### Southern Gateway Redevelopment Project

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 28, 2017

#### Purpose of Tonight's Meeting

- First formal step in the city land use approval process
- Planning Commission will:
  - Receive the staff report
  - Receive a presentation from the applicant
  - Hold a public hearing regarding the proposal
  - Receive input from the public
  - Review all the information submitted in the application and all information presented tonight
  - Formulate a recommendation for the City Council to consider in making a final decision (no final decisions are made at Planning Commission)

#### **Applications Submitted**

- Developer Request for:
  - Comprehensive Plan Amendment to increase the maximum density allowed in the High Density Residential land use district from 40 to 48 units per acre;
  - Comprehensive Plan Amendment to change the land use designation on 2401 Lowry Avenue from Commercial to High Density Residential;
  - Request for Preliminary Planned Unit Development (PUD) Development Plan/Re-zoning to Planned Unit Development;
  - Request for Preliminary Plat to subdivide the property.

#### Site Overview

- 17.2 acres in size (15.2 and 2 acres)
- Approx. 30% land cover is trees
- No known wetlands
- Significant elevation variations
- Low point in neighborhood
- Access to infrastructure



# Site Overview (cont) Historical Land Uses Agricultural Manufactured Home Community Dry Cleaners Commercial

#### Site Overview (cont)

- Current Zoning:
  - Single Family Residential
- Current Land Use Guidance:
  - > 2501 Lowry Avenue High Density Residential
  - 2401 Lowry Avenue Commercial
- Existing Land Uses:
  - Property Bremer Bank, Vacant (previously Lowry Grove Manufactured Home Park)
  - ▶ To the North Single-Family Homes
  - To the West Single- Family Homes, small scale commercial
  - To the South High Density Housing (Autumn Woods, Legacy)
  - To the East High Density Housing (Kenzington Terrace), commercial (St. Anthony Shopping



#### Project Overview (cont)

Site Element	Housing Type	Total Units			
Building A	Senior housing	130			
Building B	Market-rate	171			
Building C	Senior housing	170			
Building D	Market-rate	220			
Building E	Affordable	110			
Townhomes	For sale attached housing	32			
Total Units Proposed: 833 housing units					
Overall Site Density: 47.7 units per acre					

#### Project Overview (cont)







Building A Building B

#### Project Overview (cont)







Building D

Building E

Townhomes

#### Project Overview (cont)

Site Element	Housing Type	Height		
Building A	Senior housing	55' (5 stories)		
Building B	Market-rate	55' (5 stories)		
Building C	Senior housing	66' (6 stories)		
Building D	Market-rate	66' (6 stories)		
Building E	Affordable	66' (6 stories)		
Townhomes	For sale attached housing	1-2 story		
Total Units Proposed: 833 housing units				
Overall Site Density: 48 units per acre				

- Height of surrounding buildings:
  - Kenzington condos 5 stories plus at grade garage (52 ft)
  - The Legacy 4 stories
  - Walker Senior housing 3 stories (40 ft)
  - Autumn Woods 3 stories (43 ft)
    - 1-2 story single-family homes to north and west (20 to 25 feet)

#### Project Overview (cont)

Site Element	Enclosed Parking Stalls	Surface Parking Stalls	Parking Area (SF)	Stalls per unit
Building A	130 (underground)		47,000	1
Building B	222 (underground)		80,000	1.3
Building C	222 (underground)		80,000	1.3
Building D	285 (underground)		103,000	1.3
Building E	65 (underground)	72 (parking lot)	42,000	1.4
Townhomes	64 (garage)		64,000	2
Guest Parking	-	62 (on-street)	Not given	-
TOTAL	958 stalls	134 stalls		1.3 stalls/unit

#### Staff Review

- Comprehensive Plan
- City Zoning Code
- Environmental Assessment Worksheet (including traffic study and addendum)

#### Staff Review

- Additional Information Requested Regarding:
  - Landscaping
  - Streetscape
  - Building Elevations (with grades)
  - Bio-retention area
  - Retaining walls/grade changes
  - Parking location details

#### Staff Review

- Land Use Guidance
  - ▶ High Density Residential limits to 40 units per acre
  - ▶ High Density Residential is appropriate in this area
  - Mix of market rate/affordable and senior/general occupancy is acceptable
- Building Height/Massing
  - Higher than surrounding land uses
  - Reduced setbacks, match to sidewalk system
  - Appropriate architecture
- Parking/Traffic
  - Consistent with development trends in and around St. Anthony (detail requested)
  - Detailed recommendations for infrastructure improvements to city system in EAW

#### Staff Review (cont)

- Public space
  - Combined stormwater/passive recreation/program space
  - Trail connections/site connectivity need to be improved (for peds and fire access)
- Public Infrastructure
  - Bio-retention design
  - Several retaining walls
  - Utility connections (minor comments)
  - Private Roads (with public easements)
  - Alley design acceptable

## Staff Recommendation: Comprehensive Plan #1

Staff recommends denial of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment to increase the maximum allowed density in the High Density Residential Land Use District to 48 units per acre

# Staff Recommendation: Comprehensive Plan #2

Staff Recommends Approval of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment to change the land use designation at 2401 Lowry Avenue (Bremer Site) from Commercial to High Density Residential

# Staff Recommendation: Zoning Amendment to Planned Unit Development/Preliminary PUD Development Plan

Staff recommends tabling action on the Zoning Amendment and Preliminary PUD Development Plan and directs applicant to comply with the comprehensive plan

# Staff Recommendation: Preliminary Plat

Staff recommends tabling action on the Preliminary Plat until such a time the applicant submits plans that conform to the comprehensive plan.

#### Questions?

#### Next Steps

- Move forward negative recommendation for Comprehensive Plan Amendment regarding density to City Council on September 26<sup>th</sup>
- Move forward recommendation for approval for Comprehensive Plan Amendment regarding land use of 2401 Lowry Ave (Bremer site) to City Council on September 26<sup>th</sup>
- Planning Commission will re-consider at a later public hearing for a revised Preliminary PUD Development Plan and Preliminary Plat.
- Once Planning Commission re-considers a revised application, their recommendation will move forward to City Council for a final decision.
- Many other scenarios are possible.
- Statutory Review Deadline (unless an extension is granted) = November 15<sup>th</sup>

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