At the December 7th, 2009 City Council meeting, Birchler Arroyo Associates presented “The Landings Land Use Study” and following the presentation, the Council discussed the alternatives presented in the study and directed the administration to take the necessary steps to begin the process of creating a potential park on all or a portion of the site. Although there was no official vote taken, Council did seem to reach a consensus on park and single-family uses for the site. This study was commissioned by Council earlier in the year to evaluate potential land use options for the Landings Property located on Walled Lake near the intersections of South Lake Drive and Old Novi Road and East Lake Drive and Old Novi Road. Attached you will find both the land use study and the presentation slides shown at the City Council meeting along with relevant draft meeting minutes.

One of the first steps involved in creating a potential park is to ensure that the site is properly zoned and the appropriate future land uses are designated. The Master Plan and Zoning Committee has been asked to review the proposed rezoning of the property from B-3, General Business to a residential district compatible with the surrounding neighborhood prior to the matter appearing before the Planning Commission as a whole. In addition, the Committee has also been asked to review the future land use designations for the subject property and update the Future Land Use map as necessary.

Additional information, including a rezoning review letter from staff will follow this memo and the attached materials early next week. Please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Division if you have any questions.