## MEMORANDUM

CITY OF	TO:	PLANNING COMMISSION
	FROM:	LINDSAY BELL, AICP, SENIOR PLANNER
	THROUGH:	BARBARA MCBETH, AICP, CITY PLANNER
	SUBJECT:	JSP 20-12 BECK NORTH UNIT 59 PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN EXTENSTION
NOVI	DATE:	JULY 19, 2024
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The subject property is located in Section 4, south of Cartier Drive and west of Hudson Drive, in the Light Industrial (I-1) zoning district. The applicant received Preliminary Site Plan approval for a 31,617 square foot speculative warehouse/office building. The applicant is requesting an extension due to high material and labor costs, and soft demand for this type of building. The subject property is approximately 3.49 acres.

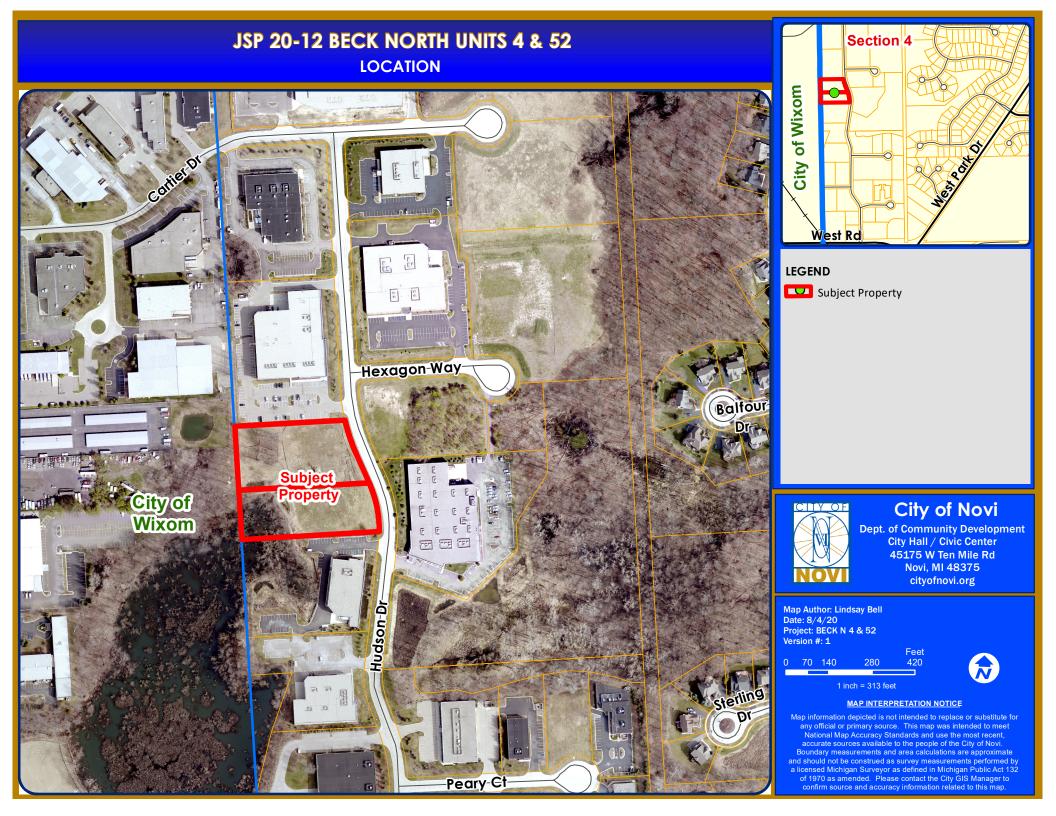
The Planning Commission held a public hearing and approved the Preliminary Site Plan Woodland Use Permit, and Storm Water Management Plan on August 12, 2020. This approval is valid for two years.

The applicant has received tentative Final Site Plan approval but has yet to submit final stamping sets and legal documents for the project. The applicant is requesting a 3rd one-year extension of Preliminary Site Plan approval until **August 12**, **2025**, as they have increased interest in the property and plan to finalize the site plan within the next year. The Zoning Ordinance allows for three, one-year extensions of Preliminary and Final Site Plan approvals. This is the third and final requested extension.

At this time, the Planning staff is not aware of any changes to the ordinances, or surrounding land uses, which would affect the approval of the requested extension for one year. **Approval of the extension of Preliminary Site Plan is recommended by staff.** 

#### Attachments:

- 1. Letter of request for extension dated July 17, 2024, from Glenn E. Jones, Dembs Development, Inc.
- 2. A copy of approved Preliminary Site Plan
- 3. Action Summary from August 12, 2020 Planning Commission meeting
- 4. Minutes from August 12, 2020 Planning Commission meeting



#### REQUEST FOR ONE YEAR EXTENSION LETTER



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July 17, 2024

Ms. Lindsay Bell | Senior Planner **City of Novi** 45175 Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375

Re: Beck North Unit 59/ JSP20-12

Dear Lindsay,

It has come to our attention that the process of our obtaining Preliminary Site Plan Approval with the City of Novi on the above referenced project is about to expire this coming August, 2024.

We are writing to request an extension in the process for this property due to an increased interest we have had recently from two potential prospects.

With this renewed interest in our previously Site Plan approved property, we are formally writing to request a 12-month extension on the completion of the Site Plan approval process for this project.

We greatly appreciate the continued cooperation on this project.

