CITY OF WEST DES MOINES PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: February 27, 2017

<u>Item</u>: Grand Avenue Estates, 3600 Grand Avenue – Approval of Preliminary Plat for

Four Single Family Lots and Two Street Lots - Premier Development - PP-

003313-2016

Requested Action: Approval of Preliminary Plat

Case Advisor: Kara Tragesser, AICP

Applicant's Request: The applicant, Premier Development, represented by Doug Mandernach of Civil Design Advantage, is requesting approval of a Preliminary Plat for approximately 5.510 acres to subdivide the lot at 3600 Grand Avenue into four lots for single family development and two street lots (see Attachment B – Location Map and Attachment C – Preliminary Plat).

<u>History</u>: The property has one existing residential structure using a driveway from Grand Avenue. The property is zoned Residential Estate (RE-1A) allowing 40,000 sq. ft. lots.

<u>City Council Subcommittee</u>: This item was presented to the Development and Planning City Council Subcommittee on January 9, 2017; the Subcommittee was supportive of the development.

<u>Staff Review and Comment</u>: This request was distributed to other City departments and other agencies for their review and comment. There are no outstanding issues. Staff notes the following:

<u>Public Utility Easements (PUE) in the front yard:</u> The City's policy is that public utility easements (PUEs) for utilities such as electric and gas be placed in the rear or side yards of lots. Partially, this is to keep the transformers and connection boxes from public view and partially to maintain separation of public utilities such as sewer and water from these other utilities. For this plat the applicant has proposed that the PUEs be placed in all of the front yards along the private street. The applicant's represents that placing these easements in the rear of the property will interfere with the installation of the buffer plantings and the existing tree cover. Therefore, the applicant requests that the PUEs shown in the front yards be approved as part of the preliminary plat. Staff is supportive of this request.

<u>Comprehensive Plan Consistency</u>: The project has been reviewed for consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. Based upon that review, a finding has been made that the proposed project is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan in that the project is consistent with all of the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan and the land use map of the Comprehensive Plan.

<u>Findings</u>: This proposed project was distributed to various city departments for review and comment. Based upon that review, the following findings have been made on the proposed project:

- 1. The proposed development and use is consistent with the West Des Moines Comprehensive Plan in that the project has been reviewed for consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. Based upon that review, a finding has been made that the proposed project is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan in that the project is consistent with all of the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.
- 2. The proposed development and use does assure compatibility of property uses within the zone and general area in that this project was reviewed by various City Departments for compliance with the Zoning Ordinance.
- 3. All applicable standards and conditions have been imposed which protects the public health, safety and welfare in that this project was reviewed by various City Departments and public agencies for compliance with the various state and local regulations. Based upon that review a finding is made that the project has been adequately conditioned to protect the health, welfare and safety of the community.
- 4. There is adequate on-site and off-site public infrastructure to support the proposed development in that this project was reviewed by various public agencies and City Departments and public utilities to ensure that either

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the petitioner will construct or the project has been conditioned to construct adequate public infrastructure to serve the development.

- 5. The proposed development and use has met the requirements contained in the City Code in that this project was reviewed by various City Departments and the project has complied with or has been conditioned to comply with all City Code requirements.
- 6. The proposed development and use is in keeping with the scale and nature of the surrounding neighborhood in that the proposed project is consistent with the zoning designation and Comprehensive Plan which designates this site as suitable for development such as that proposed by this project.

<u>Staff Recommendation And Conditions Of Approval</u>: Based upon the preceding review and a finding of consistency with the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan, staff recommends the Plan and Zoning Commission adopt a resolution recommending the City Council approve the Preliminary Plat to create four lots for single family development, and two public street lots, subject to the applicant meeting all City Code requirements and the following:

- 1. The applicant providing final drawings, addressing staff comments, of the preliminary plat prior to the construction of any improvements on the site and prior to the final plat proceeding to the City Council for approval.
- 2. Applicant acknowledging that the associated Final plat must be approved and released for recordation by the City and recorded with the County prior to the issuance of any building permits, including footing and foundation permits for any lot within the plat;
- 3. That the City Council allows the public utility easements to be located in the front of lots 1-4.

