## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES STAFF REPORT

## For Planning Commission Meeting of November 17, 2015

## SUBJECT: Banyan Court Site Condominium Site Plan for City Council Approval 1654 South Maple Road <br> File No. SP15-039

## PROPOSED CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MOTION

The Ann Arbor City Planning Commission hereby recommends that the Mayor and City Council approve the Banyan Court Site Condominium Site Plan and Development Agreement.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that this petition be postponed to allow additional time to complete revised plan reviews and for the petitioner to address to outstanding issues.

## LOCATION

This site is located on the west side of South Maple Road between Jade Court and Country Village Court (West Area; Malletts Creek watershed; Ward 4).

## DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The petitioner seeks approval to develop 10 single-family homes on a private street as a site condominium on a 2.75 -acre site in the R1C (Single-Family Dwelling) district. The site is currently vacant but had a single-family home, a large pole barn and several small sheds until this past summer. The site also contains 17 landmark trees.

A private street is proposed along the south side of the site with a 12 to 24 -foot wide conflicting land use buffer between it and the neighboring single-family development to the south. The private street includes three bays for 10 on-street parallel parking spaces on the south side and a sidewalk along the length of the north side.

The proposed lots, which are actually site condominium units, range in size from 9,817 square feet to 13,075 square feet. Each of the lots can accommodate a two-story home of 2,000square feet or more, including a two-car attached garaged. Minimum required front, side and rear setbacks are achieved with each lot.

Ten of the 17 existing landmark trees on the site are proposed to be saved. All but one of the saved landmark trees are within the setback area, not the buildable envelope, of the proposed lots. Mitigation trees for the removed landmark trees will be planted on-site. Whether additional
mitigation trees must be planted in a city park or a donation to the street tree fund is required to satisfy the total amount of mitigation is still being evaluated.

Soils on the site have very limited infiltration capacity and the site is within the upper reaches of the Malletts Creek watershed. Therefore, the proposed storm water management plan utilizes a series of rain gardens and bioswales to act as forebays and provide a treatment train approach. An underground detention system has been sized for detention of $120 \%$ of the required volume. The Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's office is reviewing and will approve the storm water management system.

The petitioner has offered a contribution of $\$ 6,200.00$ for parkland instead of a providing an onsite playground or donating land to the parkland system.

One AAATA route serves the site with a stop on the east side of South Maple Road at Dicken Drive, approximately 300 feet south of the site. The estimated project cost is $\$ 4,000,000$.

COMPARISON CHART

|  |  | EXISTING | PROPOSED | REQUIRED |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Zoning |  | R1C (Single-Family) | R1C | R1C |
| Lot Area |  | 120,661 sq ft (2.77 ac) | 9,817 sq ft MIN | 7,200 sq ft MIN |
| Density |  | 0.4 dwelling units/acre | 4 dwelling units/acre | 6 dwelling units/acre MAX |
| Lot Width |  | 163 ft | 60 ft MIN | 60 ft MIN |
|  | Front | 70 ft | 25 ft MIN from public ROW, 20 ft MIN to edge of private street pavement | 25 ft MIN to ROW 10 ft MIN to edge of private street pavement |
|  | Side | 70 ft north side 50 ft south side | 5 ft MIN | 5 ft MIN |
|  | Rear | 600 ft | 30 ftMIN | 30 ft MIN |
| Height |  | 20 ft approximately | 30 ft MAX | 30 ft MAX |

SURROUNDING LAND USES AND ZONING

|  | LAND USE | ZONING |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NORTH | Single-Family Dwellings | R1C (Single-Family Dwelling) |
| EAST | Single-Family Dwellings | R1C |
| SOUTH | Single-Family Dwellings | R1C |
| WEST | I-94, Scio Township | TWP |

## PLANNING BACKGROUND

This site is located in the West planning area. The Master Plan Land Use Element recommends continuing single or two-family residential uses for the site and the surrounding area.

Chapter 5 of the Land Use Element addresses community oriented design and includes a section design to help ensure that future development projects are designed with the larger community in mind (see page 26). Particularly applicable design elements in that section for the proposed development include:

- Front Porches - usable front porches should be provided in new residential neighborhoods to enhance the sense of community and increase neighborhood security by increasing surveillance.
- Garages - garage doors should be located behind or no closer to the street than the front of the house to encourage pedestrian and bicycle safety, encourage a pedestrian oriented neighborhood and reduce the image of a garage dominated streetscape. Garages should not be the dominant feature along the streetscape.

All four (4) submitted home models show a projected garage. The applicant should offer a nonprojected garage model to be consistant with the Master Plan.

## COMMENTS PENDING, DISMISSED OR UNRESOLVED

Planning - A draft development agreement is still being prepared and will be finalized when all outstanding issues noted by staff have been resolved so that the appropriate details may be included.

Forestry/Natural Resources - The revised plans are still being reviewed by staff. Confirmation that the revisions, or additional comments that must be addressed, are pending.

Engineering - Staff has identified additional revisions that must be made to the proposed plans involving the proposed street and utility easements on the site, relationship of the bioswales and rain gardens with public utility easements, sanitary sewer mitigation calculations and modeling.

Water Resources Commissioner - Further revisions to the proposed storm water management plan have been requested.

Malletts Creek Coordinating Committee - The MCCC provided suggestions on the originally submitted proposed development and storm water management plan, including no net increase to the rate or volume of water directed to Malletts Creek and utilizing a treatment train approach. A treatment train approach has been incorporated into the stormwater management design.

Traffic - The revised plans are still being reviewed by staff. Confirmation that the revisions, or additional comments that must be addressed, are pending.

Solid Waste/Recycling - The revised plans are still being reviewed by staff. Confirmation that the revisions or additional comments that must be addressed are pending.

Fire Marshal - The revised plans address previous staff comments and may be approved.
Parks - The park contribution will be used for parks within a $1 / 2$-mile of the site: South Maple Park, Mushroom Park, Dicken Woods and Hansen parks.

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