

Agenda #<u>13</u>
Commission Meeting Date: June 3, 2014
CITY OF GREAT FALLS

COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

**Item:** Minor Subdivision of the Amended Plat of Lot 29, Grandview Tracts,

Located in the SW¼ Section 13, T20N, R3E, P.M.M., Cascade County,

Montana and addressed as 319 24th Avenue South

**From:** Charles Sheets, CFM, Development Review Coordinator, Planning and

**Community Development** 

**Initiated By:** Darrell and Shareece Beauchamp

**Presented By:** Craig Raymond, Director of Planning and Community Development

**Action Requested:** City Commission to approve with conditions the Amended Plat and accept

the accompanying Findings of Fact

### **Suggested Motion:**

#### 1. Commissioner moves:

"I move that the City Commission (approve with conditions/disapprove) the Amended Plat of the subject property and accept the Findings of Fact."

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, public comment, and calls for the vote.

**Recommendation:** The Planning Advisory Board, during a meeting held on May 13, 2014, passed a motion recommending the City Commission approve the Amended Plat of the above legally described property, herein referred to as the subject property, and subject to the conditions of approval as follows:

- 1. The Amended Plat of Lot 29, Grandview Tracts, in the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 13 Township 20 North, Range 3 East, PMM, Cascade County, Montana shall incorporate corrections of any errors or omissions noted by Staff.
- 2. Any development in the subdivision is subject to review and approval by the City of Great Falls as necessary, and the applicants shall be required to submit any plans including engineering, architectural, and landscaping as required for review and approval by the City.
- 3. The property owner of each of the lots in subdivision shall be responsible for any current or future maintenance of their own property; the City shall not be responsible for any property maintenance in the subdivision.
- 4. Applicants shall work with the City's addressing department to establish a new address for the proposed residence and provide facilities for adequate mail delivery by the post office.
- 5. Applicants shall be responsible for a fair proportional share of the cost of improvements to 3A Street South or 24th Avenue South at such time as those

improvements are scheduled and funded by the City of Great Falls or by a developer constructing street improvements as required by the City of Great Falls. Because the costs of the future street improvements are unknown at this time, this responsibility for future street improvements is limited to no more than \$10,000.00.

6. Applicants shall pay required reimbursement to the Upper/Lower River Road Water and Sewer District (ULRRWSD) in the amount of \$5,069.45 for the installation of the water and sewer mains in abutting roadways.

### **Background:**

The applicants are requesting a minor subdivision of the subject property, which consists of  $\pm 1.0$  acre. The request is to subdivide the property into two lots. The proposed western lot will become Lot 29A and the proposed eastern lot will become Lot 29B. Proposed Lot 29A will be 0.79 acres and has the existing single-family residence on it. Lot 29B will be 0.22 acres and the applicants intend to build a single-family residence.

### **Zoning Analysis**

The entire property is zoned single-family and each of the proposed two lots will meet the minimum standards for R-3 Single-family high density district. The development of a new single-family residence on the proposed Lot 29B shall be reviewed by the Planning and Community Development and Public Works Departments for consistency with all relevant code sections. Both lots in the subdivision will have separate legal access from 24th Avenue South, which is a public roadway.

### Streets & Utilities

The applicants will not be required to make additional improvements to 3A Street South or 24th Avenue South at this time. The then current owners of the lot being created will be responsible for a fair proportional share (this share being calculated on the basis of traffic generation) of the cost of improvements to the adjoining streets at such time as those improvements are scheduled and funded by the City of Great Falls or by a developer constructing street improvements as required by the City of Great Falls. Because the costs of the future street improvements are unknown at this time, this responsibility for future street improvements is limited to no more than \$10,000.00. There is an existing water main and sewer main in both 3A Street South and 24th Avenue South. The applicants are responsible for a district reimbursement of \$5,069.45 for the public mains installed as a part of the ULRRWSD District #2 annexation. When development of the single-family residence occurs on Lot 29B, the owner will be required to pay for the connects and taps to the public mains.

