



Date April 22, 2013

WHEREAS, the City Plan and Zoning Commission has advised that at a public hearing held on April 4, 2013, its members voted 6-3 in support of a motion to recommend **APPROVAL** of a request from Kading Properties (purchaser) represented by Karie Ramsey (officer), JKM Partners, LLC (owner) to amend the Meadowlands "PUD" Conceptual Plan for property located at 7400 Meadowlands Drive, to revise the configuration of 70 residential units permitted on the property from seven (7) two-story multiple-family dwellings to 35 single-story two-family dwellings subject to the following revisions:

1. Conformance with all administrative review comments by the Permit and Development Center.
2. Provision of a note to state that any PUD Development Plan for the development shall be presented to the Plan and Zoning Commission for review and approval.
3. Provision of a note to state that the number of permitted residential dwelling units within any future development shall be dependent upon the PUD Development Plan review and compliance with the PUD Conceptual Plan. However, the number of dwelling units shall not exceed 70 units.
4. Provision of a second remote access drive. This may require reconfiguration of the development or elimination of dwelling units and may necessitate an access easement on an adjoining property.
5. Provision of two additional building designs with varying massing, which could include either a porch element on the front of the unit or a gabled bumpout on the rear of the unit. The facades of these building designs should also include stone materials in amounts comparable to the submitted elevations. The elevations for the additional building designs shall be approved by the Planning Administrator.
6. Revision of Unit Types "E" and "E-2" to include a stone wainscoat on the front facades to match that on Unit Type "G".
7. Provision of a note to state that all lap siding shall be cement board, wood, or engineered wood with a minimum 50-year warranty.
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9. Provision of a note to state that all dwelling units shall have architectural-type asphalt shingles.
10. Provision of a note to state there would be at least 10 feet of separation between the side facades of buildings and at least 25 feet of separation between rear facades of the buildings.
11. The "private park area" shall be relocated to be near the front of the development and shall include a children's play feature and a basketball court. The placement of this "private park area" to a more appropriate location may require the elimination or the shifting of dwelling units.
12. Provision of a note to state that foundation plantings shall be provided around each dwelling unit.
13. The Conceptual Plan shall provide a brief discussion of the proposed storm water management plan practices to the satisfaction of the Permit & Development Center's Engineering staff
14. The Conceptual Plan shall provide a brief discussion of the proposed sanitary sewer connection to the satisfaction of the Permit & Development Center's Engineering staff.
15. Provision of a note to state that any refuse collection container enclosure shall be constructed with masonry walls to match the development and steel gate.
16. The Legal Description shall be corrected on the PUD Conceptual Plan.
17. Provision of a note to reflect the 7th Conceptual Plan Amendment that was approved administratively on May 13, 2009.
18. The applicant shall provide on-site management and video surveillance equipment.

The subject property is more specifically described as follows:

Lots 1, 2, 3, B, C, The Meadowlands Plat 1, an Official Plat and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, A, B, The Meadowlands Plat 2, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa.



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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, as follows:

- 1. That the meeting of the City Council at which the proposed PUD Concept Plan Amendment is to be considered shall be held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Des Moines, Iowa at 5:00 p.m. on May 6, 2013, at which time the City Council will hear both those who oppose and those who favor the proposal.
2. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said proposal in the accompanying form to be given by publication once, not less than seven (7) days and not more than twenty (20) days before the date of hearing, all as specified in Section 362.3 and Section 414.4 of the Iowa Code.

FORM APPROVED: MOVED by _____ to adopt.

Michael F. Kelley
Assistant City Attorney

(ZON2013-00033)

Table with 5 columns: COUNCIL ACTION, YEAS, NAYS, PASS, ABSENT. Rows include COWNIE, COLEMAN, GRIESS, HENSLEY, MAHAFFEY, MEYER, MOORE, and TOTAL.

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED
Mayor

City Clerk

April 15, 2013

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Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Des Moines, Iowa

Members:

Communication from the City Plan and Zoning Commission advising that at their meeting held April 4, 2013, the following action was taken regarding a request from Kading Properties (purchaser) represented by Karie Ramsey (officer) to amend the Meadowlands PUD Conceptual Plan for property located at 7400 Meadowlands Drive.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

After public hearing, the members voted 6-3 as follows:

Commission Action:	Yes	Nays	Pass	Absent
Dory Briles	X			
JoAnne Corigliano	X			
Shirley Daniels	X			
Jacqueline Easley				X
Tim Fitzgerald	X			
Dann Flaherty		X		
John "Jack" Hilmes	X			
Ted Irvine				X
Greg Jones	X			
William Page		X		
Christine Pardee		X		
Mike Simonson				X
CJ Stephens				X
Vicki Stogdill				X
Greg Wattier				X

APPROVAL of the proposed 8th Amendment to the Meadowlands "PUD" Conceptual Plan, subject to the following revisions: (ZON2013-00033)

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4. Provision of a second remote access drive. This may require reconfiguration of the development or elimination of dwelling units and may necessitate an access easement on an adjoining property.
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE P&Z COMMISSION

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Written Responses

7 In Favor

28 In Opposition

STAFF REPORT

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Purpose of Request:** The proposed amendment would allow "Parcel 6" of the Meadowlands PUD Conceptual Plan to be developed with 70 dwelling units within 35, 1-story, 2-unit (duplex) structures. The PUD Conceptual Plan currently allows this parcel to be developed with 70 dwelling units within 7 separate two-story structures. 70 dwelling units on 7.21 acres represents a density of 10.3 dwelling units per acre.

The development would be accessed by a drive approach from the roundabout within Meadowlands Drive. The units would all front a private access road circling through the development. Each dwelling unit would have two (2) parking spaces in front of each unit, as well as an attached garage space.

As noted in this Staff Report, staff is recommending conditions of approval that could potentially alter the layout of the development. Therefore, staff recommends that any PUD Development Plan (Site Plan) for the development be presented to the Plan and Zoning Commission for final review and approval. Staff also recommends provision of a note on the PUD Conceptual Plan to state that the number of permitted residential dwelling units within any future development shall be dependent upon the PUD Development Plan review and compliance with the PUD Conceptual Plan. However, the number of dwelling units shall not exceed 70 units.

