MINUTES OF THE MEETING GREAT FALLS PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD/ZONING COMMISSION February 13, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board/Zoning Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Tory Mills at 3:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at the Civic Center

ROLL CALL & ATTENDANCE

UPDATES CONCERNING PROCESS OF MEETINGS

In order to honor the Right of Participation and the Right to Know (Article II, Sections 8 and 9 of the Montana Constitution), the City of Great Falls and Planning Advisory Board/Zoning Commission are making every effort to meet the requirements of open meeting laws:

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• Public participation is welcome in the following ways:

• Attend in person. Please refrain from attending in person if you are not feeling well.

• Provide public comments via email. Comments may be sent via email before 12:00 PM on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 to: jnygard@greatfallsmt.net. Include the agenda item or agenda item number in the subject line, and include the name of the commenter and either an address or whether the commenter is a city resident. Written communication received by that time will be shared with the City Commission and appropriate City staff for consideration during the agenda item and before final vote on the matter; and, will be so noted in the official record of the meeting.

Planning Board/Zoning Commission Members present:

Tory Mills, Vice Chair Julie Essex Lindsey Gray Pat Green Samantha Kaupish Jake Schneiderhan Minutes of the February 13, 2024 Planning Advisory Board/Zoning Commission Meeting Page 2

Planning Board/Zoning Commission Members absent:

Dave Bertelsen, Chair

Planning Staff Members present:

Rachel Campbell, Permit Technician Brock Cherry, Director Planning and Community Development Andrew Finch, Sr. Transportation Planner Lonnie Hill, Sr. City Planner Jamie Nygard, Sr. Administrative Assistant

Other Staff present:

Rachel Taylor, Deputy City Attorney

Mr. Cherry affirmed a quorum of the Board was present.

MINUTES

Vice Chair Mills asked if there were any comments or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on January 9, 2024. Seeing none, the minutes were approved.

COMMISSION ACTIONS REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing – Zoning map amendment to change the zoning for the property addressed as 805 2nd Street SW and legally described as Lot 1-A of the Amended Plat of Lot 1, Garden Home Tracts and Mark 23A of COS 4153, Located in the Southeast ¹/₄ of Section 11, T20N, R3E, P.M.M., Cascade County, Montana, from R-1 Single –family Suburban to M-2 Mixed use Transitional.

Mr. Hill, Sr. City Planner, presented to the Commission. He stated that the applicant, Craig and Robert Stainsby, are requesting to rezone the 4.46 acres at 805 2nd St SW from an R-1 to M-2 to develop a 36 unit apartment building in Phase 1 and a 42 unit apartment building and 14 townhome units in Phase 2, for a total of 92 multi-family units. The development proposal will have 2 accesses off of Bay Drive and 1 access off of 2nd St. SW. Phase 1 will have 69 parking

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spaces and phase 2 will have 50 parking spaces for a total of 119 parking spaces, which is 2 mores spaces than is required by code.

Mr. Hill presented an Aerial Map, Zoning Map, Site Photos, Preliminary Site Plan, Civil Site Plan, and Floodplain Analysis

Mr. Hill stated that the developer is proposing to use the existing access through parkland onto Bay Drive and will enter into an agreement with the City of Great Falls to build and maintain the access, before a building permit will be issued.

Mr. Hill presented the Voluntary Development Agreement that the developers expressed willingness to include voluntary commitments beyond the M-2 zoning district. Mr. Hill stated that the list was provided in the Agenda Packet.

Mr. Hill stated that Staff did a Floodplain Analysis and stated that the property is partially in the 100 year floodplain, so Phase 1 will be entirely out of the Floodplain, and any work done on Phase 2, in the floodplain area, will require a 310 permit and CLOMR-F from FEMA to place fill within the 100 year floodplain. Any proposed work upon the bank or within the floodway may require review by the Cascade Conservation District, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, and Army Corps Engineers.

Mr. Hill stated that Staff found that the City's Growth Policy supports the proposed zoning map amendment to facilitate higher density development upon an infill parcel, particularly to provide needed housing. The zoning map amendment request is consistent with several of the Plan's policies including:

- Social Housing (page 134)
 - Soc1.4.2: Expand the supply of residential opportunities including single family homes, apartments, manufactured homes, and assisted living facilities.
 - Soc1.4.6: Encourage a variety of housing types and densities so that residents can choose by price or rent, location, and place of work.
- Environmental Urban Form (page 144)
 - Env2.3.1: In order to maximize existing infrastructure, identify underutilized parcels and areas with infill potential as candidates for redevelopment in the City.
- Physical Land Use (page 162)
 - Phy4.1.4: Foster the development of safe, walkable, neighborhoods with a mix of uses and diversity of housing types.
 - Phy4.1.5: Encourage and incentivize the redevelopment or adaptive reuse of vacant or underutilized properties so as to maximize the City's existing infrastructure.

