



MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 2/16/2016

CONSENT/REGULAR

ITEM #:

MOTION

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance Amendment – Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venue

SUBMITTED BY: Stephen Wensman, Planning Director

THROUGH: Clark Schroeder, Interim City Administrator

REVIEWED BY: Joan Ziertman

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Introduction of Item Staff
- Report/Presentation..... Staff
- Questions from Council to Staff..... Mayor Facilitates
- Public Input, if Appropriate..... Mayor Facilitates
- Call for Motion Mayor & City Council
- Discussion..... Mayor & City Council
- Action on Motion..... Mayor Facilitates

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:

Danielle Hecker and Carol Palmquist are requesting an amendment to the Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venue ordinance to allow venues on RR – Rural Residential properties 10 acres in size or greater, to increase the number of allowed venues to 4 per week, to require the owner/operator or responsible designee to be on the premises for the duration of each event, and exempting venue facilities from the surfacing and curbing requirements of City Code Section 154.210

Staff and the Planning Commission recommend the City Council approved the ordinance amendment with the following motion:

“Move to approval of Ordinance 08- amending the Lake Elmo Code of Ordinances, Section 154.310, Subd. D, changing the minimum criteria to sites ten acres or greater, limiting ceremonies to no more than 4 per week and no more than 3 per day, requiring the operator or responsible designee (a family member, employee or responsible designee of at least 21 years of age) to be on the premises for the duration of each event, exempting commercial wedding ceremony venues from the commercial surfacing and curbing requirements of City Code Section 154.210.”

BACKGROUND AND STAFF REPORT:

The applicant is proposing an amendment to the Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venue ordinance in order to correct a perceived text error in the code, to increase the revenue potential to facilitate the restoration of a historic barn, to minimize an operational constraint, and to clarify parking and curbing requirements. The current ordinance restricts commercial wedding ceremony venues to parcels greater than ten acres, where

it was generally understood that parcels of 10 acres and greater would qualify. The applicant believes the requirement that the owner/operator be on the premises for the duration of each event is impractical. Venues are often scheduled years in advance, and family emergencies or other conflicts with scheduled venues cannot be predicted. Therefore, operationally, it makes sense to allow a responsible designee to be on the premises when the owner/operator cannot be present. The applicant is investing significant monies to restore the historic barn to give it an economic purpose which would otherwise likely fall into disrepair and be removed from the landscape. The restoration and repurposing of the barn is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and the purpose the Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venue ordinance. To facilitate the restoration of the barn and to make it economically tenable, the request to increase the number of allowed ceremonies from 2 to 4 per week is reasonable. Lastly, the intent of the ordinance is to preserve the rural character. The principal use of the property is residential with a commercial accessory use. The City code for commercial properties requires paving and curbing, which conflict with the intent of the ordinance and the applicant's desire to preserve the rural character. For this reason, it may be reasonable to exempt commercial wedding ceremony venues from the commercial parking and curbing requirements.

Public Hearing. A public hearing was held at the Planning Commission on February 8, 2016. At the public hearing one resident spoke against the amendment and one for it.

Planning Commission Review. The Planning Commission was in support of the ordinance amendment, with the following changes. The Planning Commission wanted to clarify the meaning of responsible designee. The Commission was also concerned about the increase in the number of venues and the impact on neighboring residences. They agreed to the increase to a maximum of four venues per week, but no more than 3 per day.

Staff has not had adequate time to prepare minutes for the February 8, 2016 Planning Commission, therefore, the ordinance amendment is based on Staff's notes, but not the exact Planning Commission recommended zoning text amendment language.

RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENT(S):

Ordinance Amendment 08-__pertaining to Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venues

Planning Commission Minutes 2/8/16

CITY OF LAKE ELMO
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON
STATE OF MINNESOTA

ORDINANCE NO. 08-__

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAKE ELMO CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING
TO COMMERCIAL WEDDING CEREMONY VENUES

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Lake Elmo hereby ordains that Title XV:
Land Usage; § 154.310, Subd. D is hereby amended by adding the following:

D. *Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venue.* A commercial wedding venue is allowed as an accessory use with an interim use permit in the A – Agriculture, RT – Rural Transitional, and RR-Rural Residential zoning districts on parcels 10 acres in size or greater ~~than 10 acres in size~~. The establishment of a Commercial Wedding Venue on RR parcels is limited to those sites meeting the following criteria: 1) the site has historically been used as a farmstead for the surrounding agricultural land; and 2) the use will incorporate a barn or other historical agricultural building over 75 years of age for the wedding ceremonies.

The suitability of a parcel for a wedding venue shall be determined by the characteristics of the site and by the unique capacity of the parcel to accommodate the use while preserving the essential rural character of the neighborhood and the site on which the use is located, by the ability of the parcel to accommodate the use without negative impact on the general health, safety, and welfare of the community, and by other factors the City may deem appropriate for consideration. The use must adhere to the following standards:

1. *Ownership.* The property will be the primary residence of the venue operator(s). The operator or responsible designee who is at least 21 years of age and a family member, or employee must be on the premises for the duration of each event.
2. *Maximum Number of Guests.* The maximum number of guests is limited to 200 for each event.
3. *Food and Beverages.* The serving of food and beverages is permitted only as part of the ceremony.
4. *Seasonal Operation.* Ceremonies are limited to no more than ~~twice per four per~~ week and three per day, and are permitted only during the months of May through October.
5. *Hours of Operation.* Events shall only be allowed between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. All guests and staff must vacate the premises by 10:00 p.m. All lights associated with the event must be turned off by 10:00 p.m. Any one ceremony is limited to a maximum duration of three (3) hours.