2. **Size of Site:** 7.21 acres.
3. **Existing Zoning (site):** "PUD" Planned Unit Development District.
4. **Existing Land Use (site):** "Parcel 6" is currently undeveloped land.

5. Adjacent Land Use and Zoning:

North – “R-5”, Use is undeveloped land used for agricultural production.

South – “PUD”, Use is multiple-family residential within 2-story buildings.

East – “PUD”, Use is multiple-family residential within 2-story buildings. (Only 2 of the 5 approved buildings have been constructed at this time.)

West – “R1-60”, Use is undeveloped land used for agricultural production.

6. General Neighborhood/Area Land Uses: The site is located at the northwest corner of the Meadowlands subdivision, which includes a mix of multiple-family residential uses.

7. Applicable Recognized Neighborhood(s): The subject property is not located with a recognized neighborhood. However, the Meadowlands PUD is within 250 feet of both the Easter Lake Area Neighborhood and the Hillsboro Neighborhood. These neighborhoods were notified of the meeting by mailing of the Preliminary Agenda to all recognized neighborhoods on March 15, 2013. Additionally, separate notifications of the hearing for this specific item were mailed on March 15, 2013 (20 days prior) and March 25, 2013 (10 days prior to the scheduled hearing) to the Neighborhood Associations and to the primary titleholder on file with the Polk County Assessor for each property within 250 feet of the PUD Planned Unit Development. A Final Agenda for the meeting was mailed to all the recognized neighborhood associations on March 29, 2013.

All agendas and notices are mailed to the primary contact person designated to the City of Des Moines Neighborhood Development Division by the recognized neighborhood association. The Easter Lake Area Neighborhood Association mailings were sent to Jim Bollard, 4007 Southeast 26th Street, Des Moines, IA 50320, and the Hillsboro Neighborhood Association mailings were sent to Michael Schoborg, 2519 East Havens Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50320.

8. Relevant Zoning History: The currently approved configuration for 70 dwelling units within 7 buildings on “Parcel 6” was allowed by the 7th amendment to the Meadowlands PUD Conceptual Plan, which was approved administratively on May 13, 2009. This amendment needs to be listed below Amendments 1-6 on Sheet 1 of the PUD Conceptual Plan.

9. 2020 Community Character Land Use Plan Designation: Medium Density Residential, which allows for densities of up to 17 dwelling units per acre. The proposed 70 dwelling units on 7.21 acres represents a density of 10.3 dwelling units per acre.

10. Applicable Regulations: The Commission reviews all proposals to amend zoning regulations or zoning district boundaries within the City of Des Moines. Such amendments must be in conformance with the comprehensive plan for the City and designed to meet the criteria in §414.3 of the Iowa Code. The Commission may recommend that certain conditions be applied to the subject property if the property owner agrees in writing, in addition to the existing regulations. The recommendation of the Commission will be forwarded to the City Council.

The application, accompanying evidence and conceptual plan required shall be considered by the Plan and Zoning commission at a public hearing. The Commission shall review the conformity of the proposed development with the standards of this division and with recognized principles of civic design, land use planning, and landscape architecture. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Commission may vote to recommend either approval or disapproval of the conceptual plan and request for rezoning as submitted, or to recommend that the developer amend the plan or request to preserve the intent and purpose of this chapter to promote public health, safety, morals and general welfare. The recommendations of the commission shall be referred to the City Council.

The Commission reviews all preliminary subdivision plats. The Commission shall determine if such preliminary plat conforms to the standards and requirements outlined in Chapter 354 of the Iowa Code, and the City Subdivision Ordinance and shall approve, conditionally approve or reject such plat within 45 days after the date of submission to the City Permit and Development Center. Unless the applicant agrees in writing to an extension of time, the preliminary plat shall be deemed approved if the Commission does not act within such 45-day period. The Commission's action for approval or conditional approval shall be null and void unless the final plat is submitted to the City Permit and Development Center within 270 days after the date of such action; provided, however, that the Permit and Development Administrator may grant, upon written request of the applicant, up to a 90-day extension for submittal of the final plat to the City Permit and Development Center.

II. ADDITIONAL APPLICABLE INFORMATION

1. **Fire Protection Comments:** The layout of the proposed development must be revised to comply with the City's requirements for fire protection. International Fire Code Section D107.1 requires that any development with more than 30 units within one- or two-family structures shall be provided with two separate and approved fire apparatus access roads. International Fire Code Section D104.3 requires that these two separate access roads shall be placed a distance apart equal to not less than one half of the maximum overall diagonal dimension of the property or area to be served, measured in a straight line between the accesses. In this instance, the access roads must be at least 375 feet apart. This may require reconfiguration of the development or elimination of dwelling units and may necessitate an access easement on an adjoining property.
2. **Urban Design:** The PUD Conceptual Plan demonstrates that all 35 structures would have the same massing and that the units would be differentiated by a mix of 8 façade types that include varying amounts of stone material, horizontal lap siding, and shake-pattern siding, as well as asphalt shingles.

In order to provide visual relief within the development, Staff believes it is necessary to provide two additional massing types that could include either a porch element on the front of the unit or a gabled bumpout on the rear of the unit. The facades of these units should also include stone materials in amounts comparable to the submitted elevations.

The elevations demonstrate that the most visible rear and side facades of the units would be sided with predominantly with stone materials. All Units Types have stone on the front facades, except Unit Types "E" and "E-2" since they have substantial stone on the side and rear facades. However, Staff believes that these should be revised to

provide a stone wainscoat on the front to match Unit Type "G".

The applicant has indicated their intent is to use an LP Smartside lap siding that is engineered wood. Staff recommends that a note be provided on the PUD Conceptual Plan to state that all lap siding shall be cement board, wood, or engineered wood with a minimum 50-year warranty.

Staff recommends that PUD Conceptual Plan include a note to state that all windows within portions of the façade sided with lap siding shall include a minimum 4-inch wide trim board that is painted a different color than the lap siding

Staff recommends that a note be provided on the PUD Conceptual Plan to state that all dwelling units shall have architectural asphalt shingles.