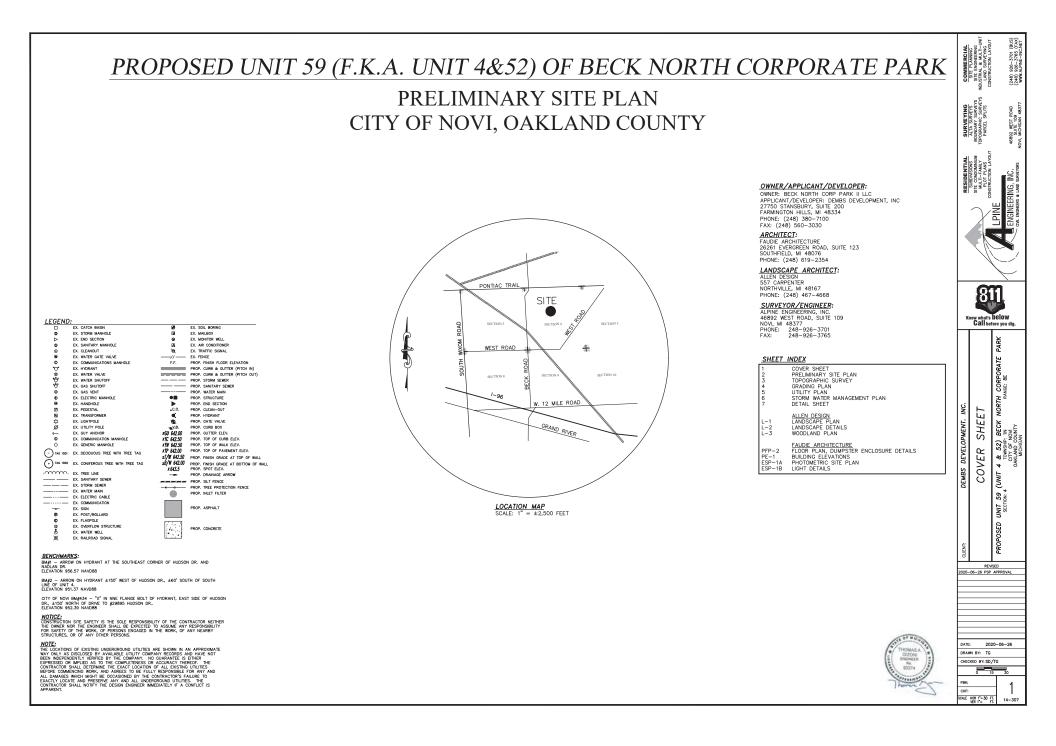
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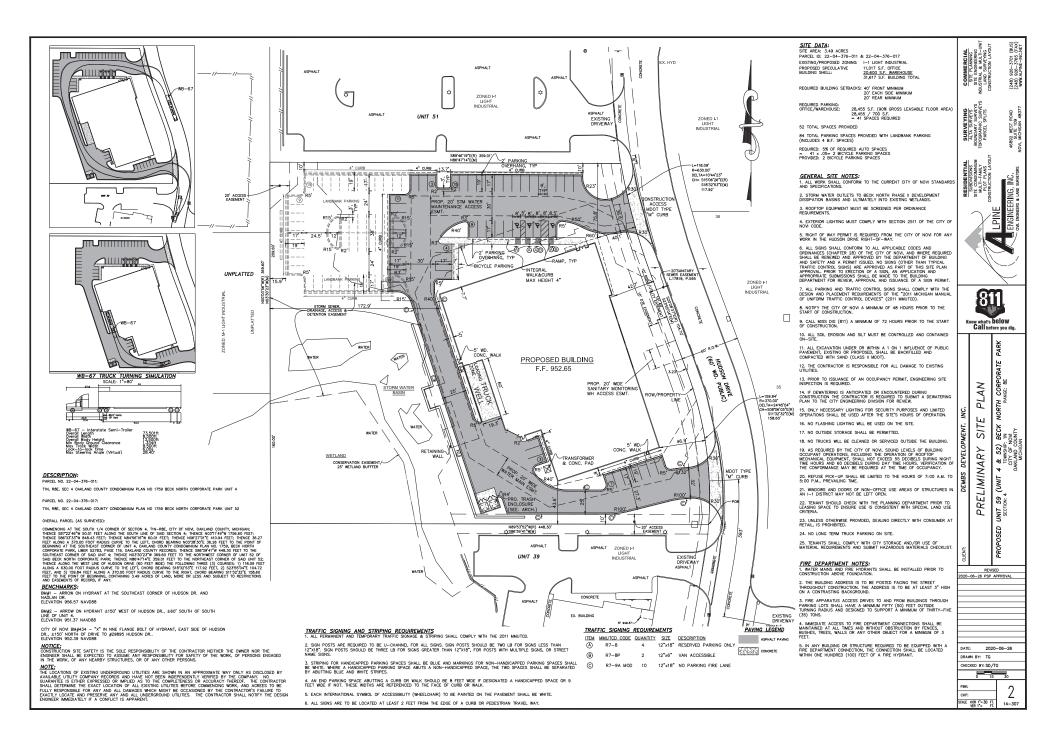
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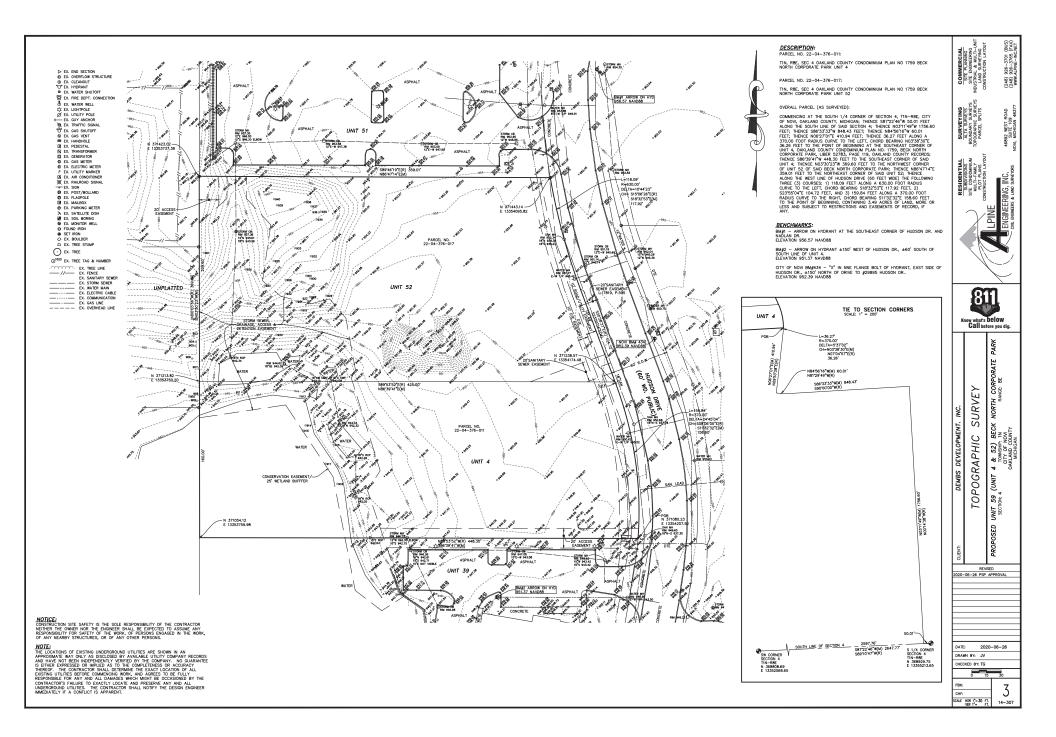
Glenn E. Jones Director of Operations