6. *Overnight Accommodations.* No overnight accommodations are allowed.
7. *Off-Street Parking.* Off-street parking shall be required in the ratio of one (1) parking space for each three attendees based on the maximum number of attendees planned for the site. The off-street parking area and the number of parking spaces shall be documented on the required site plan. Off-street parking shall be exempt from the paving and curbing requirements in Section 154.210.
8. *Setbacks.* The minimum setbacks from neighboring houses and property lines for the various activities associated with the wedding venue shall be as follows:
 - i. Parking: 100 feet from residential property lines; 200 feet from neighboring houses.
 - ii. Outdoor Activity Spaces: 300 feet from residential property lines; 400 feet from neighboring houses.
 - iii. Indoor Activity Spaces: 300 feet from residential property lines; 400 feet from neighboring houses.
9. *Landscaping/Screening.* Landscaping may be required to buffer the use from adjacent land uses and to provide screening when such screening does not presently exist on the site. A landscape plan shall be submitted at the time of application for an Interim Use Permit.
10. *Grading.* Any proposed grading shall observe all requirements of Section 151.017 of the City Code. If a grading plan is required, it shall be submitted in conjunction with an application for an Interim Use Permit.
11. *Traffic.* A transportation management plan shall be submitted as part of an application for an Interim Use Permit. The plan shall address traffic control, including traffic movement to the public street system and impact on the surrounding roadways.
12. *Structures.* All existing or proposed structures to be used for the wedding ceremony venue shall be inspected by the City's Building Official and must meet applicable Building Code requirements.
 - i. *Temporary Structures.* Temporary Structures, including tents and canopies, may be allowed. Tents and canopies may be erected no more than (1) day prior to an event and must be removed no more than 72 hours following the event.
13. *Application.* An application for a commercial wedding venue shall follow the application and review procedures for an Interim Use Permit as specified in Section 154.107. In addition to the submission requirements of Section 154.107, an application for a commercial wedding venue shall include the following information:
 - i. The expected number of attendees per ceremony;
 - ii. The number of ceremonies per year;

- iii. The number of employees;
 - iv. The hours of operation;
 - v. Sanitary facilities;
 - vi. Lighting;
 - vii. Sound amplification to be used and a plan to minimize any amplified sounds;
 - viii. Temporary structures or tents to be used in association with the planned events;
 - ix. Signage;
 - x. Security to be provided;
 - xi. Location of all trash receptacles;
 - xii. Traffic management plan;
 - xiii. Other documentation as specified herein;
14. *Sanitary Facilities.* Sanitary facilities adequate for the number of attendees shall be provided. Portable toilets may be approved for temporary use, and must be screened from view from roads and neighboring properties by landscaping or a wooden enclosure. No portable toilets shall be located closer than 400 feet from a neighboring residential structure.
15. *Lighting.* Lighting associated with the wedding venue shall be limited to downcast and shielded fixtures so that the source of the light is not visible from adjacent roads or neighboring properties. Lighting shall comply with Section 150.035 of the City Code.
16. *Noise.* All wedding venues shall comply with City's noise standards found in Section 130.45 through 130.48 of the City Code.
17. *Sound Amplification.* Amplification of music and participants and is allowed only in conjunction with a wedding ceremony. There shall be no other amplification of music or sound outside of the ceremony.
18. *Waste.* All solid waste must be stored in a manner that prevents the propagation, harborage, or attraction of flies, rodents, or other nuisance conditions and must be removed at least once every seven days by a licensed solid waste hauler.
19. *Liability.* The applicant shall secure adequate liability coverage, which shall be in place at least one week prior to any event.
20. *Other Activities.* Other than the commercial wedding ceremonies authorized under this section, no other commercial ceremonial activities may be conducted on the site.

(Ord. 08-080, passed 5-21-2013)

(Ord. 08-107, passed 5-6-2014)

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and publication in the official newspaper of the City of Lake Elmo.

SECTION 3. Adoption Date. This Ordinance 08-__ was adopted on this _ day of ____ 2016, by a vote of __ Ayes and __ Nays.

LAKE ELMO CITY COUNCIL

Mike Pearson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Johnson, City Clerk

This Ordinance 08-__ was published on the ____ day of _____, 2016.



PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE: 02/08/2016

AGENDA ITEM: __ – PUBLIC HEARING

CASE #2015-39

City of Lake Elmo Planning Department
Ordinance Amendment – Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venues

To: Planning Commission

From: Stephen Wensman, City Planner

Meeting Date: February 8, 2016

Applicant: Danielle Hecker and Carol Palmquist

Summary and Action Requested

Request: The applicants are requesting an amendment to the Commercial Wedding Venue Ordinance. Staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend approval of Ordinance 08-__ with the following motion:

“Move to recommend approval of Ordinance 97-__ amending the Lake Elmo Code of Ordinances, Section 154.310, Subd. D, limiting ceremonies to no more than 4 per week, requiring the operator or responsible designee to be on the premises for the duration of each event, exempting commercial wedding ceremony venues from the commercial surfacing and curbing requirements, and changing the minimum criteria to sites ten acres or greater”.

Application Summary: The City of Lake Elmo adopted the Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venue ordinance on May 6, 2014. Since the adoption of the ordinance, both applicants have been planning for their venue facilities. Ms. Hecker’s plans include the restoration and reuse of a historic barn located on her property. The costs of renovation have proven to be exceedingly expensive, and in particular, the building code will likely require sprinkling of the barn among other unanticipated improvements. Because of the increasing costs, it has become necessary for the applicant to request additional number of allowed venues per week from 2 to 4. This change will allow the applicant to obtain the needed financing to proceed with the barn restoration.

