

# **Planning Commission Memorandum**

**To:** Planning Commission

From: John Hinzman, Community Development Director

Date: February 23, 2015

Item: Conditional Use Permit #2015-12 - Floodplain Use Permit - Levee Park Rotary

Pavilion

# **Planning Commission Action Requested**

The Planning Commission is asked to consider the following request by the City of Hastings to allow construction of the Levee Park Rotary Pavilion, generally located between the Mississippi River and the terminus of Ramsey Street:

1) Conditional Use Permit — City Code Chapter 151 — Flood Plain Regulations. Construction of a building within the Flood Fringe District below the regulatory flood plain elevation. The structure would be located within the Flood Fringe District. The proposed finished floor elevation of 692 feet is below the 694 foot regulatory food plain elevation.

# **Background Information**

The Hastings Area Rotary Club has proposed, designed, and raised funds for a 5,000 s.f. pavilion within Levee Park. The pavilion would be built and owned by the City of Hastings as part of the 2015 Riverfront Renaissance public improvement project in Levee Park. The City Council granted a 100' variance to the 150' minimum shoreland setback on October 7, 2013.

# **Comprehensive Plan Classification**

The 2030 Comprehensive Plan designates the property as Mixed Use. The proposal is conjunction with neighboring existing and proposed uses is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

## **Adjacent Zoning and Land Use**

The following land uses abut the property:

Existing Use	Zoning	Comp Plan
Mississippi River		Open Water
Levee Park		Mixed Use
Parking Lot	C-3 Comm. Reg. Comm	Mixed Use
Ramsey Street		
Vacant Land (Abdo)	DC Downtown Core	Mixed Use
Levee Park		Mixed Use
	Mississippi River Levee Park Parking Lot Ramsey Street Vacant Land (Abdo)	Mississippi River Levee Park Parking Lot C-3 Comm. Reg. Comm Ramsey Street Vacant Land (Abdo) DC Downtown Core

## **Existing Condition**

The existing site is within Levee Park and contains the current Veterans Memorial. A new and expanded Veterans Memorial is currently under construction directly west of the pavilion site.

# **Proposed Condition**

Construction of a 5,000 s.f. pavilion for a variety of public uses.

# **Notice of Public Hearing**

A notice of public hearing was sent to all property owners within 350 feet of the site. No comments have been received at this time.

#### Minnesota DNR Comments

The application has been forwarded to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for review and comment. The DNR asked if raingardens or other plantings could be implemented to mitigate for the increased impervious surface. The larger project will include stormwater treatment beds in the parking lot reconstruction to the southwest of the site.

## CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REVIEW

#### **Conditional Use Permit**

Conditional Use Permits are uses identified in the City Code that may be allowable upon review by the Planning Commission and City Council.

## **Flood Plain Regulations**

Hastings City Code 151 establishes Flood Plain Regulations. Areas adjacent to public waters with an annual 1% chance of flooding (the 100 year flood zone) are affected. Flood Plain Regulations are further subdivided into three districts. The pavilion is located within the "Flood Fringe District.

Chapter 151.05, Subd. C identifies Conditional Uses within the Flood Fringe District and states that any structure not elevated on fill above the Regulatory Flood Elevation (694 feet) is subject to a Conditional Use Permit. The lowest floor of the pavilion would measure 692 feet above sea level.

### Standards for Conditional Use Permits

Chapter 151.05, Subd. D outlines standards for the granting of conditional use permits in the Flood Fringe District, including:

 All areas of non-residential structures must be flood proofed in accordance with the structurally dry flood proofing classifications FP-1 or FP-2 of the State Building Code. Analysis - The pavilion will be constructed as an open sided building with no interior rooms and designed to withstand flooding.

• Projects involving the 1,000 cubic yards or more of fill are subject to specific erosion and sedimentation control measures.

Analysis – The project will not exceed the 1,000 cubic yard threshold. Erosion and sedimentation measures will be implemented.

• Any materials stored on site must be able to be moved in the event of a flood warning

Analysis – On-site storage of materials will be limited and will be moved in the event of a flood.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Approval of the Conditional Use Permit is recommended subject to the following conditions

- 1) Conformance with the Planning Commission Staff Report and plans dated February 23, 2015.
- 2) Adherence to the approved site plans.
- 3) All areas of non-residential structures must be flood proofed in accordance with the structurally dry flood proofing classifications FP-1 or FP-2 of the State Building Code.
- 4) Any materials stored on site must be able to be moved in the event of a flood warning.
- 5) All disturbed areas on the property shall be stabilized with rooting vegetative cover to eliminate erosion problems.
- 6) The perimeter of the site must have erosion control.
- 7) Meet applicable building code requirements.
- 8) Approval is subject to a one year Sunset Clause; if significant progress is not made towards construction of the proposal within one year of City Council approval, the approval is null and void.

# **Attachments:**

- Location Map
- Site Pictures
- Site Plan

# **Site Location**