### Storm Water Management

The storm drainage conveyance shall be maintained as directed by the City's Public Works Department. This may consist of maintaining the existing barrow pit and establishing drainage easements. The applicants are required to provide a site grading plan of the subject property for review and approval by the City Public Works Department.

### **Traffic Analysis**

The subdivision will meet the off-street parking requirements. As this project is located in a developed residential neighborhood, it is reasonable to assume any future tenant-based traffic

impacts would be minimal.

### Great Falls Growth Policy

The proposed minor subdivision is consistent with the goals and the intent of the Great Falls Growth Policy, updated in 2013. These goals relate to land use, housing and economic development. The proposed subdivision supports efficient, sustainable development and redevelopment throughout the community. In addition, the proposed subdivision will promote infill development and utilize existing infrastructure in a location where community facilities already exist.

### Neighborhood Council Input

The subject property is within Neighborhood Council #6. Information about the request was provided as a courtesy to the Council by Patty Cadwell, Neighborhood Council Coordinator. No public notice is required by Montana Code Annotated and the Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCGF 17.16.4.010 Table 16-2). At the time this staff report was written, there have been no comments from the public regarding the application.

**Concurrences:** Representatives from the City's Public Works and Fire Departments have been involved throughout the review and approval process for this project.

**Fiscal Impact:** The proposed minor subdivision will increase the tax base and represent some additional demand on City services.

**Alternatives:** If there are justifiable reasons to do so, the City Commission could deny the requested action to the extent allowed in City Code and State Statute.