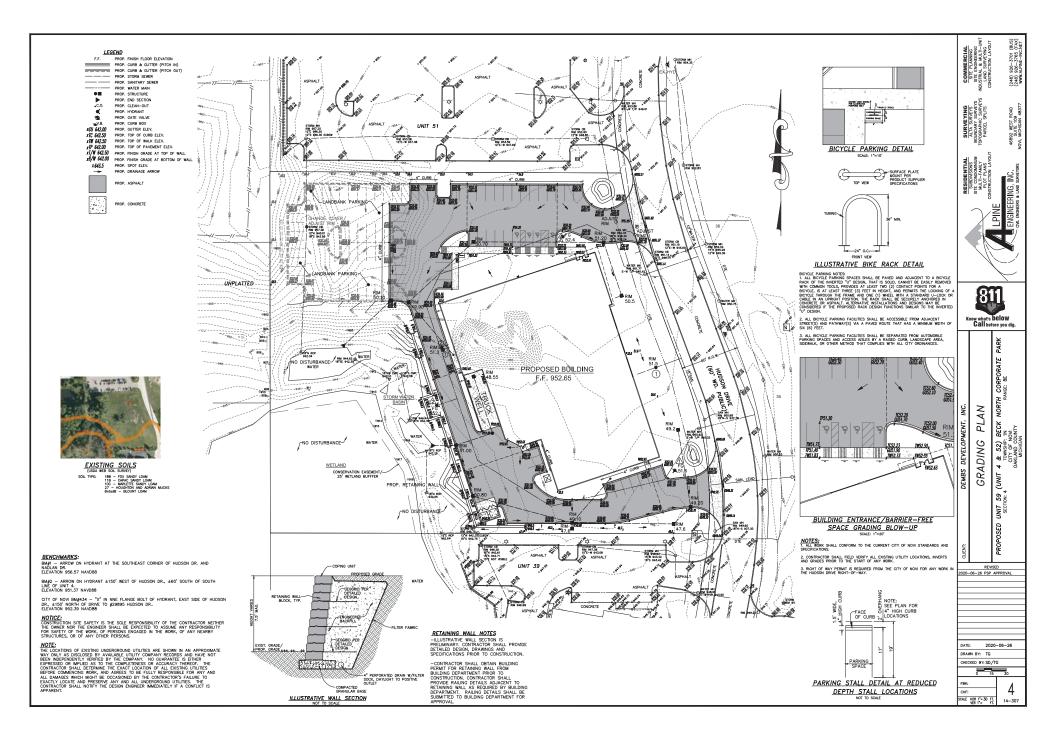
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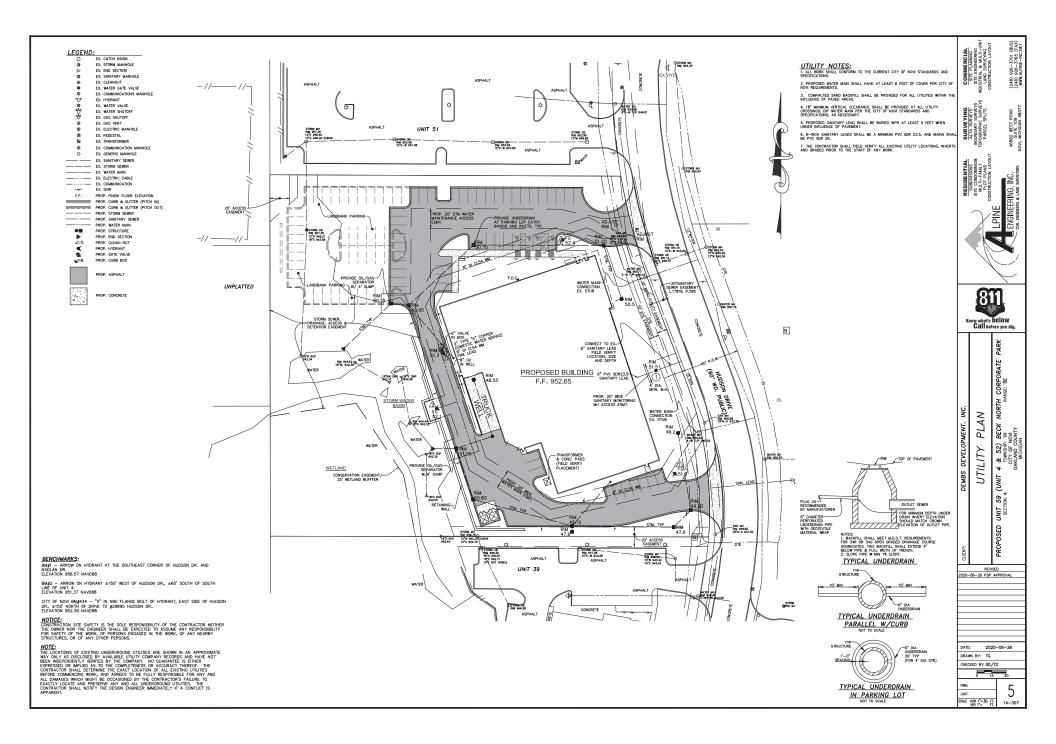
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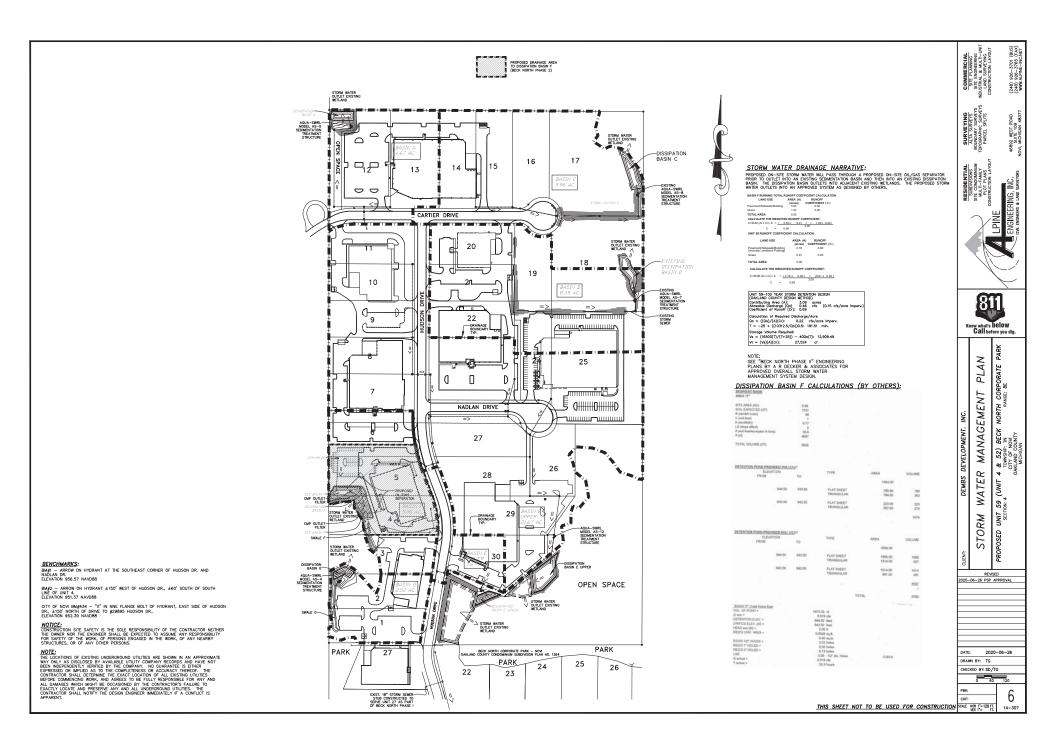