The Conceptual Plan demonstrates that there would be at least 10 feet of separation between the side facades of buildings and at least 25 feet of separation between rear facades of the buildings. Staff recommends that a note be added to the PUD Conceptual Plan to reflect these dimensions.

3. **Landscaping:** The PUD Conceptual Plan indicates a landscaped buffer around the perimeter of the site, as well overstory trees scattered throughout the unit. Staff recommends that the PUD Conceptual Plan also include foundation plantings around each unit.
4. **Open Space:** The PUD Conceptual Plan demonstrates a small "private park area" at the northwest corner (rear) of the development. Staff believes that it is reasonable to relocate this area to a location near the "front" of the development that is more accessible and visible to residents. Staff also recommends that this area include a children's play feature and a basketball court within this area.
5. **Natural Site Features:** The site includes existing trees and vegetation along fence rows at the north and west site perimeters. The proposed amendment would have minimal impact on these areas. However, any grading resulting in tree removal must be in accordance with the City's Tree Preservation and Mitigation Ordinance.
6. **Drainage/Grading:** Any development of the site must comply with the City's Stormwater Management requirements to the satisfaction of the City's Permit and Development Center. All grading is subject to an approved grading permit and soil erosion control plan.

The Conceptual Plan must provide a brief discussion of the proposed storm water management plan practices to the satisfaction of the Permit & Development Center's Engineering staff.

7. **Utilities:** All necessary utilities are available to the site from existing services within adjoining Meadowlands Drive right-of-way. However, the Conceptual Plan must provide a brief discussion of the proposed sanitary sewer connection to the satisfaction of the Permit & Development Center's Engineering staff.
8. **Other Information:** The PUD Conceptual Plan demonstrates a monument sign along Meadowlands Drive. The sign would have a decorative stone base to match the stone of the dwelling units.

While refuse collection container enclosures are not proposed, staff recommends the PUD Conceptual Plan include a note to state that any refuse collection container enclosure on the site shall be constructed with masonry walls to match the development and steel gate.

The Legal Description on the PUD Conceptual Plan must be revised to "Lots 1, 2, 3, B, C, The Meadowlands Plat 1, an Official Plat and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, A, B, The Meadowlands Plat 2, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa".

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

CJ Stephens left the meeting @ 7:35 p.m.

Jason Van Essen presented the staff report and recommendation.

Mark Lee with Lee Engineers and Surveyors at 8003 Douglas Avenue, Urbandale representing Kading Properties stated that the applicant agrees to all but three of staff's recommendations. The first one is condition #4 in regards to the remote access. The previous approved PUD had one access. The secondary access was not used other than to the partially developed property to the east.

Dann Flaherty asked if the applicant understands that the Commission has no control over the access issue because the remote access is required by the Fire Code.

Mark Lee stated yes he understands that the Commission has no control regarding the access. However, the applicant has no authorization from the neighbors because it is in a foreclosure situation and they are not sure how they can get to that point.

He pointed out that the street access does not change and have not been able to discuss this with the fire department or staff.

Condition #5 requires two additional building designs with varying massing, which could include either a porch element on the front of the unit or a gabled bumpout on the rear of the unit.

Dan Novellie with Kading Properties 7008 Madison Avenue showed a proposal of the massing type they are asked to provide. They believe it complies with the staff recommendation.

Mark Lee stated the last concern is condition 11 which requires that the private park area be relocated near the front of the development. The reason the applicant chose the rear is because that is where the private park was located in the previous approved PUD. There are other multi-family units that have their play area in the rear so they would like for staff to reconsider that condition.

They did have a successful neighborhood meeting where they talked about assessed value of properties being diminished, potential for increased crime and increased traffic among other concerns. To address the increase in traffic they are not changing the number of units, therefore, that particular increase has already been considered in the street layout.

JoAnne Corigliano asked if the proposed units are for purchase or rent.

Mark Lee stated that the proposed units are for rent.

Tim Fitzgerald asked why did they change from the original PUD. Is it market driven or a new funding source for the project?

Mark Lee stated the proposal is the developer's standard unit.

Tim Fitzgerald asked if the developer was involved with the original PUD.

Mark Lee stated no they were not a part of the original PUD.

Tim Fitzgerald asked staff if the stormwater issue been addressed for the amount of land they are proposing to cover.

Mike Ludwig stated yes and the design would be finalized with the Final Development Plan.

Tim Fitzgerald asked how many bedrooms will be in apartment unit.

Jason Van Essen stated that the proposal is for 70 units with 3 bedrooms in each unit.

Tim Fitzgerald asked in regards to the concern of the decrease in value of property how will these units differ from the apartments in the first PUD.

Mark Lee stated that the applicant's proposal is more of a home look versus an apartment look.

CHAIRPERSON OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING

The following spoke in opposition of the applicant's request

Tracy Rockas 2101 Meadow Ct., Apt. 504 stated the people in the Meadow Ridge Association met and they concerned about the depreciation of their property value. She shared that she just refinanced her home and the value of her property now is much lower than when she purchased it.

She also stated that she never received a meeting notice when the proposal to put up the seven units and if so she would have been there in opposition. When she purchased her property she was told there would be only homeowners in that area. Now the proposal is instead of seven big buildings they want to put up thirty-five in this small area. She also expressed concern about the park going up in front and the increase in traffic, there is already a lot of traffic.

Dr. Mildred Rivera 2101 Meadow Court, #602 stated she also have a concern about the depreciation of her property. She researched Kading Properties, they have properties in Altoona, Newton, Boone, Perry and Urbandale and 73.5% of their rating was negative. Noted was poor quality of construction, poor management, parking problem and there is no pet or children supervision. That type of housing will have a negative impact to the

value of their property, will increase the traffic, Meadow Lane Drive and Meadow Court will become a parking option for tenants that own more than one vehicle.

Greg Jones asked where did this research come from.

Dr. Mildred Rivera stated she got the information from the website and submitted copies of her documentation for the record.

