

CITY OF RAMSEY LAND USE APPLICATION
TECHNICAL REVIEW FILE

DATE	SEPTEMBER 25, 2018	PROJECT ADDRESS	EAST OF NOWTHEN BLVD WEST OF POTASSIUM ST NORTH OF OLD NOWTHEN BLVD
PROJECT. TITLE	PRELIMINARY PLAT – SHADE TREE COTTAGES		
ESCROW #	116588		
DEPARTMENT:	Community Development: Planning Division		
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Summary of Required Changes

- All trails must be public. Trails should loop back to Nowthen Boulevard.
- Applicant should provide staff information on affordability of detached townhomes so staff can effectively evaluate PUD.
- The applicant should provide a detailed proposal of the proposed cost-share between the City and the applicant to upgrade Potassium Street.

Preliminary Plat & Variance Submittal Review

General. The proposed subdivision is a 36 lot subdivision, with 34 detached townhome lots, one single family lot, and one lot covering all wetlands which is entirely drainage and utility easement.

Site. All that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 32, Range 25, lying east of the Easterly Right-of-Way of County State Aid Highway No. 5, in Anoka County, Minnesota. The lot is located on the east side of Nowthen Blvd NW, north of Old Nowthen Blvd, and west of Potassium St NW. The site is approximately 28.41 Acres.

History. A previous PUD was approved in 2005 and rezoned the parcel from R-1 (MUSA) to PUD. The property has remained as PUD even though the PUD has since expired.

Streets and Access. The Applicant is proposing the following streets and roadways.

Street Name	Road Type	Street Width
157 th Avenue NW	Private Road	28 feet
Radium Street NW	Public Road	32 feet
Public Road (Unnamed) connecting Radium and Potassium	Public Road	32 feet
Potassium Street NW	Public Road	24 feet

As part of this project, Potassium Street must be upgraded from a gravel road to a paved, public road. The applicant has proposed a cost-share with the City.

Proposed Lots. The current zoning is PUD. Typically, in this situation, staff would defer back to the original, or underlying zoning, to review lot sizes and setbacks. The original zoning, before this site was rezoned to PUD in 2005, was R-1 MUSA. The townhome lots do not meet these requirements. Instead, staff has reviewed under the zoning closest to what is proposed.

	Reviewed Under Current Standards	Required Setbacks for Future Additions, Detached Structures, Etc.
Block 1, Lots 1 – 28	R-3	
Block 1, Lot 29	N/A Entirely Drainage and Utility Easement. No buildings ever allowed here.	
Block 1, Lot 30	R-1 MUSA	
Block 2, Lots 1 – 6	R-3	

Separate review for each standard is below.

R-3 Review. Block 1, Lots 1 – 28 and Block 2, Lots 1-6.

Requirement	Current Requirement	Met?
Lot Size	None	N/A
Density	7 – 15 units/acre	No – Less 3 u/acre
Lot Width	None	N/A
Building Setback from Street ROW or from private street back of curbline	25 feet	Yes
Building setback from exterior development boundary line	25 feet	Yes
Minimum separation between buildings, including any appurtenances (patios, decks, etc.)	20 feet	No – almost all homes are closer than 20 feet. Majority have 15 feet separation.
Max lot coverage	35%	Yes
Accessory structure setback from development boundary line	30 feet	N/A

R-1 MUSA Review. Block 1, Lot 30.

Requirement	Current Requirement	Met?
Lot Size	10,800 square feet	Yes – 28,000 sq. ft.
Density	3 u/acre	Yes 3 u/acre
Lot Width	80 feet	Yes
Front Yard Setback	30 feet	Yes (65 feet)
Rear Yard Setback	30 feet	Yes (90 feet)
Side Yard Setback	6 (uninhabitable) 10 feet (habitable)	Yes (33 feet)
Max lot coverage	35%	Yes (<10%)

Trails. Public bituminous trails are shown along Nowthen Boulevard and through the site connecting to Radium St NW. Private trails are shown behind the homes along the wetland. Staff feels that in order for the applicant to receive a PUD approval for this project, all trails must be public and must loop back to Nowthen Blvd in order to create a public purpose.

Grading and Drainage Plans. Please see Engineering Comments with regard to grading and drainage.

Development Fees. Development Fees will be due with the Plat including, but not limited to, Park Dedication, Trail Development, and Stormwater Management. These fees are collected at the time the Final Plat is recorded and at the rate in effect when the plat is recorded.