Mr. Hill stated that the proposed zoning map amendment will enable the policies to be addressed and further the implementation of the Growth Policy.

Mr. Hill presented the Missouri River Urban Corridor Plan Analysis and stated that the subject property is located within the "Primary Impact Area" of the plan. The primary impact area includes "lands with strong relationships to the river that are most central to the Corridor Plan."

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He stated that the plan identifies appropriate river front uses and specifically lists 2-4 story rental apartments and town houses. The plan also lists lack of mixed-use zoning as a barrier to success for riverfront development. Mr. Hill stated that the rezone request met multiple goals of the Growth Policy and the Missouri River Urban Corridor Plan.

Andrew Finch, Sr. Transportation Planner, presented the Traffic Review to the Commission. He stated that code requires Traffic Impact Analysis when the estimated peak-hour trips generated by the proposed development exceeds 300 peak-hour trips. The City has the option to require one if the estimated peak-hour trips exceed 200 peak-hour trips. He stated that the proposed development is estimated to generate 43 peak-hour trips and that Staff has performed the analysis based on public interest in the proposed use.

Mr. Finch presented a few slides on how the calculation of the Trip Generation was estimated and what the existing and projected future traffic will be upon the existing street network. He stated that there were traffic counts done in early December, on a nice day, and presented the daily traffic volume to the Commission.

Mr. Finch presented the Trip Distribution and stated that new trips are redistributed by the "attractiveness" of each potential route, including likely destinations, design limitations (width, travel speeds, traffic control, lighting, etc.), directness, congestion, etc.

Mr. Finch stated that Staff did a Bike/Pedestrian Review and that the development would construct trail connection to the River's Edge Trail in the Garden Home Park. The bike route along 10th Avenue SW and 2nd Street SW would see additional traffic, however traffic growth is projected to be relatively low and is not anticipated to adversely affect bicyclist safety. He stated that the current pedestrian use of 10th Avenue SW and 2nd Street SW is mainly off of paved travel surface so any growth in pedestrian use would be expected to use the same off-street path of travel.

Mr. Finch stated that Huffman Avenue/Bay Drive is built to typical local street standards. The pavement width is approximately 36', allowing for safe usage with room for parking and two travel lanes. 2nd Street/10th Avenue SW has room for two-way traffic on the paved surface. There is unpaved "boulevard" areas that are used for parking or are landscaped.

Mr. Finch stated that traffic will increase along the area routes, however current and projected daily volumes are in line with volumes on a typical local roadway, and current and projected peak hour volumes do not indicate congestion is likely to occur. Roadway designs are appropriate to safely carry projected volumes. The construction of a shared use path between the proposed development and Garden Home Park Trail will provide a safe, off-street connection and no street modification or improvements are expected to be necessary to accommodate the traffic generated by the proposed development.

Mr. Hill stated that a City representative presented at the November 8, 2023 Neighborhood Council #2 meeting and that members in attendance commented that not enough of the neighborhood was aware of the proposal at the meeting. A second meeting was held on December 6, 2023, where residents expressed various concerns, including traffic and safety. He stated that Neighborhood Council #2 did not take action on December 6, 2023, but has

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rescheduled the item for discussion at its February 14, 2024 meeting at 5:30 P.M., at West Elementary.

Mr. Hill presented a slide with Public comment concerns and summarized them in categories with traffic being the highest concern.

Mr. Hill stated that residents within 150feet of the subject property have filed a formal protest of the request. The documentation was provided in the Agenda Packet. He stated that per OCCGF 17.16.40.040 and MCA the request may not become effective except upon a favorable vote of two-thirds of the present and voting members of the City Commission.

