



Planning Commission Study Session Minutes

April 25, 2011

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Rick Jabs, Commissioners Robert Hall, Daniel Kitzberger, Josh Root, Tom Rublein, and Maureen Scaglia, Dennis Schuller and Gordon Vizecky
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** None
- STAFF PRESENT:** Melissa Poehlman, City Planner
Karen Barton, Ass't Community Development Director
John Stark, Community Development Director
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Tim Carter, Rep. Richfield Chamber of Commerce
Pat Brekken, Rep. Richfield Chamber of Commerce
Mike Elliot, Rep. Richfield Chamber of Commerce
Steve Wellington, Wellington Management Inc.
Tanya Bell, Wellington Management, Inc.
Pete Keely, Collage Architects

Chairperson Jabs called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ITEM #1 Discussion with Richfield Chamber of Commerce representatives

Tim Carter (Richfield Bloomington Honda), Pat Brekken (Richfield-Bloomington Credit Union) and Mike Elliot (LaMattrey's Collission) discussed the Richfield Chamber's new Economic Development Committee. The panel stressed the Chamber's desire to collaborate in order to market and promote the City.

ITEM #2 Presentation of potential redevelopment plans for 6501 Lyndale Avenue (former Kmart site) by Wellington Management Inc.

Steve Wellington, Tanya Bell and Pete Keely presented three variations of a redevelopment plan for the former Kmart property at 66th Street and Lyndale Avenue. All three plans include an L.A. Fitness facility along 66th Street, a smaller retail/restaurant building at the corner of 66th Street and Lyndale Avenue and a third building at the corner of 65th Street and Lyndale Avenue. The third building was presented as a possible stand-alone retail store, a larger retail site with additional in-line retail along Lyndale Avenue, or a larger retail site with second-floor office space. The Planning Commission expressed a desire for a denser development, similar to those on existing on the other three corners of the intersection of 66th Street and Lyndale Avenue. The Commissioners discussed balancing a desire to eliminate an eye-sore with the need for patience to find the right development for the long-term.

ITEM #3 Study session schedule

The Commission discussed the proposed schedule for remainder of the year.

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Additional Discussion

City Planner Poehlman provided an update on the status of legislation related to variances. Once new legislation is approved by the Governor, the City will need to amend the zoning ordinance to reflect the changes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at **7:18 p.m.**

Robert Hall
Secretary