Development Agreement: An executed Development Agreement will be required prior to releasing the plat for recording.

Proposed PUD Setbacks.

PROPOSED ZONING: PUD- PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

**PROPOSED PUD SINGLE UNIT TOWNHOME SETBACKS:
(LOTS 1-28, BLOCK 1 & LOTS 1-6, BLOCK 2)**

FRONT STREET:	25 FEET FROM CURB
SIDE STREET:	25 FEET FROM CURB
SIDE YARD:	15 FEET BETWEEN BUILDINGS
PLAT BOUNDARY:	30 FEET FROM PLAT BOUNDARY
WETLANDS AND STORMWATER PONDS:	16.5 FEET

**PROPOSED PUD SINGLE FAMILY LOT SETBACKS:
(LOT 30 , BLOCK 1)**

FRONT STREET:	30 FEET FROM RIGHT-OF-WAY
HOUSE SIDE YARD:	10 FEET
GARAGE SIDE YARD:	6 FEET
REAR YARD:	30 FEET
WETLANDS AND STORMWATER PONDS:	16.5 FEET

Planned Unit Development Review

Analysis Per City Code Section 117-123.

(a) Intent. The intent of the Planned Unit Development District is to provide a district that will encourage:

- 1) Flexibility in land development in order to make better use of new techniques in building design and construction and land development.
- 2) Housing affordable to all income groups.
- 3) More efficient use of public infrastructure.
- 4) Energy conservation through the use of more efficient building designs and through the clustering of buildings and land uses.
- 5) Preservation of desirable land characteristics and open space and protection of sensitive environmental features such as steep slopes, poor soils and trees.
- 6) More effective and efficient use of land, open space and public facilities through the mixing of land uses and assembly and development of land in larger lots.

Staff Comment on item (a):

- Staff feels items 3, 4, 5, and 6 are met.
- Staff does not have information on affordability levels of new homes in relation to item 2.
- Staff feels that item 1 could be met with strict architectural review, similar to that of the COR guidelines.

(b) Criteria. Every proposal presented to the city for rezoning to Planned Unit Development District (*PUD*), shall be accompanied by a preliminary site plan as provided in subsection (k)(1) of this section. The city shall consider the following criteria and objectives in reviewing the *PUD*:

- 1) A high quality of design and design compatible with surrounding land uses, both existing and planned.
- 2) A wider range of housing types, price ranges and styles than could be accomplished under existing zoning.
- 3) Public amenities, facilities and open spaces that are greater than the minimum requirements of existing zoning and determined to be in the public good.
- 4) Compatibility with the purposes and intents of this chapter and the city's comprehensive plan, specifically residential density requirements. Increases in density may be allowed, provided that traffic patterns will not be adversely affected and that public facilities are adequate.
- 5) Provision for a minimum of 20 percent public open space and/or 50 percent private open space protected by adequate covenants running with the land or by conveyances or dedications. Credit for public open space shall be given pursuant to the following schedule:
 - a. Woodlands, steep slopes, prairie and grasslands: 100 percent credit.
 - b. Water features and wetlands: 50 percent credit.
 - c. Private open space may include yard space, street boulevards, and other private common areas.
- 6) The proposal shall exercise no substantial detrimental influence on the market value of surrounding properties.
- 7) The proposal shall show a favorable economic impact on the community at large.
- 8) The proposal shall not adversely impact natural features such as wetlands, water features, woodlands, and steep slopes.

- 9) The proposal shall protect and preserve scenic qualities to the greatest extent possible.
- 10) The proposal shall not impose any undue burden on public services and facilities, including fire and police protection, schools, streets, water systems, sanitary sewer systems and storm sewer systems.
- 11) The proposal is designed in such a way to form a desirable and unified environment within its own boundaries, and also will not be detrimental to future land uses in the surrounding areas.
- 12) The proposal is consistent with all other applicable city and state regulations.

Staff Comments on Item (B):

- Staff believes items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 are met.
- Staff believes item 1 could be met through strict architectural guidelines.
- Staff does not have information on item 2, but the PUD features 2 housing types, with 34 detached townhomes and one single family lot.
- Item 3 is not currently met, but could be met by updating the private trails to public trails that meet the parks and trails requirements. This trail should be looped back to the public trail along Nowthen Boulevard.