Mr. Hill presented a few of the Findings of Fact: Zoning Map Amendment

- 1. The amendment is consistent with and furthers the intent of the City's growth policy.
 - The proposed zoning map amendment is consistent with the overall intent and purpose of the City of Great Falls 2013 Growth Policy Update
 - Staff finds the City's Growth Policy supports the proposed zoning map amendment to facilitate higher density development upon an infill parcel, particularly to provide needed housing.
- 2. The amendment is consistent with and furthers adopted neighborhood plans, if any.
 - The subject property is located in Neighborhood Council #2
 - Because there is no neighborhood plan adopted for the general area, the amendment does not conflict with Criterion #2.
- 3. The amendment is consistent with other planning documents adopted by the City Commission, including a river corridor plan, transportation plan, and sub-are plans.
 - The subject property is located within the "Primary Impact Area" of the Missouri River Urban Corridor Plan shown on page 15 of the plan.
 - The request and the proposed development meet multiple goals of the Missouri River Urban Corridor Plan Staff finds consistency between the request and the plan.
- 4. The code with the amendment is internally consistent. The subject property is located within the "Primary Impact Area" of the Missouri River Urban Corridor Plan shown on page 15 of the plan.
 - The rezone will not be in conflict with any portion of the existing City Code and will be internally consistent
 - The developers expressed willingness to include voluntary commitments beyond the M-2 zoning district
- 5. The amendment is the least restrictive approach to address issues of public health safety, and welfare.
 - No existing public health, safety, or welfare issues have been identified for the property.
 - The proposed development will require water and sanitary sewer services to be extended from the utility mains that surround the property.
 - The proposal will trigger stormwater quantity and stormwater quality requirements.

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• These items, and public safety, will be addressed during building permit review to ensure City requirements are met and safe access is provided within the property and to the surrounding streets.

Mr. Hill presented the Conditions of Approval.

- 1. General Code Compliance. The proposed project shall be developed consistent with the conditions in the report and all codes and ordinances of the City of Great Fall, the State of Montana, and all other applicable regulatory agencies.
- 2. Land Use and Zoning. The proposed plans shall conform to the M-2 Mixed use Transitional zoning district development standards contained within the Official Code of the City of Great Falls.
- 3. Engineering Review. The final engineering drawings and specification for improvements to the subject property shall be submitted to the City Public Works Department for review and approval.
- 4. Agreement with the Park and Recreation Department. Prior to the time of the building permit, the developer must enter into an agreement with the City regarding the installation and maintenance of proposed improvements to the City's property adjoining the owner's site that will be used for access.

APPLICANT'S PRESENTATION

Spencer Woith, Woith Engineering, presented to the Commission. He stated that the project is for 78 quality, market rate units, and will never be subsidized housing. The remaining units are proposed to be higher end, purchased, housing units.

Mr. Woith presented a map of the project, certificate of survey, National Flood Hazard Layer, land use proposal, the development agreement topics and the Voluntary Development Agreement, which is a legally binding document that will be filed and runs with the land.

Mr. Woith presented a slide with the unit density, setbacks, land use restrictions, fencing and screening, and a 10 foot off-site trail connection.

Mr. Woith stated that developers use the Growth Policy Update and Missouri River Corridor Plan as guiding documents for new development. They believe that based on those two documents, the proposed development falls in line with both.

Mr. Woith stated that the property is on 4 acres of land, it is adjacent to the Missouri River, it is in the heart of Great Falls, it is in close proximity to downtown, it's adjacent to the River's Edge Trail, it is adjacent to a City park, it has all of the utilities already, it will not stretch the response time for emergency services and it provides housing, which we are in a housing crunch currently.

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Nicholas Sudan, 46th Ave. NE, asked why M-2 zoning was requested verses R-6. Mr. Hill replied that the applicant requested M-2 zoning, and staff agreed that it was appropriate based on the M-2 zoning next to the property.

Sheryl Schmidt, 910 2nd St SW, asked if permits had been taken out already for the fill dirt work that is currently being done on the property. The developer did have to move any dirt that was in the floodplain area out of it. The developer has also been working with Environment for an Erosion Control Permit.

Kirby Berlin, 825 2nd St SW, asked if there was a direct Economic Impact Study, on the neighborhood, in regards to the project. Mr. Cherry responded that an Economic Impact Study has not been done, as it is not required.