Both applicants are also requesting that the ordinance also be amended such that the operator (property owner), or their responsible designee, be on the premises for the duration of each event. The applicants both feel that the current requirement requiring the operator be on site during all venues is too restrictive and does not take into consideration cases of emergency or other incidental occurrences when the operator cannot be on the premises. Both contend the properties are their primary residences and they have a strong interest in the operations being peaceful and compliant with city regulations.

The third requested change is to exempt commercial wedding ceremony venues from the commercial parking code requirements for durable paving and curbing. The intent of the ordinance is to preserve rural character, and the commercial parking and curbing requirements are contradictory.

The last request is to amend the ordinance to allow the use on ten acres or greater. Staff believes the ordinance as written was a typo and it was not intended to exclude ten acre parcels.

Analysis:

The intent of the ordinance is to preserve rural character and to reuse of historic barns fits this intent. This is a lofty goal considering the expense to restore and maintain barns. If a barn cannot be put to financial use, then it is likely older barns will be left to fall into disrepair and will ultimately be removed. The applicant's request is justified if the City wants to support the proposed use and to require reuse of historic barns. The Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venue provides the opportunity for business minded residents to restore and reuse their barns and to utilize and celebrate the unique rural character in Lake Elmo.

The request that owner/operators be able to designate a responsible designee in the event they cannot be on the premise also appears to be a reasonable request. The venue facilities are accessory to their residences and it is in their own best interest to have the guests respect the property, neighbors and city ordinances.

The request to exempt the use from the commercial parking requirements are also justifiable if the city wants to preserve the rural character, however the city will need to weigh this request against concerns for public safety.

The request to allow the use on sites ten acres or greater is justifiable, because Staff believes the current language is a typographical error in that the ordinance was meant to exclude ten acre parcels.

Attachments: Draft - Ordinance Amendment No. 08-__

Recommendation:

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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SUBMITTED BY: Stephen Wensman, Planning Director

THROUGH: Clark Schroeder, Interim City Administrator

REVIEWED BY: Joan Ziertman

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SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:

Danielle Hecker is requesting a ten year Interim Use Permit to establish a commercial wedding ceremony venue as an accessory use on her residential property located at 11658 50th Street North. Staff and the Planning Commission recommend the City Council approve the request for a ten year interim use permit for a Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venue with the following motion:

“Move to recommend approval of Resolution 2016 ___ approving the ten year Interim Use Permit for a Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venue located at 11658 50th Street North with 13 conditions.”

BACKGROUND AND STAFF REPORT:

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 11, 2016, then was continued it to February 8, 2016 in order for the applicant to process a concurrent amendment to the Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venue ordinance. At the public hearing, Councilmember Smith spoke in support of the proposal. After the public hearing, Staff received several emails in support of the proposal.

The Planning Commission reviewed the proposal and their primary concerns and comments addressed the following issues:

- Potential noise
- Parking setback/screening
- Access management
- Public safety driveway requirements

- Right-of-way dedication.

Noise. After much discussion, the Planning Commission decided that staff's condition requiring conformance with city code addressed this concern.

Parking setback/screening. The Planning Commission discussed the impact of the commercial wedding ceremony venue parking setback to the future residential development proposed for the agricultural property (The Legends of Lake Elmo) to the north and east of the proposed. The adjacent parcel is presently Agricultural and the proposed ten foot parking setback complies with the ordinance. If the adjacent parcel were developed, the parking setback would be 100 feet. The Planning Commission wanted to adequately address the screening issue knowing the area will likely be developed as residential. In the end, the Planning Commission was satisfied that the screening would be adequately addressed by the future development with berming and landscaping and added a condition of approval to address this issue.

Access management. The Planning Commission supported the City Engineers access management recommendation to connect the commercial venue access to the internal roads of the future Legends of Lake Elmo development. The Planning Commission recommends that at the time the Legends of Lake Elmo is developed, an 18 foot, 7 ton driveway be installed to the north – northeast corner of the applicant's property. The 18 foot, 7 ton standard is to accommodate large emergency vehicles, such as a Fire Truck and wide enough to pass if a vehicle is parked or stalled there.

Public safety driveway requirements. The Planning Commission also supported the City Engineer and Fire Chief's request for a 7 ton –turnaround for emergency vehicles. The Commission recommended a 12 foot, 7 ton loop be installed on the site connected to the 18' wide, 7 ton driveway to the Legends road system.

Right-of-way dedication. The Planning Commission supported the City Engineer's recommendation for right of way dedication for a future trail along 50th Street N. The Planning Commission did not support the applicant having to construct the trail.

In Summary, the applicant's proposal meets the requirements of the amended Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venue ordinance. The Planning Commission amended staff's recommended conditions to address the above mentioned issues. The central issue remaining is the balancing of public safety concerns for access management and emergency vehicle driveway against the intent of the ordinance to preserve the rural character. The 50th Street access is the historic access to the property and the best location for the applicant's clients to find the venue. 50th Street is a collector and more suited to higher traffic volumes, whereas the future Legends of Lake Elmo road will be a residential road. The requirement for the 18 foot & 12 foot, 7 ton driveway is contrary to the applicant's intent and the intent of the ordinance to preserve the rural character.

FINDINGS OF FACT

In order for the City Council to approve the interim use permit, the following findings must be met:

1. The use is allowed as an interim use in the respective zoning district and conforms to standard zoning regulations.
2. The use will not adversely impact nearby properties through nuisance, noise, traffic, dust, or unsightliness and will not otherwise adversely impact the health, safety, and welfare of the

community. The site is located on a collector road, the site is surrounded by farmed rural residential land to the north (future proposed Legends Development).

