## city of Hastings

**Planning Commission Memorandum** 

**To:** Planning Commission

From: John Hinzman, Community Development Director

**Date:** June 11, 2012

**Item:** Preliminary & Final Plat – Riverwood 11<sup>th</sup> Addition

### **REQUEST**

Greg J Homes seeks Preliminary and Final Plat approval of Riverwood 11<sup>th</sup> Addition a 14 lot single family home subdivision located near Village Trail and 36<sup>th</sup> Street W. The proposal is a replat of 17 townhomes from Riverwood 8<sup>th</sup> Addition. The existing townhome lots would be reconfigured into single family home sites.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

### Notification

Notification of the request was mailed to all property owners within 350 feet. One property owner has spoken to staff with concerns about the change from townhome to single family. The individual's rear yard abuts the site and the owner has concerns that the change could have a negative effect on their home.

### **Comprehensive Plan Classification**

The 2030 Comprehensive Plan designates the property as Medium Density Residential. The proposed use is consistent with the plan.

### **Zoning Classification**

The property is zoned R-3 – Residential Medium-High Density. The existing residential use conforms to the zoning ordinance

### **Adjacent Zoning and Land Use**

Direction	<b>Property Use</b>	Zoning	Comp Plan
North	Single Family Homes	R-3	Low Density
	Townhomes	R-3	Medium Density
East	Townhomes	R-3	Medium Density
	Vacant Land	R-3	Medium Density
South	Townhomes	R-3	Medium Density
	Vacant Land	R-3	Medium Density
West	Townhomes	R-3	Medium Density
	Vacant Land	R-3	Medium Density

### **Existing Condition**

The property was platted for 17 townhome sites as part of Riverwood 8<sup>th</sup> Addition in 2003. Roads and utilities were constructed to serve the proposed townhome units.

### **Proposed Improvements**

Replat 17 townhome lots into 14 single family lots. Individual utility services including water and sewer will need to be reconfigured to the new layout.

### **Vacation of Easements**

Existing Drainage and Utility easements of the underlying Riverwood 8<sup>th</sup> Addition must be vacated prior to recording of the Final Plat. A separate application for the vacation has been submitted. City Council has ordered the public hearing to review the vacation at the June 18, 2012 City Council Meeting.

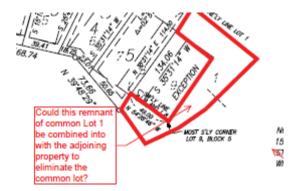
### PRELIMINARY & FINAL PLAT REVIEW

### **Authority**

Hastings City Code Chapter 154 – Subdivisions establishes rules and procedures for platting land.

### Lot Layout

Proposed lots meet minimum size requirements. The proposed lot arrangement involves subdivision of common ownership lots established in Riverwood 8<sup>th</sup> Addition. Since this is no longer a townhome subdivision, the applicant may want to consider eliminating the common lots in their entirety and allocate portions to abutting private owners. In particular the elimination of the remnant lot below should be strongly considered:



### Setbacks

The following setbacks shall apply for new homes within the subdivision:

Setback	Distance
Front	35'*
Side	7'
Rear	20'

<sup>\* 35&#</sup>x27; front yard setback required all collector roads. Both 36<sup>th</sup> Street and Village Trail are collector roads.

### **Streets**

No new streets will be constructed. All homes will be constructed along existing streets. Seven home sites will abut Village Trail, and seven homes will abut 36<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Vehicular Access & Circulation**

Access and circulation is acceptable with the following condition:

1. All homes shall be constructed with a driveway turnaround to allow vehicles the opportunity to avoid backing into a collector roadway.

### **Pedestrian Access & Circulation**

Pedestrian access and circulation is acceptable. Village Trail contains a sidewalk. Both a sidewalk and trail exist along 36<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Grading Drainage and Erosion Control Plan**

A Grading Drainage and Erosion Control Plan was approved as part of Riverwood 8<sup>th</sup> addition. However with the change from townhome lots to single family, the following is required:

1. Submittal of a Grading, Drainage, and Erosion Control Plan for Riverwood 11<sup>th</sup> Addition for approval by the Public Works Department. The Plan must reflect the change from a townhome to a single family residential development.

### **Utility Reconfiguration**

The reconfiguration and reduction of lots will require the removal and\or abandonment of utility services. Utility reconfiguration must meet the following conditions:

- 1. Unneeded utilities service lines must be capped or tied into adjoining lines to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.
- 2. An agreement indicating property owner responsibility for unused/abandoned/interconnected utility services lines, and agreeing to pay additional future expenses in the event of failure of the same unused/abandoned/interconnected utility service lines must be filed at the county with the associated property. All recording expenses for these agreements shall be paid by the developer.

### **Sewer Interceptor Fees**

Sewer interceptor fees were previously paid with the recording of Riverwood 8<sup>th</sup> Addition.

### **Park Dedication Fees**

Park dedication fees were previously paid with the recording of Riverwood 8<sup>th</sup> Addition.

### Landscaping

A landscape plan has yet to be submitted. The plan must be reviewed prior to plat approval. Approval would be subject to the following:

- 1. Front yard trees must be planted prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy. The species and sizes of trees must be consistent with the landscape plan.
- 2. Boulevard trees must be planted within the right-of-way. The species and sizes of trees must be consistent with the landscape plan. All trees must be planted prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

### **Group Mailboxes**

A group mailbox plan has yet to be submitted. The US Postal Service now required that all new homes are served through group mailbox or clustered together. The plan must show the location of the mailboxes and lots served.

### RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the Preliminary and Final Plat is recommended subject to the following conditions:

- 1. All disturbed areas shall be stabilized with rooting vegetative cover to minimize erosion.
- 2. Disturbed areas shall adhere to the City's property maintenance ordinance.
- 3. Vacation of the underlying drainage and utility easements prior to recording of the Final Plat.
- 4. All lots shall be constructed with a driveway turnaround to allow vehicles the opportunity to avoid backing into a collector roadway.
- 5. All lots shall be subject to the 35' front yard setback provision for homes fronting collector roadways.
- 6. Submittal of a Grading, Drainage, and Erosion Control Plan for Riverwood 11<sup>th</sup> Addition for approval by the Public Works Department. The Plan must reflect the change from a townhome to a single family residential development.
- 7. Unneeded utilities service lines must be capped or tied into adjoining lines to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.
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- 11. Approval is subject to a one year Sunset Clause; if significant progress is not made construction of the proposal within one year of City Council approval, the approval is null and void.
- 12. Submittal of a Landscape Plan showing all boulevard and front yard tree locations, species, and sizes.
- 13. Submittal of a Group Mail Box Plan showing locations of all group mail boxes and lots served.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Location Map
- Preliminary & Final Plat
- Application

## **Location Map**



Disclaimer: Map and parcel data are believed to be accurate, but accuracy is not guaranteed. This is not a legal document and should not be substituted for a title search, appraisal, survey, or for zoning verification.

Map Scale
1 inch = 261 feet

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