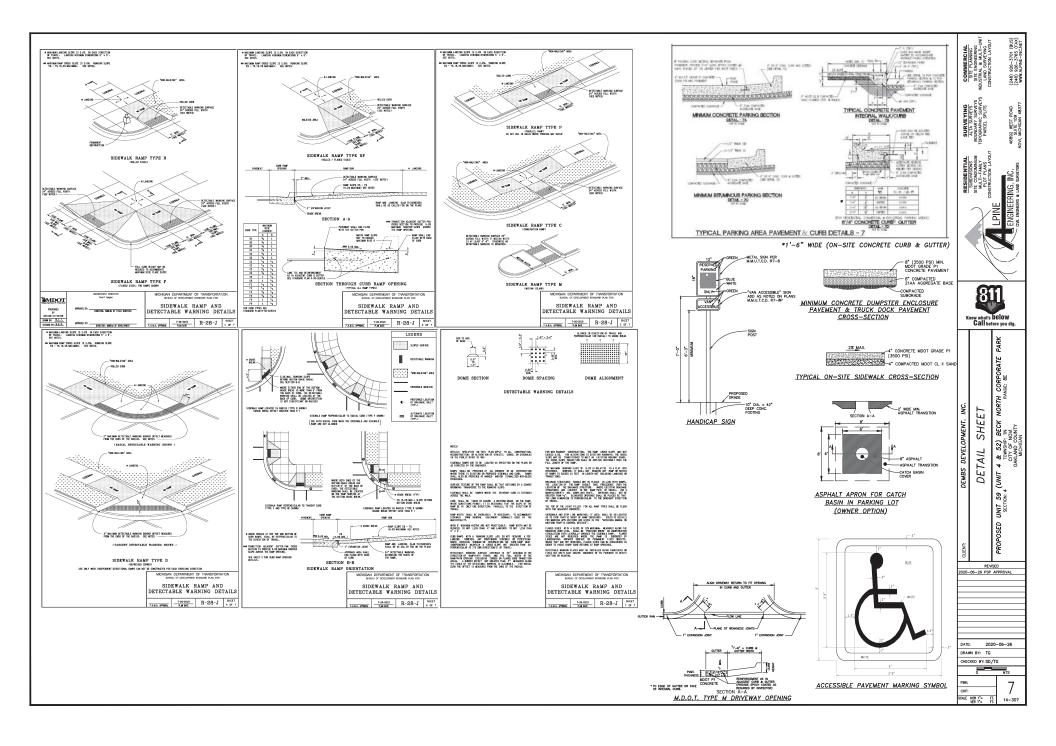


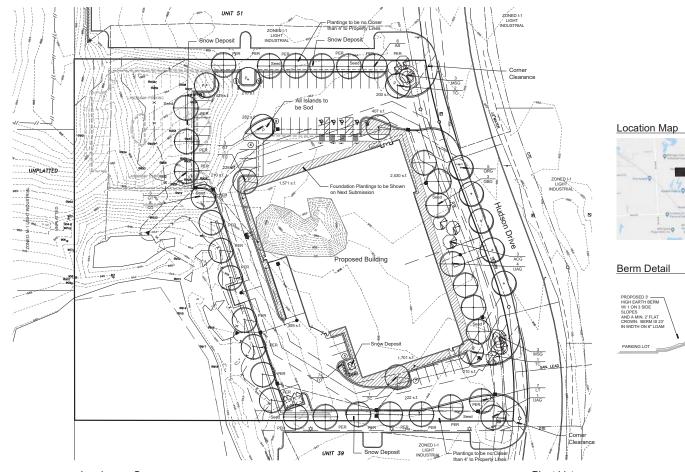














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Revision: Issued: Submit June 26, 2020

#### Landscape Summary

Existing Zoning Parking Lot Landscaping Vehicular Use Area Landscape Area Require

32,742 s.f. x 5% = 1,637 Landscape Area Shown Canopy Trees Required Canopy Trees Shown

Parking Lot Perimeter Perimeter Trees Required Trees Shown

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Building Foundation Landscaping Perimeter of Building Landscape Area Required Landscape Area Shown



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32,742 s.f.