3. The use will not adversely impact implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. The improvements respect the rural/agricultural nature of the area and zoning district. The use is accessory to the principle residential use.
4. The date or event that will terminate the use is identified with certainty. The applicant has specified in the application materials that the use will terminate once the property is sold or developed under future zoning. Staff is recommending a termination date of ten years from the date of approval.
5. The applicant has signed a consent agreement agreeing that the applicant, owner, operator, tenant and/or user has no entitlement to future reapproval of the interim use permit as well as agreeing that the interim use will not impose additional costs on the public if it is necessary for the public to fully or partially take the property in the future. A consent agreement will need to be approved by the City Council as a condition of approval.
6. The user agrees to all conditions that the City Council deems appropriate for permission of the use including the requirement of appropriate financial surety to cover the cost of removing the interim use and any interim structures upon the expiration of the interim use permit. This item can also be addressed as part of a consent agreement with the City.
7. There are no delinquent property taxes, special assessments, interest, or city utility fees due upon the subject parcel.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff and the Planning Commission recommend the City Council approve the request for a ten year interim use permit for a Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venue with the following motion:

““Move to recommend approval of Resolution 2016- ____ approving the ten year Interim Use Permit for a Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venue located at 11658 50th Street North with 13 conditions.”

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Resolution ____ approving a ten year Interim Use Permit for a Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venue located at 11658 50th Street North
- Planning Commission packet 2/8/16
- ~~Planning Commission minutes 2/8/16~~
- Letters in Support

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO
WASHINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2016- __

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERIM USE PERMIT FOR DANIELLE HECKER TO ESTABLISH A COMMERCIAL WEDDING CEREMONY VENUE AT 11658 50TH STREET N.

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Elmo has approved a Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venue ordinance on 2/21/13; and

WHEREAS, the Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venue ordinance was amended on 5/6/14, and on 3/19/16; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, Danielle Hecker, residing at 11658 50th Street N, applied for an Interim Use Permit to establish a Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venue as an accessory use on her property; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 11, 2016, which was continued to February 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed Interim Use adequately conforms to the following findings of fact:

- 1) The use is allowed as an interim use in the respective zoning district and conforms to standard zoning regulations.
- 2) The use will not adversely impact nearby properties through nuisance, noise, traffic, dust, or unsightliness and will not otherwise adversely impact the health, safety, and welfare of the community.
- 3) The use will not adversely impact implementation of the Comprehensive Plan.
- 4) The date or event that will terminate the use is identified with certainty. The applicant has specified in the application materials that the use will terminate once the property is sold or developed under future zoning.
- 5) The applicant has signed a consent agreement agreeing that the applicant, owner, operator, tenant and/or user has no entitlement to future reapproval of the interim use permit as well as agreeing that the interim use will not impose additional costs on the public if it is necessary for the public to fully or partially take the property in the future.
- 6) The user agrees to all conditions that the City Council deems appropriate for permission of the use including the requirement of appropriate financial surety to cover the cost of removing the interim use and any interim structures upon the expiration of the interim use permit.
- 7) There are no delinquent property taxes, special assessments, interest, or city utility fees due upon the subject parcel; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2016, the Planning Commission recommended the City Council approve the Interim Use Permit with 13 conditions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council does hereby approve the ten year Interim Use Permit to establish a Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venue at 11658 50th Street N with the following conditions:

- 1) That a parking attendant be on site to assist with cars arriving and exiting the site for each wedding ceremony event.
- 2) That the wedding ceremony venue maintain a contract to supply and maintain temporary sanitary facilities while in operation and that at least one temporary sanitary facility be handicapped accessible.
- 3) That the landscaped buffer on the north property line be comprised of a row of coniferous trees spaced a maximum of 16' on center.
- 4) That an erosion control plan be submitted and approved by the city engineer prior to approval issuance of the interim use permit.
- 5) That the approval be contingent on complying with the Valley Branch Watershed District permit.
- 6) The accessible parking stalls be comprised of a durable material, approved by the city engineer, and signed as handicapped parking with an accessible path connecting to the buildings and restrooms.
- 7) That the applicant maintain compliance with all applicable City Code standards for the duration of the interim use.
- 8) That the applicant enters into a consent agreement with the City in accordance with Section 154.107 of the City Code.
- 9) That the interim use is valid for a period of ten years and must be renewed by the City Council prior to the end of this time period in order to continue operating from the site.
- 10) That the existing driveway be used until a road is constructed to the east with a future residential development, at which time, a new access for the commercial wedding ceremony venue shall be constructed, to meet the City Engineer's recommendation in the Engineer's Memorandum dated 12/7/15, connecting to the new road.
- 11) That a circular 12 foot wide, 7 ton drive be constructed to provide emergency access to connect to the future 18 foot wide, 7 ton driveway, and that the drive be shown on the site plan.
- 12) The proposed parking location is allowed provided a written agreement is signed between the applicant and the developer of the future residential development to the north, north-east resulting in screening along the north property that is minimally a double staggered row of four season plantings such as Spruce.
- 13) That a 40' street right-of-way be granted to the city for 50th Street N to accommodate a future trail.

This resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Lake Elmo on this 16 day of February, 2016.