Applicant: Premier Development

2540 73rd Street Urbandale IA 50322 James Rizzuti

Owners: Geraldine M. Adams

3600 Grand Avenue

West Des Moines IA 50265

Applicant's Representatives: Doug Mandernach

Civil Design Advantage

3405 Crossroads Drive, Suite G

Grimes IA 50111

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Plan and Zoning Commission Resolution

Attachment B - Location Map
Attachment C - Preliminary Plat

RESOLUTION NO. PZC

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT IT APPROVE A PRELIMINARY PLAT TO SUBDIVIDE PROPERTY INTO FOUR LOTS FOR SINGLE FAMILY DEVELOPMENT AND TWO PUBLIC STREET LOTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, Chapter 1 et seq, of the West Des Moines Municipal Code, the applicant, Premier Development, has requested approval for a Preliminary Plat (PP-003313-2016) to create four single family residential lots on a 5.510 acres site located at 3600 Grand Avenue;

WHEREAS, studies and investigations were made, and staff reports and recommendations were submitted which is made a part of this record and herein incorporated by reference;

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2017, this Commission held a duly-noticed public meeting to consider the application for a Preliminary Plat;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. The findings, for approval, in the staff report or as amended orally at the Plan and Zoning Commission meeting are adopted.

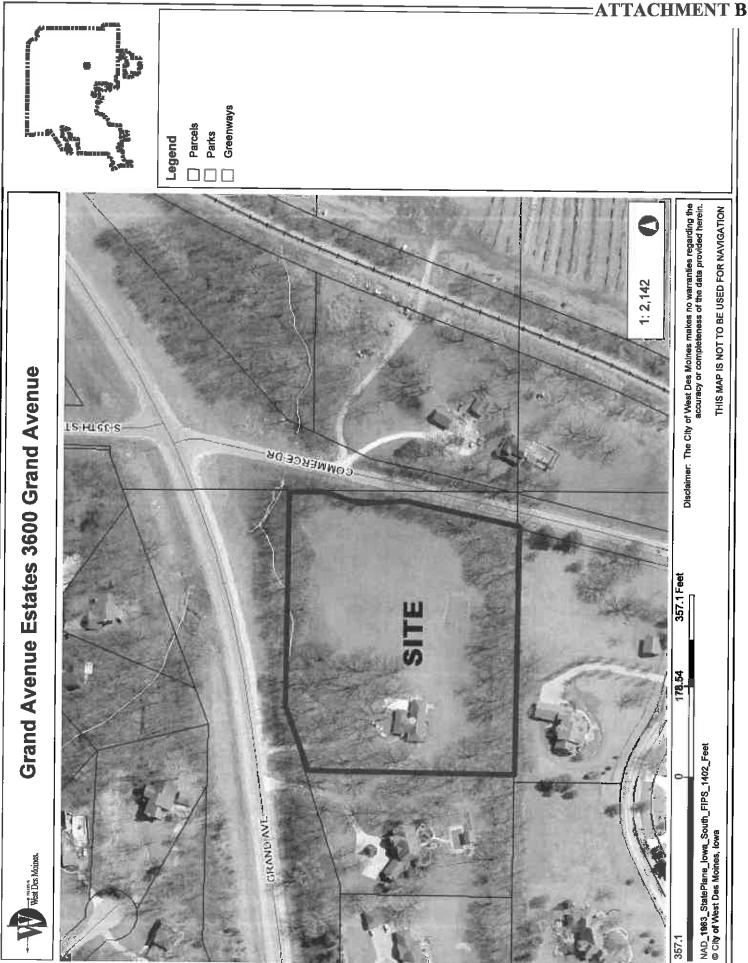
SECTION 2. The Preliminary Plat to subdivide the property into four single family residential lots is recommended to the City Council for approval, subject to compliance with all the conditions in the staff report including conditions added at the Hearing, and attached hereto as Exhibit "A." Violation of any such conditions shall be grounds for revocation of the permit, as well as any other remedy which is available to the City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on February 27, 2017.

ATTEST:	Craig Erickson, Chairperson Plan and Zoning Commission
Recording Secretary	
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was du Des Moines, Iowa, at a regular meeting held on February 2	nly adopted by the Plan and Zoning Commission of the City of West 7, 2017, by the following vote:
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Exhibit A CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

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