Mike Nelson, 523 9th Ave SW, asked when the traffic study was done, why 9th Ave SW wasn't included. He also asked if a study was done to see how the stormwater will affect the Missouri River with the project. He also asked why there are no sidewalks, when kids ride the bus and have to walk home. Mr. Finch responded that 9th Ave SW does not have a direct connection to the development site and it is likely that residents will not be using that route. Mr. Hill stated that when an application is submitted for permitting, the project will be reviewed for stormwater and will be expected to meet the requirements at that time. Mr. Finch responded about the school buses dropping off children on the street without a sidewalk, and he stated that not all neighborhoods have sidewalks but it could be pursued at a cost to the adjoining property owners. He stated that there are currently no plans to change the character of the neighborhood, nor has the neighborhood requested it.

Aimee Steffenson, 421 10th Ave SW, asked when the traffic study was done, why the counters were put in the spots that they were. Mr. Finch responded that they were in the same spots as the previous study. Staff was also trying to capture the average neighbor in the neighborhood.

Bill Budeski, 614 10th Ave SW, stated that the center line on 10th Ave SW is 10 feet off and asked if the City is going to move the road where it is supposed to be. He stated that there is no sidewalk or curb and gutter. Mr. Finch responded that there is no plans to improve 10th Ave SW or 2nd St. SW.

Brooke Corry, 405 10th Ave SW, wanted to know why the traffic count was done during December, which is the slowest time of year. She also wanted to know if 10th Avenue SW was part of the River's Edge Trail. She asked if the railroad was accounted for in the traffic study. Mr. Cherry responded that the reason the traffic count was done in December is because the neighborhood asked staff to do one. Mr. Finch responded that a seasonal counter is done based on what month the study is done which could add or subtract the numbers. He also responded that 10th Ave SW is not part of the River's Edge Trail, but is part of the bike network. Mr. Finch also responded that the railroad was not considered in the traffic study as the City does not have any control over what happens at the crossings. Mr. Hill also added that a

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notification was sent to Burlington Northern about the proposed development and they had not responded, as of the meeting.

Bonnie Fogerty, 500 9th Ave SW, stated that the Burlington Northern property, that is directly across from the subject property, used to have Falls Chemical and is wondering if there is contamination in the area and if the soil has been tested. Mr. Woith responded that they did do Geotech testing and nothing was found in the soil.

Russ Jacques, 400 10th Ave SW, wanted to know if the project would be part of the TIF and wondered how that would affect the neighborhood. Mr. Hill responded that the development is not part of the TIF district, so it will not affect the neighborhood.

Lyle Fogerty, 500 9th Ave SW, asked if the rezoning is approved, can it be passed on to other developers. He also stated that he thinks the traffic study is flawed. He asked when the developer is going to put the paperwork into FEMA for the part of the property that is in the floodplain. He also asked where 1.5 parking spaces per unit came from. Mr. Hill responded that the purpose of the meeting was to rezone the property, to allow the use and once the entitlement is approved, the developer will be required to get the paperwork from FEMA. There are many steps that will need to be taken, and the rezone is just one of them. Mr. Hill also responded that the rezoning approval will follow with the land. Mr. Hill addressed the 1.5 parking spaces question, stating that some of the units will be studio's that would only have one vehicle, so staff analyzes the amount of parking spaces per code, and the 1.5 is just rounded to reflect that. Mr. Woith also added that the development agreement will run forever with the land, unless someone in the future goes through the rezoning process again.

Velma Thompson, 406 10th Ave SW, asked about the amount of parking spaces. Mr. Hill addressed the question to the previous citizen.

Kirby Berlin, 825 2nd St SW, asked where the children will play, that will live in the new development. He also asked if there will be management on site of the project. Mr. Woith responded that the development team will reevaluate where the children would play on the proposed development. Mr. Cherry stated that whether or not there will be management on site, cannot be a deciding factor for the Commission.

Mr. Mills asked why the property was not originally zoned R-10 for a Mobile Home Park. Mr. Hill responded that there is a number of small mobile home parks, which were not captured in the Mobile Home Park R-10 zoning.

Mr. Mills asked if there are traffic studies done after a project is done. Mr. Finch responded that not unless there is an impact greater than what was planned.

Brooke Corry, 405 10th Ave SW, asked what the bedroom count was for the planned apartments and townhouses. She also asked where the overflow parking will go. Mr. Cherry responded that the number of bedrooms cannot be used as a basis of decision. Mr. Hill responded that the public can park anywhere on a public street, so the City has no control over that.

