

5.03: Review Sketch Plan for Three (3) Lot Subdivisions at 7131 166th Avenue NW (Project No. 16-32); Case of CTW Group Inc.

Presentation

Community Development Director Gladhill presented the staff report stating the purpose of this file is to review the official Sketch Plan prepared by Advance Surveying & Engineering, Co. for the purpose of creating three (3) new lots at 7131 166th Avenue NW (the "Subject Property"). The Sketch Plan Review process affords the Planning Commission the opportunity to provide early direction on the layout of the proposed plat, before a developer prepares detailed Preliminary Plat plans. A key decision will occur at Preliminary Plat, in which the layout will be approved, subject to approving final construction plans and Final Plat documents. At that time, the City will review items including, but not limited to, Grading and Drainage Plans, Utility Plan, Landscape Plan, and Street Light Plan. Staff requested feedback from the Commission on the Sketch Plan.

Commission Business

Commissioner Bauer asked how much of a concern the rear yard of Lot 1 would be.

Community Development Director Gladhill discussed the City's depth standards for residential lots. He reported the lot would have an adequate amount of buildable area.

Commissioner Surma requested to see an expanded aerial view of the property.

Community Development Director Gladhill reviewed an expanded aerial view of the site, along with the location of the wetland. He stated staff was comfortable moving this request forward and would address the wetland delineations during the next phase.

Commissioner Surma asked if another road would be needed to access the new lot.

Community Development Director Gladhill commented a new driveway would be created on the western end of the property to access the public roadway.

Commissioner Brauer questioned if dewatering would be needed to install utilities or the basement.

Community Development Director Gladhill explained the site had utilities stubs in place. He stated temporary dewatering may be needed and would be monitored closely by the City and watershed management organization.

Megan Jacobson, 16702 Limonite Street NW, expressed concern with Lot 3 noting the lot was very poorly maintained. She hoped to see a high-quality building put on this lot.

Carl Jacobson, 16702 Limonite Street NW, discussed how water drains on his property along with the tall grasses and wildlife in his rear yard. He did not want to see additional water brought onto his property through the new construction.

Commissioner Surma asked who would be developing the lot.

Community Development Director Gladhill deferred this question to the applicant.

Gan Ram, CTW Group, explained he was the developer of the property. He addressed the drainage concerns for the lot and explained he had put in a permit with the Lower Rum River Watershed District. He proposed shifting the house to another area in order for the driveway to be relocated.

Further discussion ensued regarding how the home and driveway could be realigned on the lot.

Commissioner Brauer encouraged the developer to work with staff and the adjacent neighbors to resolve the concerns addressed this evening.

Community Development Director Gladhill indicated he would be willing to work with the applicant prior to the Preliminary Plat being presented to the Commission.

Ms. Jacobson questioned if the rear portion of Lot 3 could be split into six divisions to allow for the adjacent property owners to purchase these parcels.

Community Development Director Gladhill stated this would be a more complex issue, but he could discuss this further with the developer.

Mr. Ram did not anticipate the rear portion of Lot 3 would be built on because the majority was wetland.

Community Development Director Gladhill reported staff would reach out to the applicant and explained neighbors would be re-notified when this item would be reconsidered by the Planning Commission.