Mike Pearson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Johnson, City Clerk



PLANNING COMMISSION
DATE: 2/8/2016
AGENDA ITEM: 5a – PUBLIC HEARING
CASE #2015-39

City of Lake Elmo Planning Department
Interim Use Permit Request: Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venue

To: **Planning Commission**
From: **Stephen Wensman, City Planner**
Meeting Date: **February 8, 2016**
Applicant: **Danielle Hecker**
Owner: **Daniel & Danielle Hecker**
Zoning: **RR (Rural Residential)**

Suggested Order of Business

- Introduction..... Planning Staff
- Report by Staff..... Planning Staff
- Questions from the Commission..... Chair & Commission Members
- Open the Public Hearing Chair
- Continue the Public Hearing to the
February 8, 2016 meeting date..... Chair
- Discussion by the Commission Chair & Commission Members

Introductory Information

<i>Requested Permit:</i>	The applicant is requesting a 10 year Interim Use Permit to establish a commercial wedding ceremony venue. The public hearing was opened on January 11, 2016, then was continued to February 8, 2016 to allow the applicant to apply for an amendment to the Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venue ordinance.
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<i>Application Summary:</i>	The requested interim use would allow a commercial wedding ceremony venue to be established on a ten acre rural residential property located at 11658 50 th Street North. The application details include the following:
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Type of business: Commercial wedding ceremony venue.

On-Site Activity: wedding ceremonies within a renovated barn & temporary structures with turf parking.

Employees: 3-4 part time (estimated).

Proposed number of guests: Up to 200.

Use Frequency: 4 times per week, maximum, from May through October with a maximum 3 hour duration for any single ceremony.

Hours of operation: 10 am – 10 pm.

Attachments: Section 154.310 Standards for Accessory Use.

Applications submittal: Written Statement, Proposal letter, Site Plan and Exterior Illustrations.

City Engineer Memo dated December 7, 2015.

Findings & General Site Overview

Site Data: Lot Size: 10 acres

Existing Use: Residential

Existing Zoning: RR - Rural Residential

Property Identification Number (PID): 01.029.21.43.0002

The proposal site is the farmstead of the 200 acre Goetschl Farm which was constructed in 1912. In 2010, the applicant and her husband purchased ten acres containing the farmstead and the remainder was sold to a developer in 2013. Since purchasing the homestead, the applicant has renovated the home, removed 5 dilapidated sheds and 3 grain silos. The barn and granary will be completely renovated as part of this proposal to accommodate the wedding ceremony venue. This property is adjacent to the potential future Legends of Lake Elmo OP development.

**Proposal
Review:**

The applicant is requesting a 10 year Interim Use Permit because of the significant financial investment required to bring the site and buildings up to Code for public gatherings. The proposal will have a negative return on investment for the first five years and to get financing, a period of ten years is needed.

Minimum Criteria:

Under the ordinance, commercial wedding ceremony venues are an interim accessory use in the RR – Rural Residential zoning district on parcels greater than ten acres if meeting the following criteria:

- 1) The site was historically used as a farmstead for the surrounding agricultural land
- 2) The use will incorporate a barn or other historical agriculture building over 75 years of age for the wedding ceremonies.

The application meets the criteria for a commercial wedding ceremony venue because it has ten acres, it was the historic farmstead form the surrounding agricultural land, and the proposal incorporates the uses the farmstead's historic barn (Historic is not meant to mean it has a MN State historic designation status).

Noise:

The applicant will be purchasing a sound system for the venue and will cap the volume at 115dB. The applicant will enforce noise restrictions with the contractual agreement with customers and through use of posted signs. A planted tree barrier will also mitigate noise along the north boundary.

Traffic:

The applicant proposes to employ an attendant for each venue to direct traffic and to organize entering and exiting traffic. There is adequate distance between the parking area and 50th Street N for queuing of exiting traffic. The applicant will provide signs to direct and slow traffic on site and is proposing to post temporary directional signs in the right-of-way on either side of their driveway to direct guests to the driveway.

Sanitary Facilities:

The applicant is proposing to use rented sanitation facilities (port-a-potties) to with permanent wooden screens to be located adjacent an existing shed indicated on the site plan.

Access:

The proposal is to utilize the existing +/- 12' wide gravel driveway off of 50th Street N and to construct a new gravel driveway branching off of it that follows the east and north perimeter of the property with the destination being a turf parking area large enough to hold roughly 66 cars to the north of the barn. For 50th Street access management purposes, the City Engineer is recommending the commercial venue be required to connect its driveway to the future roadway internal to the Legends development to eliminate the commercial driveway access to 50th Street N. The Fire Department, because of public safety concerns, is recommending an 18' wide gravel drive with a 45' turnaround with a 7 ton design standard to accommodate emergency vehicle access. An alternative to the 45' turnaround could be a 2nd access to the future residential development to the north and east

Parking:

The performance standards for commercial wedding venues requires parking to be 100' from residential property lines. The surrounding properties are presently agricultural. The proposed grass parking is 11'-4" from the north residential property line.

This land use is both commercial and residential in nature. The commercial parking code, Section 154.210, requires:

“...a parking surface that is “durable including, but not limited to, hot asphalt, bituminous, or concrete” and “head in parking along property lines shall provide a bumper curb” Accessible parking stalls are also required.

The proposed parking does not meet the commercial code curbing, surfacing, and accessibility requirements. The turf parking fits with the intent of the ordinance, to promote rural character and it may be unreasonable to require a paved parking area for the facility. Alternative paving solutions may provide reinforcement to the turf if wear and erosion occur.

Also, accessible parking stalls will be required to be a durable surface, signed as handicapped parking, and an accessible path connecting the parking to the buildings and restroom facilities.

Lighting:

No site lighting has been proposed, but the applicant has stated that they will comply with city lighting regulations.

Buffering:

The applicant has proposed a row of coniferous trees along the north property line to screen views and to mitigate noise, and to create a separation between the turf parking and the property to the north.

Right-of-way:

The City Engineer is requesting a right of way easement for a future trail.