Bill Budeski, 614 10th Ave SW, wanted to know what the footage was from 6th St to 4th St Hill, as Jerry McKinney had recommended lowering the speed limit to 20 MPH around 2005. Mr. Finch

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responded about the travel speeds and stated that they are set at the 85th percentile, so what 85% of the traffic speed is. He had the traffic department evaluate the speeds in December and 10th Ave SW was 26 MPH and 2nd St it was 23 MPH, so based on the data, the current speed limits are the most appropriate.

Mike Nelson, 523 9th Ave SW, wanted to know how the children are supposed to get to the school bus stops, if the City is saying that it is not safe to walk on the streets.

PROPONENTS

Ryan Smith, 1328 Beargrass Drive, stated that he appreciated what the City and the Developer did for all the studies and stated that it will be good infill for a blighted area and will be an anchor to the neighborhood. He said that there are 12-15 small businesses in the area that would benefit from the development.

Jake Clark, 405 3rd St. NW, Great Falls Development Authority, read an email from the CEO of GFDA, Brett Doney, in favor of the project. He also stated that increasing housing in Great Falls is the top priority for GFDA, because housing cost has the highest impact on the cost of living in Great Falls. He said that there is a significant undersupply of housing. He thanked City Staff and the Development team.

Katie Hanning, Home Builders Association, stated that she gets a call almost daily with someone looking for housing, and the proposed development will meet some of that need. There are also airmen out at MAFB that will need housing as they become Senior Airmen.

OPPONENTS

Kirby Berlin, 825 2nd St SW, stated that he handed in 100 signatures, on a petition of neighbors, to the proposed development. There are currently 317 apartments for rent in Great Falls. The neighborhood is stable with low crime. The traffic count was flawed as there were 66 homes that were not captured on it. Emergency services will be stretched.

Lyle Fogarty, 500 9th Ave SW, stated that in the neighborhoods that development projects are planned in, the neighbors should be listened to.

Mike Nelson, 523 9th Ave SW, stated he does understand the housing crunch in Great Falls, but the crunch is for affordable housing, and wants to know why the project couldn't be homes instead of an apartment building.

Bill Budeski, 614 10th Ave SW, stated with all of the apartment buildings going up around Great Falls, the people that are renting, do not have to pay property taxes for services, so property owners are having to contribute more. He also stated that on 10th Ave SW, people speed all the

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time, and adding more traffic will increase that. The railroad crossing is an issue as well, as it is utilized a lot. He also was wondering about the water and soil sample for the substructure. He also said that there is fill dirt on the property illegally in the floodplain.

Judith Mortenson, 326 10th Ave SW, stated the M-2 zone, adjacent to the property, has not been used because of the contamination and has been mitigated a couple times for the runoff into the Missouri River. She also stated that the run-off that would be produced by the number of buildings, is a concern, because there are no storm drains. They started filling in the wetlands some years ago, with some questionable material. The Lomé is down way below the property depth of what is normal in the area. When they were hauling in fill dirt recently, there were several pieces of asphalt and concrete and they were filling in very close to the river bank, until a complaint was registered and they had to pull the dirt back. The possibility of stable ground, to put a large foundation on, has been avoided because of the questionable soil.

Sheryl Schmidt, 910 2nd St SW, stated the area was known as Garden Home Tract as the area grew gardens for the whole town. Since Fox Farm had their water changed, the area no longer has good water pressure, so with the large amount of proposed units, she is worried about what that will do to the water pressure. It is not a good area for a large amount of people.

Kirby Berlin, 825 2nd St S, stated his main concern is the economic impact of the surrounding area and that is why an impact study is so important, because people rely on the equity of their home.

Brooke Corry, 410 10th Ave SW, stated that she is for the project but is against the rezone. She would like to see permanent affordable housing. An apartment complex is a temporary solution.

Bonnie Fogerty, 500 9th Ave SW, stated that the overflow parking concerns her and the FEMA application for Phase 2 and 3 could take over a year and wants to know why the rezoning is happening first, as FEMA could deny it and then the applicant could build something else that is approved in the M-2 zone.

COMMISSION QUESTIONS TO APPLICANT

Julie Essex asked Mr. Woith if he planned to develop the uses that were not listed in the Voluntary Development Agreement or if someone in the future would be able to develop any of those uses. Mr. Woith responded that based on the Development Agreement, that there may be some uses that were missed. Mr. Cherry responded that the Voluntary Development Agreement was solely motivated by the developer. The Commission cannot make a decision based on what was not included in the Agreement.

