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a. Public Hearing and Action on Glacier Hills Senior Living Community Site Plan, 33.4 acres, 1200 Earhart Road. A request to construct a new, two-story 60,000-square foot skilled nursing care facility, construct small additions to the existing five-story Manor Building and two-story Care and Rehabilitation Center, and reconfigure the existing parking lots on the east and west side of the site including 57 additional parking spaces (postponed at 3/16/10 meeting) - Staff Recommendation: Approval

*DiLeo explained the proposal and showed proposed drawings of the development.*

*Jordon London, architect for the proposed project, made himself available for any questions.*

*Jim Mogensen, 3780 Briarcrest, believed that the people in the urban area would not be using the public transportation system as much as they had in the past. He commented that there was not a public transportation study done by Glacier Hills regarding the proposed project, but he stated the information would not be difficult to obtain. He finished by stated that very few riders used the Glacier Hills route and predicted that the one remaining route would be discontinued within the next year.*

*Noting no further speakers, Bona declared the public hearing closed.*

*Carlberg asked that the staff report chart calculations be corrected. She commented that the project gave a new meaning to full spectrum housing and she was pleased that the very large site would increase the services for people in the community.*

*Bona asked the petitioner to clarify to City Council how the Ann Arbor Transit Authority would be utilized at this site and what changes could be made to make the transportation plan more effective. She commented that it would be difficult to encourage other forms of transportation when there is an abundance of on site parking provided on location.*

*Westphal asked staff if the sidewalk could be constructed to the east to avoid any affect on the two landmark trees.*

*DiLeo believed the sidewalk could be moved in either direction, but the City Urban Forester who is in charge of all street trees would work out a plan with Public Services. She said normally the City worked to save as many trees as possible, but would weigh the benefit of providing the sidewalk.*

*Pratt stated that he was not concerned with the placement of the sidewalk in an easement since the existing walk had already been placed in an easement. He believed that the sidewalk should be provided continually between the property lines, including a short section at the south end of the property, and asked the issue be revisited as the property is forwarded to City Council.*

*Woods asked the petitioner to provide a census of the employees to determine their transportation needs.*

**Recommended for Approval**

**Yeas:** 8 - Bonnie Bona, Evan Pratt, Jean Carlberg, Wendy Woods, Tony Derezinski, Erica Briggs, Kirk Westphal, and Diane Giannola

**Nays:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Eric A. Mahler