Required Findings:

In order for the City Council to approve the interim use permit, the following six findings must be met:

- 1) The use is allowed as an interim use in the respective zoning district and conforms to standard zoning regulations.
- 2) The use will not adversely impact nearby properties through nuisance, noise, traffic, dust, or unsightliness and will not otherwise adversely impact the health, safety, and welfare of the community. ***The site is located on a collector road, the site is surrounded by farmed rural residential land to the north (future proposed Legends Development).***
- 3) The use will not adversely impact implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. ***The improvements respect the rural/agricultural nature of the area and zoning district. The use is accessory to the principle residential use.***
- 4) The date or event that will terminate the use is identified with certainty. The applicant has specified in the application materials that the use will terminate once the property is sold or developed under future zoning. ***Staff is recommending a termination date of ten years from the date of approval.***

- 5) The applicant has signed a consent agreement agreeing that the applicant, owner, operator, tenant and/or user has no entitlement to future reapproval of the interim use permit as well as agreeing that the interim use will not impose additional costs on the public if it is necessary for the public to fully or partially take the property in the future. *A consent agreement will need to be approved by the City Council as a condition of approval.*
- 6) The user agrees to all conditions that the City Council deems appropriate for permission of the use including the requirement of appropriate financial surety to cover the cost of removing the interim use and any interim structures upon the expiration of the interim use permit. *This item can also be addressed as part of a consent agreement with the City.*
- 7) There are no delinquent property taxes, special assessments, interest, or city utility fees due upon the subject parcel.

Recommendation:

Conditions:

Based on a review of the applicable code sections, Staff is recommending that the Planning Commission recommend approval of the interim use permit based on the following:

- 1) That a parking attendant be on site to assist with cars arriving and exiting the site for each wedding ceremony event.
- 2) That the wedding ceremony venue maintain a contract to supply and maintain temporary sanitary facilities while in operation and that at least one temporary sanitary facility be handicapped accessible.
- 3) That the landscaped buffer on the north property line be comprised of a row of coniferous trees with spaced a maximum of 16' on center.
- 4) That an erosion control plan be submitted and approved by the city engineer prior to approval issuance of the interim use permit.
- 5) That the approval be contingent on complying with the Valley Branch Watershed District permit.
- 6) The accessible parking stalls be comprised of a durable material, approved by the city engineer, and signed as handicapped parking with an accessible path connecting to the buildings and restrooms.
- 7) That the applicant maintain compliance with all applicable City Code standards for the duration of the interim use.
- 8) That the applicant enters into a consent agreement with the City in accordance with Section 154.107 of the City Code.
- 9) That the interim use is valid for a period of ten years and must be renewed by the City Council prior to the end of this time period in order to continue operating from the site.

- 10) That the access driveway be 18' wide and designed to a 7 ton standard to accommodate emergency service vehicles.
- 11) That a 45' wide turnaround be constructed to a 7 ton standard and shown on the site plan, or provide a secondary access when the property develops to the north and east to accommodate emergency service vehicles.
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Staff recommends the Planning Commission recommend approval with the following motion:

Motion

“Motion to recommend approval of the interim use permit for a commercial wedding ceremony venue to be located at 11658 50th Street North with the x conditions”.

I.U.P

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d. Proposed Use

- i. Proposal Letter: See attachment (2.d.i)
- ii. Consent Agreement: See attachment (2.d.ii)

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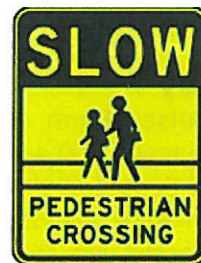
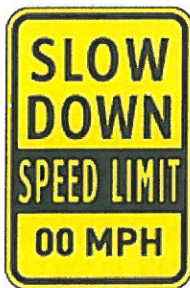
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iv. Not applicable - Primary residence, structures are existing.

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Proposal Letter: #2.d.i.

The interim use would allow for wedding ceremonies (no receptions) to take place at the property located at 11658 50th St. N, Lake Elmo MN. This use provides a suitable and economically viable option to support the preservation and renovation of a historic barn structure and grainery.

In order to begin operations, the buildings (barn and grainery) will require major renovations to bring them up to current code for public gatherings. The financial investment required is estimated to have a negative ROI for the first five seasons under the assumption of a 75% fill rate. Considering this analysis, I am requesting the interim use permit expiration date of 2025 (10 years; 2016 partial year) and fully understand that violation of any ordinance restrictions is subject to review and/or permit suspension.

Event specifications:

- a. The number of guests would be set at a maximum capacity of 200 persons.
- b. Ceremonies would be a maximum of twice per calendar week.
- c. Employees are estimated to be 3-4 part-time positions. These positions would include responsibilities specific to traffic and security, cleaning & maintenance and event coordination.
- d. Operating hours would be allowable from 10AM until 10PM with all guests and staff vacating by 10PM.
- e. 2 portable, flushable on-site sanitation facilities will be provided. A wooden enclosure would be constructed to screen the facilities from neighboring properties and minimize unsightliness.
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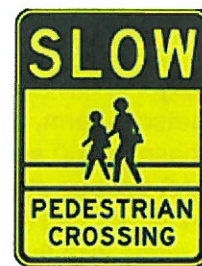
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SCOPE OF PHASE ONE EXTERIOR REMODELING WORK ON EXISTING BARN:

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THE WORK WILL BE DONE IN PHASES AND PRIORITIZED TO PRESERVE THE LONGEVITY OF THE STRUCTURE. THE LIST BELOW IS IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER AND WILL BE REFINED AS EACH PHASE IS DEFINED.