754 l.f. (763' less 9' of Doors) 6,032 s.f. (754 l.f. x 8') 6,111 s.f.

305 I.f. (378' - 73' drive openings) 7.6 Trees (305 l.f. / 40') 8 Trees 8.7 Trees (305 l.f. / 35') 9 Trees

Street Lawn	
Street Frontage	235 I.f. (378' - 143' drive openings)
Trees Required	5.2 Trees (235 I.f. / 45')
Trees Shown	5 Trees
Woodland Replacement	
Required Replacement	24 Trees
Replacement Provided	0 Trees
Trees Paid into Tree Fund	24 Trees

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Street Lawn

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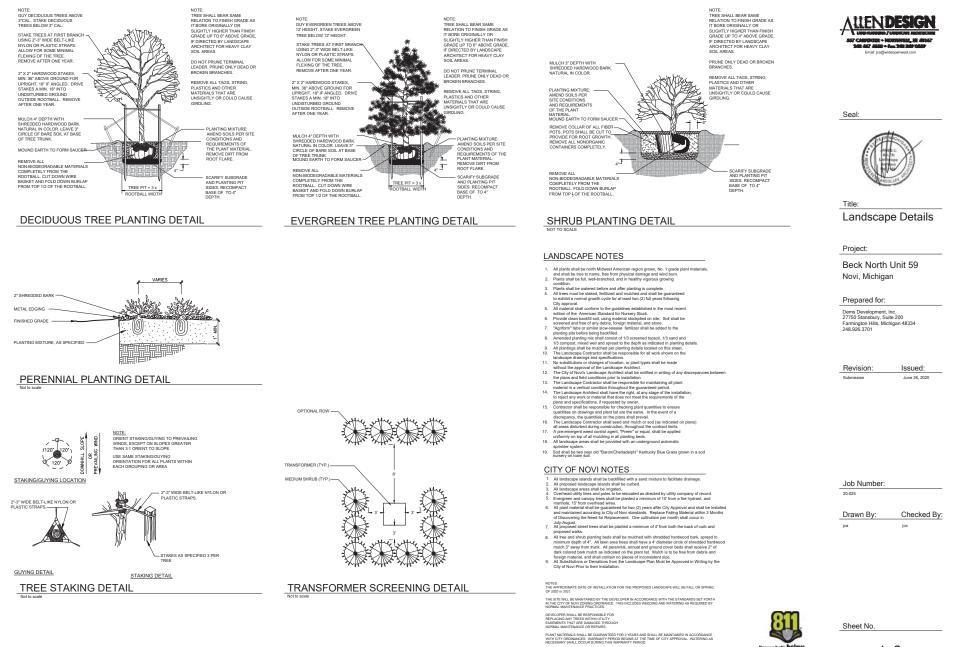
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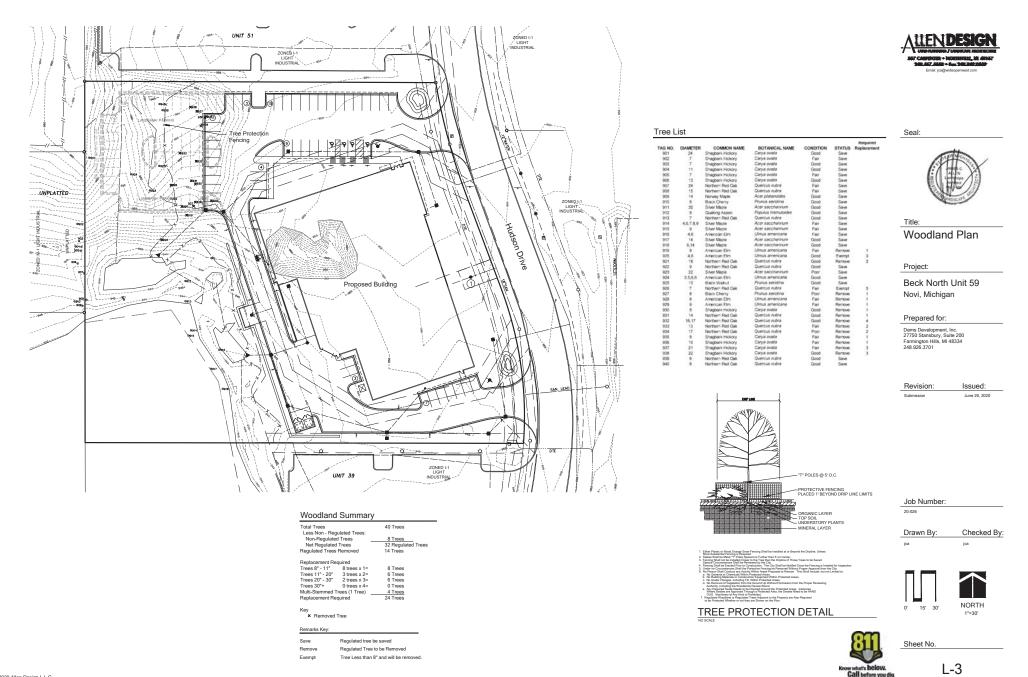
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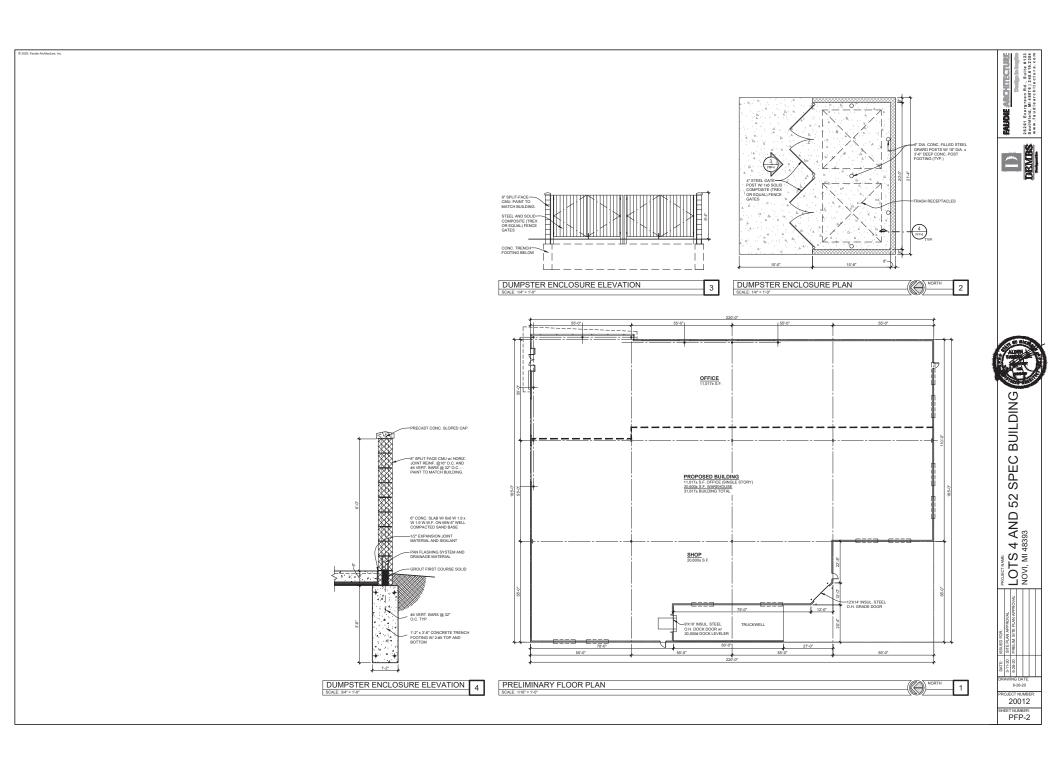
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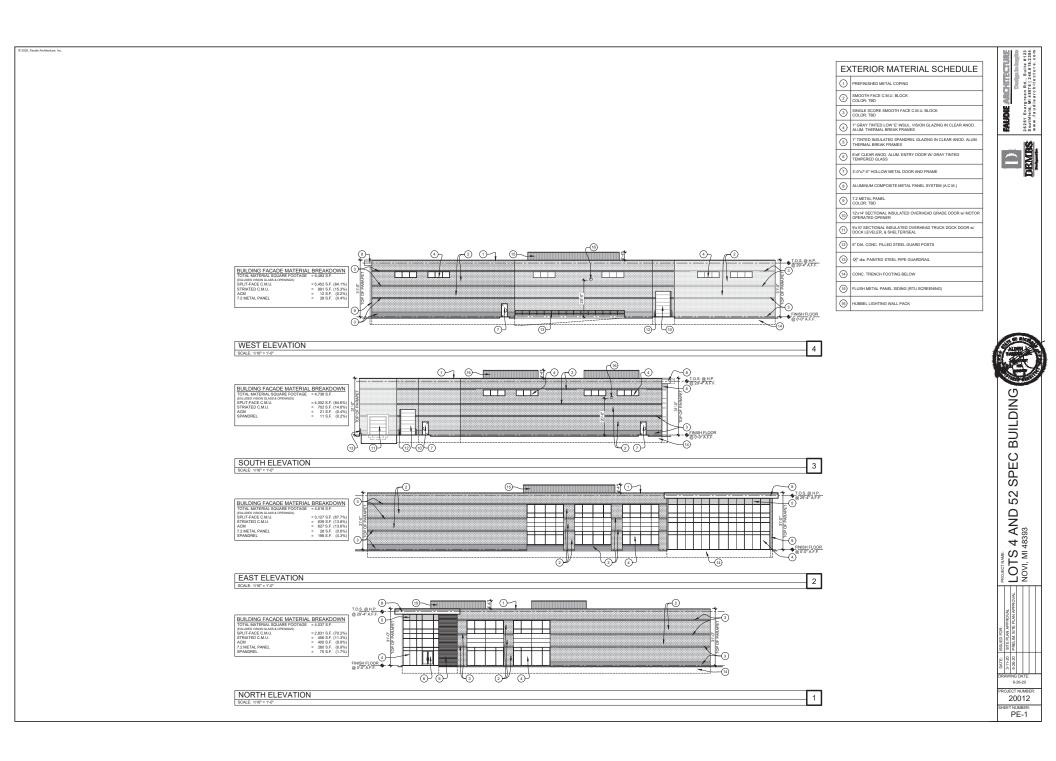
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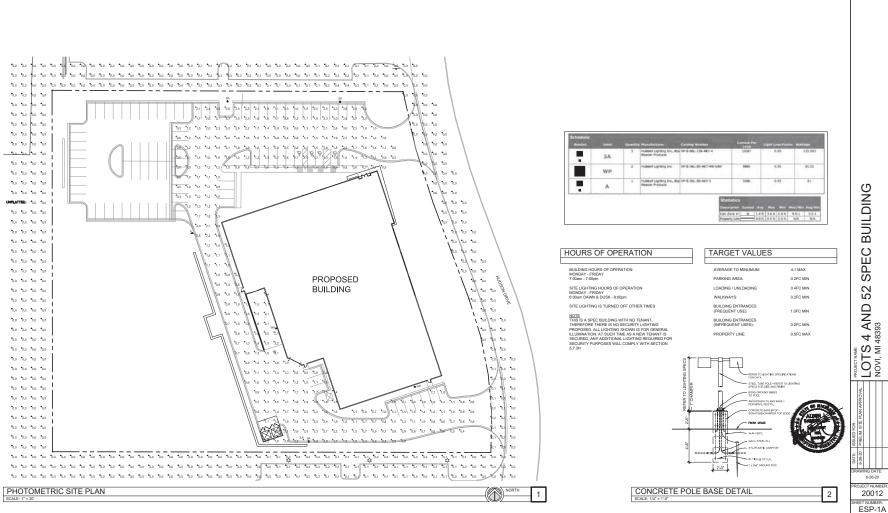
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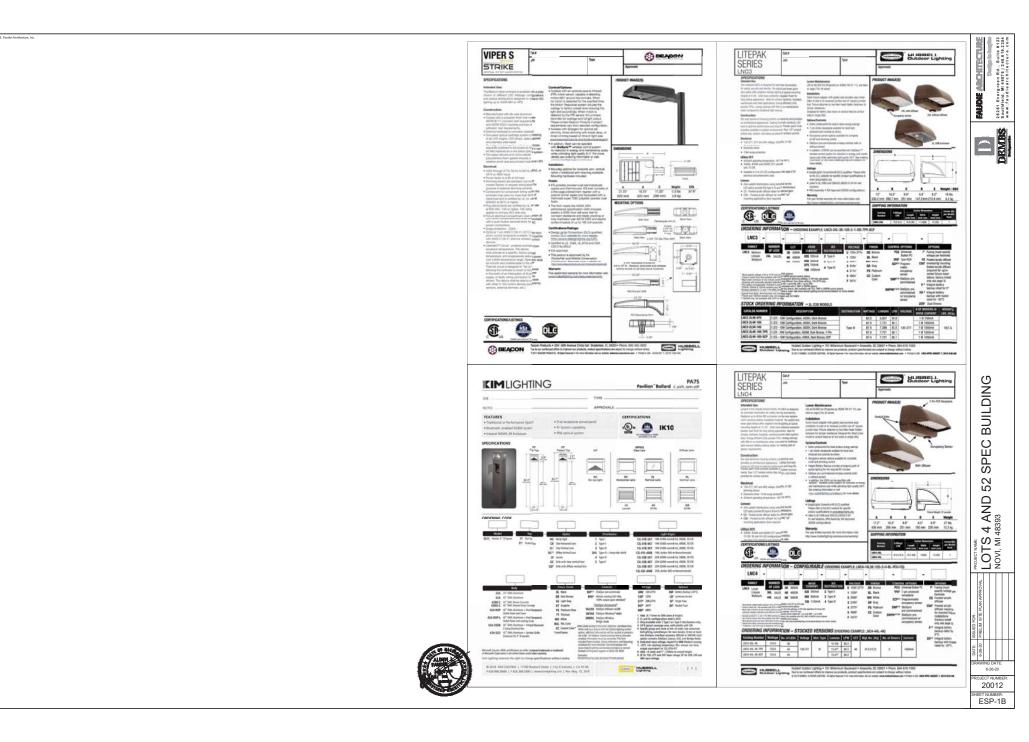