Diana Kramer 2101 Meadow Court, #403 stated she purchased her property because it was a very clean and quiet area and has enjoyed her stay. She also did some research online and found the same review that Dr. Rivera found. She did take time to drive to Kading Properties new development in Altoona. She also attended the neighborhood meeting and was informed that there will be new tenants in the neighborhood and there some tenants income is \$24,000 per year. Her list of concerns are the following:

- What is proposed for the size of the area
- The new building will be neat and clean now, but what will they look like in the future.
- They already have a low income rental situation to the west of her property which gives her a lot of concerns because of the number of cars coming and going in the area.
- She was also informed that the construction of condominiums across from her location had stopped and there would be apartments built there which would cause a very large traffic increase.
- Because they are going to allow two 40 lbs dogs in each dwelling unit at the proposed site she will have to clean up more dog feces.

She would like to only have single-family homes in that area or low income elderly that need a nice place to live.

Lynnette Chapman 2100 Meadow Lane Unit 505 stated she was not able to attend the neighborhood meeting but she has some concerns. Roundabouts are nice but there are a high number of people who go through them the wrong way. There will be an increase in traffic with the development that is proposed. She was led to believe that this property was going to be condominiums. They were going to be purchased property. Now to find out they are going to be rentals she is strongly opposed. That many units coming off of a roundabout will be very congested, green space will be diminished. She would prefer elderly low income versus low income. Also reducing the number of units because of the congestion that already exists in that area. Perhaps moving the park area to the center where it is away from the street where it would be more centrally located. She is also concerned with the decrease of her property value.

Jim Bollard 4007 SE 26th Street stated he did attend the meeting. One of his concern was the fire access and the density. He believes the best option to this development is to work with the developer.

Rebuttal

Mark Lee stated that Kading Properties quality is excellent and they manage their sites very well and would like to provide homes in the City of Des Moines.

Karie Ramsey 7008 Madison Avenue addressed the concerns. At the meeting they did tell the attendees of Kading's intent to retain ownership and lease all of the units. She

stated there are 38 comments on the website in regards to her company. The first one was reported in 2004. Their average tenant stay is 2.5 years company wide. The average tenancy for projects closer to this area is 7 years. She believes that people do not stay somewhere if they are unhappy with the service. They are in the business to lease, they do have a maintenance team. The property will be kept up and clean or the tenants not adhering to the rules will not be their tenants. Since these units will be leased, that gives Kading Properties control. They do put a better product on their buildings than most builders to protect their investment.

Tim Fitzgerald asked about the security and whether or not there will be an on-site manager.

Karie Ramsey stated a lot of the time they have someone living onsite that tenants can go to in case of emergency. They also have some video surveillance on some of the sites.

Mike Ludwig asked if any of those security measures are proposed on this site.

Karie Ramsey stated yes they can definitely do that. They do have a wide variety of tenants and their average age is 39 years old.

Tim Fitzgerald asked if there was anything in place in case a guest stays a long period of time.

Karie Ramsey stated the onsite person and someone daily will be looking out for something like this and address it. There is a two car maximum per unit rule. Vehicles must be registered with that property.

Tim Fitzgerald asked if there is a bus route out there and if not is there a sidewalk that protects people.

Karie Ramsey stated that their average income is \$38,500 for all of their property and \$42,000 in the metro which she does not consider to be a low income project. There will be a private sidewalk that connects to the public sidewalk. The Dart Bus Route is close but does not come into the area.

Tim Fitzgerald suggested that they contact Dart to add a route in that area.

Lynnette Chapman stated the closest bus stop is at Southridge Mall.

CHAIRPERSON CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING

Mike Ludwig pointed out that status of ownership is not a zoning matter. There is single-family housing, duplex housing and multi-family housing and the Commission does not regulate whether they are owned or rented. In Des Moines there is a rental code and rental inspection of rental units. There are minimum standards that a house must meet to be rented. Condominium ownership will be maintained by a common unit. The applicant has been open with the neighborhood that they are proposing to rent all of the units. In regards to the increased traffic, 70 units have already been approved for this area. The density has not changed. The type of housing has changed which may be triggering the fire code comment. In regards to the playground area, there may have been a playground area approved in the back previously. However, with the current proposal it is remote and the ability to monitor is very limited. The applicant has indicated that they will have onsite

management and video surveillance. Staff is not aware of any plans to extend Pine Avenue. There is already an approved development to the north of this and no extension of Pine Avenue was proposed. If this request is approved staff will continue to work with the developer on the building design. The developer is proposing a 6.5 million dollar project.

John "Jack" Hilmes confirmed that 70 units are already approved on the site and now the applicant is requesting they take the same number of units but have more buildings.

Greg Jones stated that he believes that this is better than the original proposal.

Will Page stated that with all of the conditions that staff has listed it gives him concern.

Greg Jones pointed out that this is only a preliminary plan and they would need to come back to the Commission with the Final Development Plan.

Shirley Daniels stated that she agrees with Greg in that this proposal is a huge improvement to the original proposal. She believes the number of staff recommendations secures things and the applicant would have to come back to the Plan and Zoning Commission with the Final Development Plan.

Dann Flaherty stated that he does not like this project. It looks too confined and a drainage problem will be created. Therefore he is not willing to support this project.

JoAnne Corigliano stated that she agrees that the density is frightening.

Shirley Daniels noted that the density is the same as previously approved.

Will Page stated that the density is the same but the number of buildings and amount of building coverage is different. He is concerned about the children who will live in the units.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Jacqueline Easley stepped out of the meeting and did not participate in vote.

Will Page moved to deny the applicant's request to amend the Meadowlands "PUD" Conceptual Plan.

Motion failed 3-6 (Dann Flaherty, Christine Pardee, and Will Page voted in favor. Greg Jones, John "Jack" Hilmes, JoAnne Corigliano, Dory Briles, Shirley Daniels, and Tim Fitzgerald vote in opposition).

Greg Jones moved staff recommendation to approve the proposed 8th Amendment to the Meadowlands "PUD" Conceptual Plan, subject to the following revisions:

1. Conformance with all administrative review comments by the Permit and Development Center.
2. Provision of a note to state that any PUD Development Plan for the development shall be presented to the Plan and Zoning Commission for review and approval.