**Attachments/Exhibits:** Aerial Map

Zoning Map Findings of Fact Amended Plat

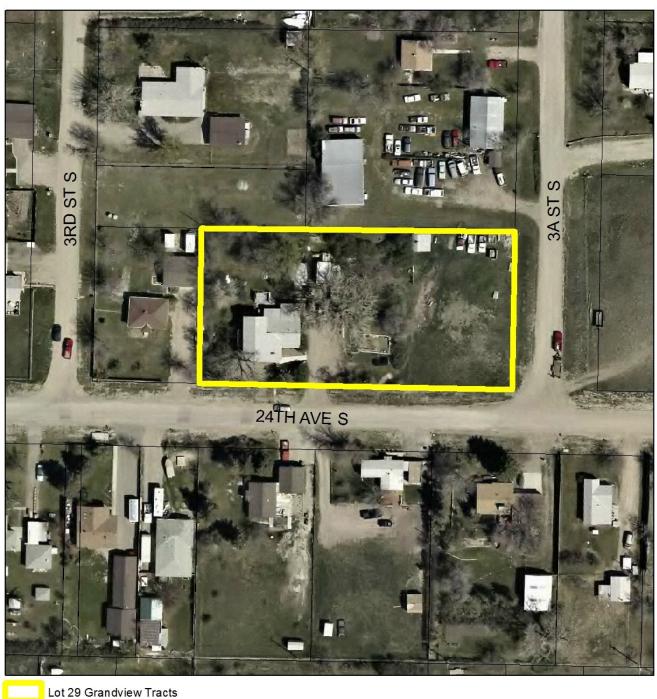
Cc: Jim Rearden, Public Works Director

Dave Dobbs, City Engineer

Patty Cadwell, Neighborhood Council Coordinator

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### **AERIAL MAP**



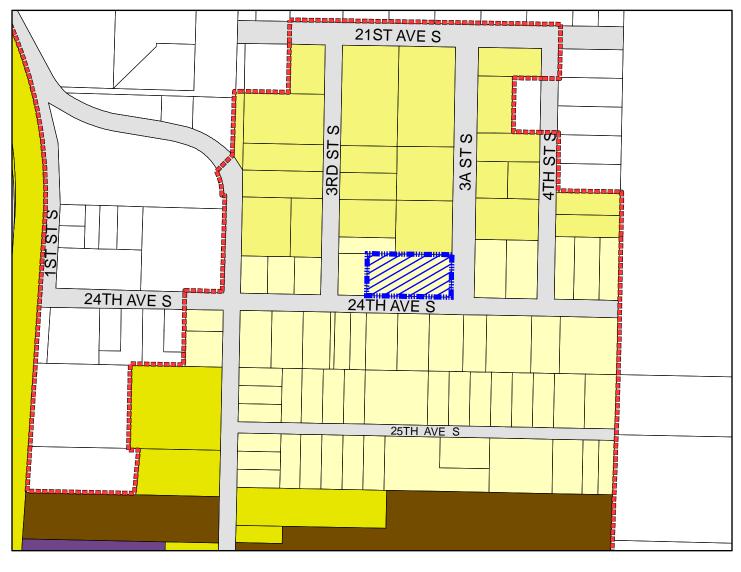
Tracts of Land

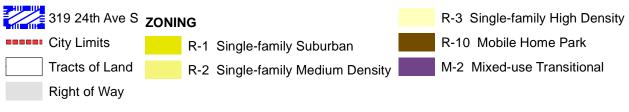
---- City Limits





### Zoning Map





100 200 400 600 800 Feet

### FINDINGS OF FACT

Amended Plat of Lot 29, Grandview Tracts, located in the SW¼ Section 13, Township 20 North, Range 3

East, P.M.M., Cascade County, Montana

(PREPARED IN RESPONSE TO 76-3-608(3)MCA)

#### PRIMARY REVIEW CRITERIA

**Effect on Agriculture:** The lots within the proposed subdivision are in the City of Great Falls and are not currently being utilized for agricultural purposes. The use on the property is existing single-family residence and will not interfere with any irrigation system or present any interference with agricultural operations in the vicinity. The land uses that are existing in the vicinity are residential uses.

**Effect on Local Services:** When development occurs on Lot 29B, the owners will connect to City water and sewer mains. The applicant agrees to pay for and install all necessary utilities to the subdivision after the Amended Plat is approved. The City shall provide water and sewer service to the lots, which will be assessed and required to pay standard City fees for these services. The City should not experience an appreciable increase in maintenance and operating costs by approving the subdivision.

The lots are located within the City of Great Falls, and the City provides law enforcement and emergency services to the subject property. The nearest fire station is approximately 2.7 miles from the subject property, which is within sufficient travel time for emergency services. Providing these services to the proposed development is expected to be a negligible cost to the City.

Adjacent to the subdivision are 3A Street South and 24th Avenue South, which are public roadways maintained by the City of Great Falls Public Works Department.

**Effect on the Natural Environment:** The subdivision is not expected to adversely affect soils or the quality or quantity of ground water because the future development proposed on the subject property is limited to a single-family residence.

**Effect on Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat:** The proposed subdivision is surrounded by urbanized development. The project is not in an area of significant wildlife habitat and will not result in closure of public access to hunting or fishing areas, nor to public lands.

**Effect on Public Health and Safety:** Based on available information, the proposed subdivision is not subject to potential abnormal natural hazards such as flooding, snow or rockslides, wildfire, nor potential man-made hazards such as high voltage power lines.

## REQUIREMENTS OF MONTANA SUBDIVISION AND PLATTING ACT, UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR MONUMENTATION, AND LOCAL SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

The minor subdivision meets the requirements of the Montana Subdivision and Platting Act and the surveying requirements specified in the Uniform Standards for Monumentation, and conforms to the design standards specified in the local subdivision regulations. The local government has complied with the subdivision review and approval procedures set forth in the local subdivision regulations.

### **EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES**

The applicant shall provide all necessary utility easements to accommodate water, storm water and sanitary sewer mains to serve any future development on the subject property.

### LEGAL AND PHYSICAL ACCESS

The subject property is bounded by 3A Street South and 24th Avenue South; these roadways are public roadways that are maintained by the City of Great Falls. The proposed subdivision will have direct access from 24th Avenue South, which provides the legal and physical access required by State statute.

# **AMENDED PLAT**

OF

LOT 29, GRANDVIEW TRACTS ADDITON TO GREAT FALLS, LOCATED IN THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 13 T. 20 N., R. 3 E., P. M. M., CASCADE COUNTY, MONTANA.

