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Meeting Minutes City Planning Commission

Tuesday, August 21, 2012

7:00 PM

City Hall, 301 E. Huron Street, 2nd Flr.

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Food Gatherers Revised PUD Site Plan for City Council Approval - A proposal to construct additions totaling 12,646 sq ft to the front and rear of this warehouse/office structure, located at 1 Carrot Way, and add 22 parking spaces along the eastern driveway, for a total of 50 vehicle parking spaces on this 2.73 acres site. Staff Recommendation: Approval

DiLeo presented the staff report.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Eileen Spring, Executive Director of Food Gatherers, 1 Carrot Way, said she was pleased to present the proposal for an expanded warehouse. She described the work of their organization. She said they are at capacity for distribution in the current building, and the new space will be devoted to cooler and freezer space which allows them to better provide fresh and healthful food. She said the additional space also will allow for better accommodation for volunteers. She said she is here with a team that can answer questions.

Noting no further speakers, the Chair declared the public hearing closed.

Moved by Adenekan, seconded by Clein, that the Ann Arbor City Planning Commission hereby recommends that the Mayor and City Council approve the Food Gatherers Revised PUD Site Plan.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

DiLeo noted that there were a few errors in the comparison chart. The side setback is actually 15 feet, and the additional will be 20.5 feet. The proposed parking is 50 spaces, not 46.

Clein asked if there will be new site lighting installed as part of the parking.

David Esau, architect for the petitioner, said they are updating the site lighting to maintain the standards in the new layouts.

Woods asked if the neighbors were notified.

Esau said they did the required mailing and did not receive any comments.

Woods said she remembers the original proposal, which generated a lot of concern from neighbors. She thanked them for their work in the community.

Derezinski echoed the sentiment about the good work that Food Gatherers does. He asked how the water run off is handled.

Esau said the site has sanitary sewer, and the produce washing will go to the

sanitary sewer.

Westphal said that this looks like a good enhancement to the site. He asked whether thought was given to a gray water system for the produce washing.

Esau said that they have not explored this option, but will look into it.

Bona suggested considering using gray water for the gardens.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion carried.

Yeas: 7 - Bonnie Bona, Wendy Woods, Tony Derezinski, Kirk Westphal, Diane Giannola, Eleanore Adenekan, and Kenneth Clein

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Evan Pratt, and Eric A. Mahler