3. Provision of a note to state that the number of permitted residential dwelling units within any future development shall be dependent upon the PUD Development Plan review and compliance with the PUD Conceptual Plan. However, the number of dwelling units shall not exceed 70 units.
4. Provision of a second remote access drive. This may require reconfiguration of the development or elimination of dwelling units and may necessitate an access easement on an adjoining property.
5. Provision of two additional building designs with varying massing, which could include either a porch element on the front of the unit or a gabled bumpout on the rear of the unit. The facades of these building designs should also include stone materials in amounts comparable to the submitted elevations. The elevations for the additional building designs shall be approved by the Planning Administrator.
6. Revision of Unit Types "E" and "E-2" to include a stone wainscoat on the front facades to match that on Unit Type "G".
7. Provision of a note to state that all lap siding shall be cement board, wood, or engineered wood with a minimum 50-year warranty.
8. Provision of a note to state that all windows within portions of the façade sided with lap siding shall include a minimum 4-inch wide trim board that is painted a different color than the lap siding.
9. Provision of a note to state that all dwelling units shall have architectural-type asphalt shingles.
10. Provision of a note to state there would be at least 10 feet of separation between the side facades of buildings and at least 25 feet of separation between rear facades of the buildings.
11. The "private park area" shall be relocated to be near the front of the development and shall include a children's play feature and a basketball court. The placement of this "private park area" to a more appropriate location may require the elimination or the shifting of dwelling units.
12. Provision of a note to state that foundation plantings shall be provided around each dwelling unit.
13. The Conceptual Plan shall provide a brief discussion of the proposed storm water management plan practices to the satisfaction of the Permit & Development Center's Engineering staff
14. The Conceptual Plan shall provide a brief discussion of the proposed sanitary sewer connection to the satisfaction of the Permit & Development Center's Engineering staff.
15. Provision of a note to state that any refuse collection container enclosure shall be constructed with masonry walls to match the development and steel gate.
16. The Legal Description shall be corrected on the PUD Conceptual Plan.

✓

17. Provision of a note to reflect the 7th Conceptual Plan Amendment that was approved administratively on May 13, 2009.

18. The applicant shall provide on-site management and video surveillance equipment.

Motion passed 6-3 (Greg Jones, John "Jack" Hilmes, JoAnne Corigliano, Dory Briles, Shirley Daniels, and Tim Fitzgerald vote in favor and Dann Flaherty, Christine Pardee and Will Page voted in opposition).

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Ludwig, AICP
Planning Administrator

MGL:clw

Attachment

Request from Kading Properties (purchaser) represented by Karie Ramsey (officer) to amend the Meadowlands PUD Conceptual Plan for property located at 7400 Meadowlands Drive. The subject property is owned by JKM Partners, LLC.				File #	
				ZON2013-00033	
Description of Action	Approval of a request to amend the Meadowlands PUD Conceptual Plan for property located at 7400 Meadowlands Drive, to revise the configuration of 70 residential units permitted on the property from seven (7) two-story multiple-family dwellings to 35 single-story two-family dwellings subject to revisions.				
2020 Community Character Plan	Medium-Density Residential and Commercial: Pedestrian-Oriented Neighborhood Node (current & no change proposed)				
Horizon 2035 Transportation Plan	No Planned Improvements				
Current Zoning District	"PUD" Planned Unit Development				
Proposed Zoning District	"PUD" Planned Unit Development				
Consent Card Responses	In Favor	Not In Favor	Undetermined	% Opposition	
Inside Area	7	28			
Outside Area					
Plan and Zoning Commission Action	Approval	6-3	Required 6/7 Vote of the City Council	Yes	
	Denial			No	X

Kading Properties - 7400 Meadowlands Drive

ZON2013-00033



Item ZON2013-00033

Date 3/27/13

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)



Print Name Robert J Gibson

Signature Robert J Gibson

Address 2220 E. LUSTON LN #4

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Item ZON2013-00033

Date March 31 2013 22

(am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Steve Potter

Signature [Signature]

Address 2100 Meadow Chase Lane

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 3/29/13

(am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Joe Saigen D

Signature [Signature]

Address 2100 Meadow Chase LN 201

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

To Save Kading a buck or two! :-)

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 28 MAR 2013 22

(am) ~~(am not)~~ in favor of the request.

(Circle One)



Print Name JOE CAMPOPIANO

Signature Joe Campopiano

Address 2200 E SOUTHDALE DR

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 3/27 / 2013

(am) ~~(am not)~~ in favor of the request.

(Circle One)



Print Name Sherry Begalske

Signature Sherry Begalske

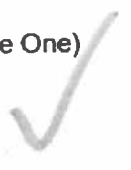
Address 210 Meadow Ct # 306
ISM 50320

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

I think immediate development of single family
homes will increase property values in
the area and make it family-friendly as
our community grows.

Item ZON2013-00033 Date 3-30-13

(am) (am not) in favor of the request
(Circle One)



Print Name Leigh Ann Sheehy
Signature Leigh Ann Sheehy
Address 2100 Meadow Chase Ln, Unit 310
DSM, IA 50320

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Item ZON2013-00033 Date Apr 2, 13

(am) (am not) in favor of the request
(Circle One)



Print Name Richard Wittich
Signature Richard Wittich
Address 5526 E. Luster Ln #1

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 30 Mar 2013

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)



Print Name Keith P Thomas

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Address 2205 E Southdale DR

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

The Reason is because I Feel that apartments
will bring the wrong people here, and drive down the
value of my property. would rather see them
stay townhomes.

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 3-29-13

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)



Print Name Maurine Pullen

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Address 2220 E. Luster Ln #7

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Having grown up on a farm, I enjoy
some open space.

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 4/02/13

22

I (am) **RECEIVED** in favor of the request.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(Circle One)

APR 03 2013

DEPARTMENT

Print Name BRIDGET ANN STOLMEIER

Signature Bridget Ann Stolmeier

Address 200 MEADOW CTR. #104
DSM 50320

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

They look good on paper - In reality
they look like "baracks" / student housing /
"past war" dwellings - Cheaply constructed -
who now days installs window AIR CONDITIONERS
They sign in Iowa state says "Four homes" 4 rent!