- REPLACE ROOF
- PATCH AND REPAIR
- NORTH ELEVATION;
 - PROVIDE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE ENTRY, CODE COMPLIANT EXITING AND GREETING AREA
- WEST ELEVATION;
 - PROVIDE CODE COMPLIANT EXITING AS REQUIRED
- SOUTH ELEVATION;
 - INSTALL DAYLIGHTING / WINDOWS
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 - PROVIDE CODE COMPLIANT EXITING AS REQUIRED
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- PATCH TO MATCH AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE, SIDING IN AREAS WHERE ADJACENT CONSTRUCTION WAS REMOVED
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EXISTING BARN VIEWED FROM NORTHWEST



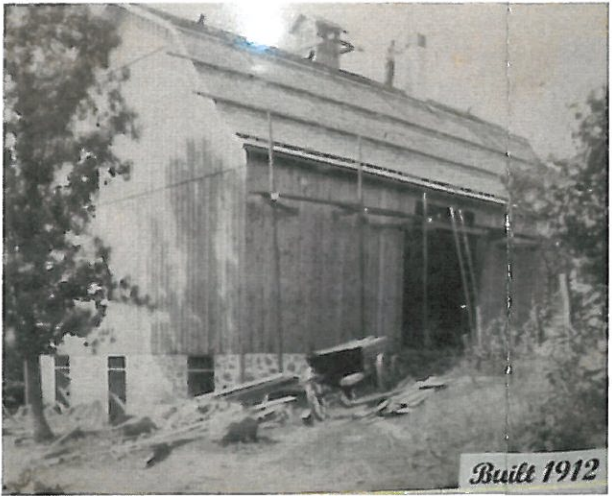
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PROPOSED BARN VIEWED FROM NORTHWEST
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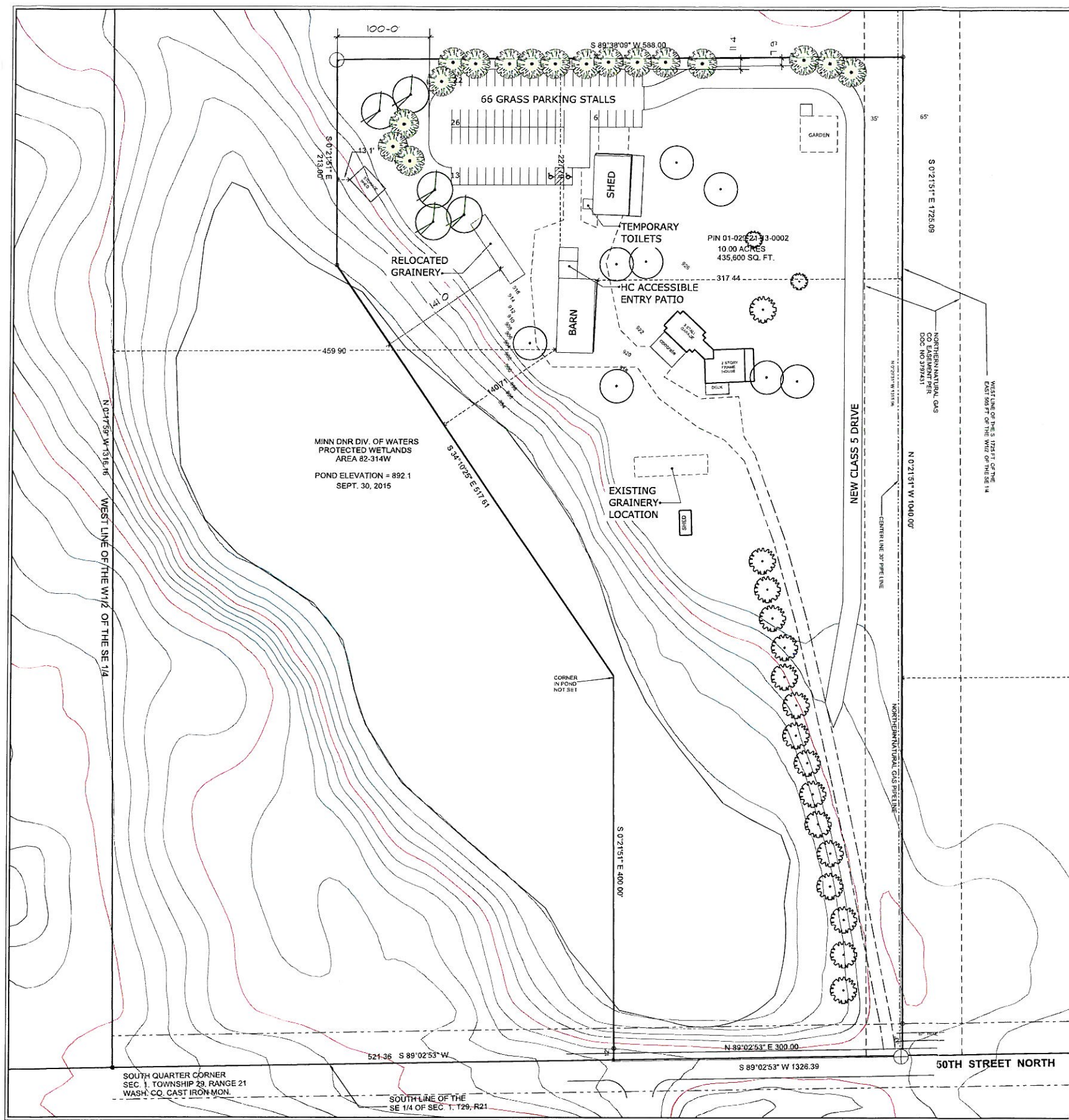
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Sheet Information	
BARN RENOVATION	
Project No:	Drawing No:
Drawn By: RLT	A1
Checked By:	
Date: 11-04-15	



PLANT SCHEDULE			
OVERSTORY DECIDUOUS TREES			
QTY.	COMMON NAME	BOTANIC NAME	SIZE
	River Birch	Betula nigra	2 1/2" Cal.
	Red Maple	Acer rubrum	
5			
CONIFEROUS TREES			
	White Pine	Pinus strobus	1 1/2" Cal.
	White Spruce	Picea glauca	
	White Cedar, arborvitae	Thuja occidentalis	
	Red Pine	Pinus resinosa	
17			
22	TOTAL TREES		

PARKING
TYP. STALL SIZE: 9'x18'
DRIVE AISLES: 24'
2 HANDICAPPED STALLS PROVIDED

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SITE LANDSCAPING PLAN

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SURVEY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY;
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MEMORANDUM

FOCUS ENGINEERING, inc.

