uses would be added back to the list, Ms. Leitschuh proceeded to explain how the old ordinance had uses broken down by categories and provided examples of what types of uses would not be allowed, in general, under the M-1 zoning. Ms. Gassen pointed out, however, that some of the uses would have to come before the commission for approval anyway.

Per Ms. Johnson's question on who would limit the restrictions for certain uses, Chairman Rickard indicated the Plan Commission could place restrictions on certain uses within the M-1 district that they felt could be problematic and the commission could recommend those uses be excluded.

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Mr. Thoman voiced that he was trying to determine council's reasoning for the restrictions, which was why he was returning to the interior/exterior parking issue. In fact, he pointed out there were 55 units that were potentially taking public parking away. In viewing the slide he questioned why staff and the petitioner did not address adding diagonal parking at the eastern edge of the property which could have added 25 to 30 more spaces. Ultimately, he believed there was some common ground where the petitioner and the village could possibly work together to add some diagonal parking as well as add some permeable pavers at the southern retention area of the property. Furthermore, he questioned whether the commission could even make a recommendation to the council because the petitioner was challenging the council's restrictions.

Asked if there was anything to be gained by continuing this hearing Ms. Leitschuh stated staff went thoroughly through the files and documentation, and had even spoken to the senior staff members regarding this matter. Mr. Thoman could not understand why Standard Nos. 2 and 3 would be approved for all of the M-1 properties surrounding the petitioner's site but not for the petitioner. He believed the current project met all three special use requirements just as it did four years ago and could not find a good reason to vote against it. He did, however want the petitioner to consider additional parking.

WITH RESPECT TO FILE 16-PLC-0033, MR. QUIRK MADE A MOTION THAT THE PLAN COMMISSION FORWARD A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL AND THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER REPEALING THE SPECIAL USE CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH SPECIAL USE ORDINANCE 5625 IN ORDER TO APPROVE THE PETITIONER'S REQUEST, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) CONDITIONS LISTED IN STAFF'S REPORT:

- 1) THE PETITIONER SHALL PROVIDE THE VILLAGE WITH UPDATED PARKING VACANCY NUMBERS FOR THE ENTIRE SITE WITH EVERY NEW TENANT USE: AND
- 2) IF FUTURE TENANT USES ARE ALLOWABLE SPECIAL USES, PER THE RESULTS OF THIS PETITION, AN APPLICATION OF THE PLAN COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL USE MUST STILL BE SOUGHT.

## SECONDED BY MS. GASSEN. ROLL CALL:

AYE: MR. QUIRK, MS. GASSEN, MS. HOGSTROM, MS. JOHNSON, MR. THOMAN, CHAIRMAN RICKARD

NAY: NONE

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 6-0** 

(The commission took at 3 minute break at 8:57 p.m. and reconvened at 9:00 p.m.)