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 4/1/13

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request:

(Circle One)

Print Name Billie Fuster

Signature Billie Fuster

Address 201 Meadow CE #705

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

opposing due to the reviews of ~~how~~ this company
has managed other rental developments in other cities.
Overwhelming bad reviews. Do not want the same type
next door.

Home ownership developments vs. renting developments helps my home's
value.

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 3/26/13

22

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)



Print Name Brandy Omundson

Signature Brandy Omundson

Address 2100 Meadow Chase Ln
Unit 402

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

NOT IN FAVOR

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 3-26-13

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)



Print Name Rhonda O'Riley

Signature _____

Address 2101 MEADOW CT # 1003

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Increase Crime Rates

Lower property value

We already have our share low rent housing in our area.

Let's build them in your neighborhood

Item ZON2013-00033

Date March 28, 2013 *dr*

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)



Print Name Lester C. Fleming

Signature Lester C. Fleming

Address 2220 E Luster Ln. #6

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

I appreciate the open space.

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 03/26/2013.

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request

(Circle One)



2100 MONROE CAROLINE #706
Print Name MUKESH TAYAL

Signature [Signature]

Address 13936 OAK BROOK DR
URBANDALE, IA 50327.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

- Bad reviews of the builder on Internet.
- We purchased assuming this would not be an apartment complex type community. All rental units will significantly decrease the value of our condo unit in the same community.

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 3/27/13

22

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)



Print Name Kimberly Stephens

Signature Kimberly Stephens

Address 2101 meadow Ct. #1002
PSM, IA 50320

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Don't want to increase property tax in
my area. Don't want ^{any more} income
people living in the area.

Item ZON2013-00033

Date _____

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)



Print Name Val Vista Hillside LLC

Signature [Signature]

Address 6501 SE 14th

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Already to much low
rent housing in this area

Item ZON2013-00033

Date March 29, 2013

22

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)



Print Name Mildred Rivera

Signature M Rivera

Address 2101 Meadow Ct, Apt 602.
DES MOINES, IA 50320

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

- It will bring our property value down
- The reviews in the Kading Properties web page are very negative.
- In case of emerging issues, there is a high probability that management will not solve problems (according to web page)

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 3-28-13

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)



Print Name SHIRLEY GRIFFIN

Signature Shirley Griffin

Address 2101 MEADOWCT, #1303
50320

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 3/28/2013 22

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)



Print Name OLUFEMI OLAGBASU

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Address 2000 meadow ct unit 101

D.M. 1A

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Four horizontal lines for text entry.

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 3-27-13

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)



Print Name Richard Biederman

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Address 2100 Meadow Chase Ln. #401

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Four horizontal lines for text entry.

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 3/26/2013

22

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)



Print Name Tracy Rockas, FKA Tracy Haugh

Signature Tracy Rockas

Address 2101 Meadow Ct. #504

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

I'm opposing because I'm very concerned about the depreciation this will cause on the value of my home and the homes around me. I've already LOST a lot of value since I bought in 2005. Thank you

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 3/27/13

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)



Print Name Abby Kessler (Steffensen)

Signature Abby Kessler

Address 2101 Meadow Ct #502

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

We already have low income rentals by us, I do not want any more - this brings my property value down. My house has already gone down about \$40,000.⁰⁰

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 3-27-13 22

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.
(Circle One)



Print Name Carey E. Bishop

Signature Carey E. Bishop

Address 2100 Meadow Chase Ln Unit 108
Des Moines, IA

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 3/27/13

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.
(Circle One)



Print Name Debra A. VanDeWeerd

Signature Debra A. VanDeWeerd

Address 2101 Meadow Ct # 801

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

These unit, which are low rent duplexes,
will lower even more, our property
value. These types of rental unit usually
bring in more criminal activity. Since we
have low rent areas now crime is high already

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 27 March 2013 22

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)



Print Name Richard Berry

Signature Richard Berry

Address 2100 meadow Chase Ln unit 410
Des Moines IA 50320

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

- ① An over abundance of traffic already on the only two streets available for passage.
- ② Storm Water system already overworked in neighborhood
- ③ Already over abundance of Apartments and Condos in area that are vacant, In foreclosure and for rent.

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 3-27-13

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)



Print Name Charles Grimm

Signature Charles B Grimm

Address 7316 SE 23rd St #4
Des Moines IA 50320

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

- will lower value of our property
- will increase traffic
- view
- reduce privacy
- will bring too many kids which means more noise

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 3.29.13 22

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)



Print Name Amanda (Miller) Cubit

Signature A Cubit

Address 2101 Meadow Ct. Unit 1402
Home: 1512 SW 64th St. Lawton, OK
73505

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

I am opposed due to concern of
decreased property value for my
townhome.

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 4-1-2013

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)



Print Name Dixie L. Harnden

Signature Dixie L. Harnden

Address 2000 Meadow Ct. Unit 106

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

I purchased a Condo in what was to be 5 buildings
of Condos. These are now worth 1/4 of what I paid
for mine. If more rental properties go in next
to mine, I think my Condo will drop in value
to the point I will not be able to sell it for
any price.

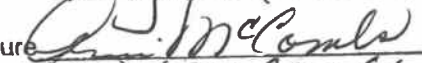
Item: ZON2013-00033

Date 4/1/13 22

I (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Angie McCombs

Signature 

Address 2000 Meadow Ct Unit 110 DM 50320

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Their other places look like CRAP!
Window air - no space
BAD BAD
It looks good on paper only!

Item: ZON2013-00033

Date 3-29-13

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Nancy L. Miller

Signature 

Address 2000 Meadow Ct #105 DM

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 4/4/2013

If must be rentals restricted to elderly to maintain quiet neighborhood. In addition to Hwy 99 intersection already there's widened turn lanes added part of possible increase in street parking hindering traffic flow. Park should be more central bldgs too close can see right into neighbors' homes.

I (am) am not in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Lynnette Chapman

Signature Lynnette Chapman

Address 2100 Meadow Creek Ln. #505

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Rental properties will depreciate the property values further. Access is directly off the roundabout. Traffic with roundabouts people go the wrong way! "Park" should not be right on the street. Balls could go in street & children run after w/ looking. Too many units whether as 2-story or 1-story for area. Severe reduction in green space. If all 20 units rented by 1 person family that's 200 people this is the suburbs not inner city high rises.