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Date: December 7, 2015

To: Stephen Wensman, City	Re: Commercial Wedding Ceremony Venue
Cc: Planner Ben Gozola, Senior Planner, Sambatek	IUP Plan Review
From: Jack Griffin, P.E., City Engineer	

Engineering has reviewed the Commercial Wedding Venue Site Plan. The submittal consisted of the following documentation prepared by Tomten Environmental Design:

- Site Plan, dated November 4, 2015.
 - IUP Application.
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STATUS/FINDINGS: Engineering has prepared the following comments for consideration.

1. 50th Street access management. As a commercial driveway to the Wedding Venue access spacing requirements are not met with respect to the proposed Legends development. Safety along 50th Street must be appropriately managed along the entire corridor as opportunities arise. With the potential Legends development adjacent to this site, adequate access management spacing must be managed between the two proposals. It is recommended that the existing farm parcel (Hecker) be required to connect its driveway to the new roadway internal to the Legends development to eliminate the commercial driveway access to 50th Street N. This is required to meet current access spacing guidelines should the Hecker parcel become a commercial use. It also appears that this can be accomplished without requiring the commercial use driveway traffic to route through the residential neighborhood by requiring the driveway connection close to 50th Street.
2. 50th Street Pedestrian facilities: A bituminous trail should be incorporated along the north boulevard of 50th Street N. to improve pedestrian safety and work toward future trail connectivity. Segments of a bituminous trail currently exist along 50th Street N. alternating from the north to south side of the road. As traffic continues to increase on 50th Street N. it is critical for the City to create a continuous bituminous trail along the north side of 50th Street, from Old TH5 to Lake Elmo Avenue. The applicant should be required to dedicate the necessary R/W (if necessary) and construct a trail segment across the applicant's property.
3. Commercial driveway requirements. The proposed commercial driveway should be a minimum of 18 feet in width and be designed as a 7-ton roadway. The driveway should be able to accommodate a turnaround with a minimum 45-foot radius or have secondary access. The intersection at 50th Street N. if allowed to remain, should be reconstructed at 90-degrees to improve sight lines.
4. Stormwater Management & Erosion Control. If approved, the applicant must submit an erosion control plan to be reviewed and approved by the City. The application should also provide the total area of disturbance, and total area of new impervious surface to determine if a stormwater management plan is required.
5. Fire Safety. Should watermain be required for fire suppression, engineering will need to review and comment on watermain facilities and easement requirements interior to the site.

From: [Anthony Yorga](#)
To: [Stephen Wensman](#)
Cc: mandy@clairmontbuilders.com
Subject: Wedding Hall Support
Date: Thursday, February 11, 2016 12:58:47 PM

I am writing to inform you about my opinion on the Martin Goetschl Family Dairy Barn.

I think that Danielle Hecker's request to restore and preserve the history of the family barn is very honorable and respectful to the family as well the Lake Elmo Community. She will be preserving the barn into something memorable and beautiful for the community and future members of the Lake Elmo Neighborhood.

I grew up in Lake Elmo my entire life and I plan on buying a home in the Lake Elmo area in the near future. And now that I heard about this idea of a wedding hall, I would want nothing more than to be married in a city that I have the best memories in and build a family around that community and history.

I think this is exactly what Lake Elmo needs- more restored history vs. random housing developments.

I would hate to see this part of history go to waste with further disrepair or fall into development.

In support,

Tony Yorga
1969 Mendel ave n
Lake Elmo, MN, 55042

To Whom This May Concern,

I would like to share that my family and I fully endorse the barn restoration project at 11658 50th Street North in Lake Elmo. I have met with Danielle Hecker, owner of the property, several times. I fully understand the scope of the project and believe it would be a beautiful addition to our community. The project encompasses the desires of the Lake Elmo community in preservation, restoration and a welcoming site for visitors. I believe the history of this property deserves to be restored.

Not only am I a neighbor that lives in Tana Ridge, but I am a Realtor that is working on the Wildflower project in Lake Elmo. I fully understand the scope of changes that Lake Elmo is about to experience and the importance of restoration projects, similar to what Danielle Hecker is trying to accomplish. Lake Elmo needs more restoration and preservation along our beautiful landscape. We need to honor the family before Danielle that made Lake Elmo what it is today.

We are in full support of the barn restoration and wedding venue at 11658 50th Street North in Lake Elmo. We look forward to this project coming to fruition.

Sincerely,

Jodi Klepac

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From: [Adam Ostlund](#)
To: [Stephen Wensman](#)
Subject: 50th St farm restoration support
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 10:18:40 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today to share my opinion on the restoration and the use of the barn on 11658 50th street north. As a life long member of Lake Elmo Minnesota, I would like to see as much of the original history of the city preserved. The 50th street barn is a historical icon from the original Lake Elmo and its presence should be continued. I support the idea of restoring the barn to serve as a venue for wedding ceremonies because it would be a beautiful way to represent the history of Lake Elmo, while providing joy to people in the future.

Thank you for your time,

- Adam.C. Ostlund

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