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Commissioners:

Below are several updates that may be of interest to the Planning Commission.

Construction Project Updates

Given winter conditions, Staff does not have a significant number of updates to prepare at this time. Permits for new single-family homes continue to be submitted. Construction continues on a number of projects, including Lennar, D.R. Horton, Capstone, and Anderson Dahlen. Visit www.cityoframsey.com/developmentupdate for more details. Note – this webpage has not been updated in a couple of months, and is anticipated to be refreshed by the end of the month.

Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) Revised Rules Adopted

Commissioners may recall an effort directed by the Minnesota Legislature to update rules for the MRCCA Overlay District. An Overlay District is a zoning district that sits on top of the City's basic (otherwise known as 'underlying') zoning districts with the intent to create additional protections for some sort of sensitive resource that would not be protected by basic rules of the underlying district or broader geographic area. The MRCCA is a 72 mile corridor of the Mississippi River within the Metro area, including Ramsey. The revised rules will have impacts on minimum development standards for private property along the Mississippi River Shoreline. There is actually more benefit for Ramsey in the revised rules than drawbacks, as the revised rules are better aligned with our Comprehensive Plan. For more information on the revised rules, please visit http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/critical_area/index.html. Staff will provide an update at the February Meeting with an overview of new rules as well as process and timelines for implementation locally.

REMINDERS

Joint Work Session with City Council

A reminder that the Planning Commission and City Council will hold a Joint Work Session on **Tuesday, January 24 at 5:30 p.m.** This will allow the Planning Commission adequate time to complete the next task (process/work plan/policy questions).

The City Council has asked that the Economic Development Authority be invited as well, as the EDA has a role in the development in terms of economic development goals and real estate transactions. *In addition, this provides the Planning Commission to provide its perspective on the vision, and that perspective can be better communicated for individual projects that are reviewed by the EDA.*

DRAFT AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY REGULAR MEETING

- Site Plan and Associated Approvals for National Self Storage/Regency Commons Addition
- Preliminary Plat for Homestead Road
- Comprehensive Plan Update Status Report

POTENTIAL WORK SESSIONS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission meet in Work Session at **5:30 preceding the Regular Meeting on February 2** to focus on The COR Development Plan and complete the following objectives:

1. Draft Land Use/District Map
2. Final DRAFT Vision Statement

Staff would also recommend a Work Session at **5:30 preceding the Regular Meeting on March 2** to focus on The COR Development Plan and complete the following objectives:

1. Land Use/District Descriptions
2. Recommendations on Key Development and Design Standards (Mixed Use Definition, Retail Vision, Appropriate Densities, Open Space Requirements, etc.).

Please fill out your availability utilizing the link below to confirm your availability for these two additional Work Sessions. We do have a lot of ground to cover in the next couple of months, and don't want to lose the momentum we have begun to build. The hope would be to return to our regular schedule starting in April (or carve out a sub-committee to focus on The COR if the timeline went further).

<http://doodle.com/poll/zdb935gghunyh5dz>

Please let me know if you have any questions on any of the updates above. See everyone next week!

Sincerely,



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