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 04/02/12

I (am) am not in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Ernesto Castaneda

Signature Ernesto Castaneda

Address 2101 Meadow Ct

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Crime rates will go up higher than they already are w/ the lower income housing present. Plenty of ^{vacant} housing elsewhere, no need for more. Ernesto Castaneda

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 3/29/13

22

I (am) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)



Print Name Bryan J Young

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Address 2000 Meadow Ct #112 DSM, IA 50320

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

My property value has dropped enough
already!

Item ZON2013-00033

Date 3-30-13

I (am) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)



Print Name Amy (Kaldenberg) Matzen

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Address 2101 Meadow Court #301

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Do not want the average property value to
decrease

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Vansetta F.

Joined 4 months ago

Doesn't Recommend

November 15, 2012

I moved into kading property on August 25, 2012 in their newly built townhomes in Altoona, Iowa and let me tell you it's been nothing but a NIGHTMARE!!!!!!!!!!!! Love my place ~minus the mice~ I was very disappointed in the fact that my place has no space what so ever! No linen closet nor any towel racks in the bathroom. Really? Who doesn't do that? The first issue was they had my van towed for expired plates, and leaking transmission fluid. Remember... at this time I had only been living in Altoona for about 3 weeks. I could have gotten my plates right away had I not given them all my money to move in. First of all, I had no idea my van leaked, because at the place I lived prior to moving to Altoona my van did not leak. Maybe it was due to my garage at my prior place was level ground. The drive at my new place is slightly slanted I did not have my up to date tags because I was not driving my van, and I did not want to pay for tags and insurance if I was not driving it. I had not put it in the garage because I had boxes and totes in there from moving. They had my van towed on a Friday, September 28, 2012 and did not leave any information about who towed it or where it was towed to. SOOO UNPROFESSIONAL!!!!!!!! I did not find out where my van was until that following Monday, October 1 when kading property called me to tell me where my van was at, and had the nerves to ask about my rent. How Rude!!!! It cost me \$258.00 to get my van back. I was sooo mad, because in the lease it stated "Non Working Vehicles" will be towed. My van works! Nothing about expired plates. I forgot to mention that they told me to clean up the leak before my van was towed. I bought some stuff from the auto part store to clean up the leak and I bought a huge leak/drip

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pan to place underneath my van incase it leaked again. Didn't matter...they had my van towed anyway. I feel they should have been More Professional and asked me personally if my van was working instead of just assuming that because it had expired plates and was leaking it did not run. I had to pay \$258.00 to get my van and pay rent!!!! Now to add insult to injury! I found out on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, Election Night that I have mice in my garage!!! I pay way to much money to live with mice! My lease did not state that I would live with mice! I did not sign up to live with mice! Now I'm Really Smoking!!!! I and my girlz are scared of mice. We will not go into the garage only to throw the garbage into the garbage bin that has to be kept in the garage per our lease. I don't even recycle anymore, because I do not want to go out to the recycle bin to put stuff in it. I want to make as little trips as possible to that garage. They are trying everything not to have Professional Pest Control come out! I'm Good Though...I no longer feel comfortable or safe in this property. I just need for them to relocate me to another unit PERIOD!!!!!!!!!!!! Who Treats Tenants & Very New Tenants This Way? And You Really Thought I Would Refer Anyone? Don't Think So!!!! This Is My Only Go Round With Kading Property!!!!!!!!!!!!

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 **kay m.**
Joined 5 months ago

October 27, 2012

we moved into a kading townhome in newton, its very spacious, the bedrooms are huge. the only issues I have found was the carpet hasn't been cleaned, and there have been some split or chipped. there was a terrible thunderstorm out here just a week after we moved in and caught the other half of the duplex on fire, we called 911 and they were here in minutes!!! the only part damaged to that side was the living room and roof, but they told us we had to not be in our home for 2 weeks, they made up for that by workin on our rent and our electric deposit. just this last week one of the teens from the apartments broke one of our windows and they had it fixed in a cpl days. anything that happens, any issues you have with neighbors. etc. they work fast to fix it. and the maitainance guys ROCK! btw...this is an actual tenant and I have been tossin out referrals to everyone I know to move here. Heather is our Landlord and will be for as long as she'll have us! Mcghghys

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 **D G.**
Joined 1 year ago

Recommends

February 13, 2012

Townhome is great!. We have lived in a Kading Properties townhome for a short time and think its great. We have more than enough space and it's so nice to park in a garage.

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 **LINDSEY O.**
Joined 1 year ago

Recommends

February 13, 2012

THANK YOU, IT IS SO NICE KADING PROPERTIES LETS YOU MOVE IN ON SHORT NOTICE. WE RAN INTO A HARD TIME AND RUNIED OUR CREDIT. THEY REALLY GIVE PEOPLE A 2ND CHANCE WITHOUT PUNISHMENT. WE HAVE A LAB...THEY DID TELL US ABOUT THE PET FEE AND DIDN'T HAVE A WEIGHT LIMIT WHICH WAS VERY HELPFUL. WE WERE FORTUNATE TO HAVE A GREAT NEIGHBOR...THERE WERE A FEW BAD ONES BUT YOU CAN HAVE THAT ANYWHERE!! WE HAVE LIVED HERE FOR TWO YEARS AND WILL BE PURCHASING A HOME...BLESSED WITH SECOND CHANCES WE WERE ABLE TO GET BACK ON OUR FEET!

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 **msquared42**
Joined 2 years ago

Doesn't Recommend



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October 31, 2011

Very Poor Communication. We moved into one of the duplexes in Newton on pretty short notice, and the office was great in working with us, and getting the place turned around as quickly as possible, as someone else was moving out at the same time.

The maintenance guy is great, if you can get ahold of him directly, but don't count on any kind of communication from the office, unless your rent is late. They hardly ever answer the phone.

