

5. POLICY BOARD BUSINESS

5.01: Consider Oak Wilt Management Plan for Brookfield 8th Addition

City Planner Anderson presented the staff report. He stated Capstone Homes/Brookfield Land LLC has applied for Final Plat approval of Brookfield 8th Addition, a 25-lot, single-family residential development. He noted in September 2016, the Board reviewed multiple aspects of this project, including the Tree Preservation and Landscaping Plans. The applicant revised plans based on recommendations from the EPB and actions by the Planning Commission and the Final Plat was considered by the City Council on February 28, 2017. The project is still awaiting action by the Metropolitan Council regarding a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to re-guide a portion of the project area to Low Density Residential so that the two lots at the end of the cul-de-sac can be serviced with municipal sewer and water. Due to this contingency, along with discussion about a cost-share agreement to extend the water main south to 166th Avenue, the City Council tabled action until these two items were resolved. As a result, construction timelines have been revised and now will coincide with the high-risk time period for Oak Wilt. City Planner Anderson provided the location of the project on a map for the Board. This will go before the Metropolitan Council next Wednesday. Council will not take action until its' first meeting in May.

City Planner Anderson stated construction is likely to begin around May 1st. Due to concerns with oak wilt, the applicant has submitted an Oak Wilt Management Plan that outlines the precautions they will take to address the potential introduction of and/or spread of oak wilt to other adjacent properties. A copy of the Oak Wilt Management Plan was provided in the Board packet. City Planner Anderson reviewed the plan and noted the proposed management strategy is reasonable and should be effective at controlling the already present pocket of oak wilt. All costs associated with this request are the responsibility of the Applicant.

Motion by Board Member Hiatt and seconded by Chairperson Anderson to recommend City Council approve the Oak Wilt Management Plan for Brookfield 8th Addition.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Vice Chair Valentine, Board Member Hiatt, Anderson, Bernard, and Covart. Voting No: None. Absent: Chairperson Stodola and Board Member Trossen.