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AUGUST 12, 2020 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



## PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

CITY OF NOVI Regular Meeting **August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 7:00 PM** Remote Meeting 45175 W. Ten Mile (248) 347-0475

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-154, this meeting was held remotely.

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present:	Member Avdoulos, Member Dismondy, Member Ferrell, Member Gronachan, Member Lynch, Chair Pehrson
Absent:	Member Maday
Staff:	Barbara McBeth, City Planner; Lindsay Bell, Senior Planner; Christian Carroll, Planner; Madeleine Kopko, Planning Assistant; Rick Meader, Landscape Architect; Kate Richardson, Staff Engineer; Elizabeth Saarela, City Attorney; Pete Hill, City Environmental Consultant;

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Pehrson led the meeting attendees in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Member Ferrell and seconded by Member Gronachan.

# VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 12, 2020 PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA MOVED BY MEMBER FERRELL AND SECONDED BY MEMBER GRONACHAN.

Motion to approve the August 12, 2020 Planning Commission Agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

No one in the audience wished to speak.

### CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee reports.

### **CITY PLANNER REPORT**

There was no City Planner report.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA - REMOVALS AND APPROVALS**

There was nothing on the Consent Agenda.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### 1. BECK NORTH UNITS 4 & 52, JSP 20-12

Public hearing at the request of Dembs Development for Preliminary Site Plan, Woodland Permit and Storm Water Management Plan approval for a new 31,617 square foot speculative building for warehouse/office uses. The subject property is approximately 3.49 acres and is located in Section 4, north of West Road and west of Hudson Drive. The site is zoned I-1, Light Industrial District and is located in the Beck North Corporate Park.

Planner Bell said the subject property is in Section 4 north of West Road, on the west side of Hudson Drive. The parcel is approximately 3.5 acres and is currently vacant. The parcel is zoned I-1 Light Industrial as are the surrounding properties. Bordering the property to the west is the City of Wixom, and is also zoned for light industrial uses. The Future land use map indicates Industrial Research Development Technology for this area. There are some woodland and wetland areas present on the western portion of the site. There is an existing conservation easement protecting the wetland in the southwestern corner of the site as well as some woodland areas.

The applicant is proposing to construct a new building just over 31,600 square feet in floor area. The potential tenant is unknown at this time, but expected to be a warehouse use with accessory office. The site would have two driveways off of Hudson Drive. The applicant requests same-side driveway spacing waivers due to the proximity of the proposed driveways to existing driveways to the north and south. The site plan as proposed would require a total of 41 parking spaces. The applicant has proposed 52 spaces with a future parking expansion of 32 spaces shown if needed by a tenant.

Storm water would be collected by a single collection system and discharged into a previously constructed basin serving the corporate park properties. The plan will avoid impacts to the wetland area of the site. The tree survey provided indicates forty trees were surveyed, eight of which are less than eight inches in diameter and therefore not regulated. Twenty-four trees would be preserved while a total of sixteen regulated trees are proposed for removal. The applicant has indicated no credits would be planted on-site, but rather a payment into the City's Tree fund will be made for the required twenty-five woodland replacement credits.

Planner Bell continued to say the applicant has requested a Section 9 waiver for the overage of CMU on all facades. Our façade consultant supports the waiver request because the combination of materials will enhance the overall design of the building, and similar waivers have been approved for other projects in this area.

Landscape review identified a deficiency in parking lot perimeter trees. However the applicant indicates in their response letter that this will be corrected in the Final Site Plan.