Ms. Essex asked if she should not take into consideration the email that was received from Cascade County. Mr. Hill responded that what the Commission is looking at is a land use rezone, and the developer will need to go through FEMA for the floodplain requirements, so will not be able to start construction until that is approved.

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Ms. Essex asked about the background section of the zoning request and the statement that the applicants request is to facilitate the sale of the property to the developers and wanted to know if that was true. Mr. Hill responded that the owners, the Stainsby's, are not the developers, so the developer will enter into a contract with the owners but will not finalize the sale, until they secure the entitlements needed to secure their development.

Ms. Essex asked about the Montana Supreme Court in Little vs the Board of the County Commissioners that has outlined 3 criterion in outlining illegal spot zoning. She asked if the approval of requested zoning will expose the City to a possible illegal spot zoning challenge. Ms. Taylor responded that she was not aware of the case and could not speak to the similarities of the cases. She stated that she was not aware of any risk for spot zoning with the request. Mr. Cherry responded that with general best practice, when it comes to planning, the other zones that are surrounding a project are looked at and because it is in close proximity to the M-2 zone, it was decided that it was a continuation of zoning, as it is in a transition area.

Mr. Mills stated that it wouldn't make sense, as an investor, to purchase a large lot and only develop two homes, so that is why they are looking at doing an apartment complex first and condominiums later.

Ms. Kaupish asked if the Voluntary Development Agreement would follow if the property sold. Ms. Taylor responded that it would be recorded with the County, so it would follow with the land unless a rezone was filed.

Mr. Woith responded that 45 feet is the height that they are planning on building to and in the M-2 zone, if you are within 200 feet of a residentially zoned property, you are restricted to 45 feet. He also stated that the FEMA application will be intensive and they have contracted with someone to start the process, but started with the rezone portion first, to make sure that the land can be developed.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Ms. Essex read her findings and the opinion of the Montana Supreme Court in the case of Little vs the Board of County Commissioners. She stated that the prevailing zoning in the area of interest is R-1 Residency, which is single family suburban vacant land, which contains current and former super fund sites, and Garden Home Park which is part of the River's Edge Trail System. There are also two occupied mobile homes. She stated that rezoning to M-2 would allow the building of a hotel, a restaurant, a funeral home, and other structures whose use is significantly different than the prevailing use. The parcel of land is 4.46 acres, and the number of land owners benefiting by the change is two. There are 100 signatures from the neighborhood. She stated that she was concerned that approval of the zoning request will expose the city to possible litigation concerning illegal spot zoning. She quoted from the 2013 Growth Policy Update, 4.2.6, that the City may oppose zoning changes that will result in incompatible land uses and 4.2.8, that the City recommend against spot zoning.

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Mr. Cherry responded that he appreciated Ms. Essex's due diligence in looking out for the City, but there will be legal issues if the Commission does not make decisions based on the Conditions of Approval and Findings of Fact.

Ms. Essex handed out, to the Commission Members, the Wikipedia definition of spot zoning and stated that there is no definition within the City of Great Falls Growth Policy.

Mr. Mills thanked Ms. Essex for doing her due diligence for the spot zoning but stated that the City did their research as well. He stated that he thought the project will be great for the City.

Mr. Green stated that on the website for DEQ, the subject property is not listed on the cleanup site. He also stated that there are multiple studies where an apartment complex was built in a neighborhood and the single family homes, within half a mile, were found to appreciate slightly faster than single family homes more than half a mile away.

MOTION: That the Zoning Commission recommend the City Commission deny the zoning map amendment for the subject property as legally described in the Staff Report to rezone the property from R-1 Single-family Suburban to M-2 Mixed-use Transitional, based on the accompanying Findings of Fact, subject to the Conditions of Approval being fulfilled by the applicants.

Made by: Julie Essex

Second by:

Vote: Motion Failed, as no Second was made.

MOTION: That the Zoning Commission recommend the City Commission approve the zoning map amendment for the subject property as legally described in the Staff Report to rezone the property from R-1 Single-family Suburban to M-2 Mixed-use Transitional, based on the accompanying Findings of Fact, subject to the Conditions of Approval being fulfilled by the applicants.

Made by:	Tory Mills
Second by:	Jake Schneiderhan
Vote:	5-1, motion passed

Mr. Hill stated that the First Reading for the project will be presented to City Commission on March 5, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers and the Public Hearing will be on April 2, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers.

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COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair Mills adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN DAVE BERTELSEN

SECRETARY BROCK CHERRY