The Planning Commission is asked tonight to hold the public hearing and approve or deny the Preliminary Site Plan, Woodland Permit and the Storm Water Management Plan. Representing the project tonight are Glenn Jones from Dembs Development and engineer Tom Gizoni from Alpine Engineering. Staff and environmental consultant Pete Hill are available to answer any questions.

Glenn Jones, Director of Development with Dembs Development, said the building is set up as a speculative construction project. We do have several parties interested in it, but unfortunately cannot mention names right now. The model for speculative buildings that we've been doing as of late seems to work very well. We just recently finished up Unit 54 which is around the corner from here and was also a speculative building. We brought a very good user for that building to Novi, Hexagon

Metrology, who's now moved into the building. The Section 9 waiver that we are applying for was pre-approved by the City's façade consultant and fits the model of the park and Beck North. The building is very complimentary to all the other facilities within our park. With that said I'll turn it back over to answer any questions you may have.

Chair Pehrson said this is a public hearing, if anyone would like to address the Planning Commission you may do so now.

Seeing no one in the audience wised to speak and there being no written correspondence, Chair Pehrson closed the audience participation and turned it over to the Planning Commission.

Member Avdoulos said this project is pretty straight forward and all the City Departments recommend approval so I would like to make a motion.

Motion made by Member Avdoulos and seconded by Member Ferrell.

# ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN FOR PROJECT JSP 20-12 BECK NORTH UNITS 4 & 52 MADE BY MEMBER AVDOULOS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER FERRELL.

In the matter of Beck North Units 4 & 52 JSP20-12, motion to approve the Preliminary Site Plan based on and subject to the following:

- a. A waiver from Section 11-216.d.1.d of the Code of Ordinances to allow same-side driveway spacing less than 125 feet because the lot configuration does not allow for alternative placement, which is hereby granted;
- b. A Section 9 façade waiver is requested for the overage of CMU (75% maximum allowed, 98% on South, 98% on West, 81% on East and 81% on North façade proposed) because the combination of materials proposed will enhance the overall design of the building, which is hereby granted;
- c. The findings of compliance with Ordinance standards in the staff and consultant review letters and the conditions and the items listed in those letters being addressed on the Final Site Plan.

This motion is made because the plan is otherwise in compliance with Article 3, Article 4, and Article 5 of the Zoning Ordinance and all other applicable provisions of the Ordinance. *Motion carried* 6-0.

Motion made by Member Avdoulos and seconded by Member Gronachan.

# ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE WOODLAND PERMIT FOR PROJECT JSP 20-12 BECK NORTH UNITS 4 & 52 MADE BY MEMBER AVDOULOS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER GRONAHCAN.

In the matter of Beck North Units 4 & 52 JSP20-12, motion to approve the Woodland Permit based on and subject to the following:

- a. The regulated tree count shall be updated to reflect all trees determined to be subject to regulation under the Woodland Protection Ordinance by the City's environmental consultant as indicated in the applicant's response letter;
- b. The findings of compliance with Ordinance standards in the staff and consultant review letters, and the conditions and items listed in those letters being addressed on the Final Site Plan.

This motion is made because the plan is otherwise in compliance with Chapter 37 of the Code of Ordinances and all other applicable provisions of the Ordinance. *Motion carried 6-0*.

Motion made by Member Avdoulos and seconded by Member Ferrell.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR PROJECT JSP 20-12 BECK NORTH UNITS 4 & 52 MADE BY MEMBER AVDOULOS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER FERRELL.

In the matter of Beck North Units 4 & 52 JSP20-12, motion to approve the Stormwater Management Plan based on and subject to the findings of compliance with Ordinance standards in the staff and consultant review letters, and the conditions and items listed in those letters being addressed on the Final Site Plan. This motion is made because the plan is otherwise in compliance with Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances and all other applicable provisions of the Ordinance. *Motion carried 6-0*.

### 2. CASA LOMA, LOT 4, PSP20-0052

Public hearing at the request of Compo Builders Inc. for consideration of a request for a Woodland Use Permit at 47685 Casa Loma Court. The property is known as Lot 4, Casa Loma Subdivision, which is located on the west side of Beck Road, north of Eight Mile Road in Section 32 of the City. The applicant is proposing to remove twenty-six woodland trees in order to construct a single family residential structure.

City Planner McBeth said as you know, the subdivision Casa Loma is located north of Eight Mile Road and west of Beck Road in Section 32. Unit 4 has submitted for building permits to the Building Department for a new construction for a residence. It is the last lot that is available in the development. The applicant's plans show the removals of twenty-six woodland trees in order to provide space to construct a single family residential structure, a swimming pool, a driveway, and other features. The memo included in the packet notes that twenty woodland trees are located within the building area shown on the overall development plan and six woodland trees are outside of the building area. However, those trees are located within areas of the property that need to be graded to allow for future construction of the proposed home and the swimming pool.

The City's Environmental consultant, Pete Hill, reviewed the request and prepared a review letter dated July 27, 2020. Two inspections were done of the lot on June 26, 2020 and then again on July 27, 2020 to compare information given by the applicant's engineer with the field conditions. Some woodland trees remain on the southern edge of the property, but the inspections reveal that the north part of the lot already has been cleared of the woodlands. The south side of the property contains a conservation easement that is shown on this exhibit and signs noting the buffer are also in place at this time.

The Planning Commission reviewed the plans for Casa Loma in 2005 and granted a woodland use permit which included the preservation of large portions of the existing woodlands in the open space particularly on the west side and in some instances on individual units within that subdivision. These areas would be addressed at the time of building permits as requested for the individual units. The approved plans for the Casa Loma Subdivision also include building areas identified for each unit. Generally, it's a rectangular area showing the required minimum building setback for the future placement of the home on each unit. Staff has completed an analysis of the trees recently removed from Unit 4 and found that twenty trees were within the identified building area and six trees have been removed outside of the building area.

City Planner McBeth continued to say staff finds that the Planning Commission should consider the removal of those six trees as authorized by the subject woodland permit and the remaining trees may be approved administratively. The applicant's plot plan indicated that the area outside of the previously identified building area is proposed to be graded in order to allow the construction of the home and the swimming pool on that unit. Staff provides a favorable recommendation to the Planning Commission for the woodland permit to authorize the removal of the trees the applicant is