When we moved in, we were thinking about getting a cat or dog, and were told that there would be a \$100 pet DEPOSIT, which seemed very reasonable. We want to adopt from a local shelter, and recently contacted the office to pay the deposit, only to be told that it was in fact a \$250 NON-REFUNDABLE FEE. Either get your story straight, or tell that to people up front!

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**MrZach**

Joined 2 years ago

Doesn't Recommend

July 01, 2011

Don't Listen to the Good Reviews, Just Look Elsewhere. I have a feeling the "good" reviews are from Kading staff themselves trying to sell people on their crappy units.

I moved in while attending college. It started out good at first. I was shown a nice, clean unit and when asked if I could keep my daughter's guinea pigs there, I was told caged pets were no problem. That is one of the reasons I chose the place. Two or three weeks in, the maintenance guy came over to fix a problem with the living room ceiling fan and saw the guinea pigs. He immediately told me that I would have to get rid of the pigs because the only caged pets allowed were hamsters, fish and birds. I told him I didn't understand why hamsters could stay, but not slightly larger rodents like guinea pigs. I also said that I had asked to keep the guinea pigs before I signed anything, but he said I must have been hearing things because guinea pigs aren't allowed. I told him they could try to evict me if they were going to act that way. Nothing came of it. Probably because neighbors keep all kinds of pets.

It didn't stop there. They complained if I wasn't around to take my garbage can in the garage immediately after pick-up even though other people's cans never leave the curb. They came knocking on my door to yell at me when the neighbor kids left bikes on the yard, accusing me of letting my daughter leave her bike out which wasn't allowed. My daughter was four at the time and the bikes left in the yard were too big for her to ride. And I have more instances of harassment that I just can't fit in a review.

The units have no storage, no amenities. Better bring your own appliances because the ones they provide are cheaply made and break constantly. They won't repair stuff unless you threaten them. I have mold growing in my laundry room. They clean it out, but it comes back, which wouldn't happen if they did it correctly. The air conditioner freezes up constantly. One time it did when we were having 95 degree heat and it was over 100 in my house. I called and they did not call back until six hours later. It was 10:00 at night by then and they said nobody could fix it until tomorrow afternoon. I said that my daughter was getting severe heat rash and asked that they pay for a hotel room for the night since the heat levels were dangerous. Heather told me that since I was "getting snotty" with her she would tell the maintenance guy not to make my air conditioner a priority and we could wait a couple of days. It was repaired the next morning after I threatened to contact the county Health Department due to the dangerous conditions. But in return, they harass me constantly about everything they can, like the garbage cans. Stuff they don't harass other tenants about.

I've finally had it, looked up the law and gave them 10 days' notice in writing to fix the mold problem once and for all or I'm leaving and asking for my deposit back, as allowed by law. I expect a fight, but I'm willing to take it to small claims court.

If you rent from these slumlords and have trouble, don't say the reviews didn't tell you



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so. Better yet, just look elsewhere. There are nice places out there for reasonable rent, you just have to look.

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Jennifer Jackson
Joined 2 years ago

Recommends

March 22, 2011

Nice Properties. My husband and I lived in their townhome for 3 years in Newton. It was good from day one. The home was 3 bedroom 1 bath with attached car garage. Tiled floors with carpet throughout and pretty large for the rent. Oak cabinetry, full size washer/dryer/fridge/stove. I really liked the bathroom with large vanity and really big! They are by far not the worst people to rent from! The garages are large enough to park in and I have a Cadillac. So, unless you don't know how to park then you might have a problem. Maintenance with lawn care, any fixes in the townhome were always fast with Dan. And we NEVER had any problems except for the carpet tacks coming through which were fixed ultrafast. They mowed and removed snow promptly. The management was always very professional and prompt with any concerns or questions we ever had, and NO they didn't harass us (perhaps, you never paid your rent!). I highly recommend these properties! The only reason we had to leave was due to high gas prices...hope to rent from them again in the future!

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Lulu2196
Joined 3 years ago

Recommends

April 30, 2010

HOME. I have also had a great experience with Kading Properties. My mother moved into a Kading Properties unit in Newton when she had to sell her home. She did not want to move into a nursing home so we found a nice place that would take her and her dog. Not alot of places allow pets and Kading Properties understands the love of pets. They went out of their way to make sure my mother was taken care of...out of their way to take her trash out, shovel her patio, pick up her rent, and even call me when they hadn't seen any action there for a few days and they were worried she was sick! They worked with us on making paying rent easy with 2 payments and no late fee was ever added. Sometimes the girls would stop over (unannounced) just to visit with her. That made me feel she was taken care of and I would recommend Kading Properties to anyone.

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BuchH2
Joined 3 years ago

Recommends

April 05, 2010

At Home. I have lived here for a little over 2 months now, the management seems to be very friendly. I think for the price its a great place. I have looked at other apartments in the same price range and they were complete dumps, so I was excited to find something that didn't look overly lived in. I guess I don't understand all the bad reviews..I have never had a problem with anyone showing up unannounced, not that I would care if they did I don't have anything to hide and I have a clean place.

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angryinperry
Joined 3 years ago

Doesn't Recommend

March 19, 2010

DO NOT RENT FROM HERE. We have been here in perry for only 7 months and have had so many problems with the "manager" or caretaker here that we finally have had the police involved and all we got from the Kadings was a bunch of grief and was told that maybe we should move because of this. The homes here look nice but that is



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about all that is nice here

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AnyaEsq
Joined 4 years ago

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November 16, 2009

Horrible. Since we have moved into this place in Boone, we have been harassed on a nearly daily basis by the guy who drives around in his white truck making sure nobody breaks the rules. I finally called and told them that it had to stop, that even the landlord does not have the right to knock on our door constantly to tell us we needed to pick up a plastic bag that blew into our yard or asking if we knew anything about such-and-such that happened in the neighborhood. Instead of an "I'm sorry, we'll stop it," I got a whole lot of rudeness, threats of eviction and when I told them that I had passed the bar this year and very well knew the law on landlord harassment and retaliatory eviction, the woman on the phone threatened "to call whoever hands out bar licenses and have [mine] revoked for not knowing the law and obeying it." I have recorded all this and we are looking for a new place to live, middle of lease or not. Avoid these "townhouses" at all cost!

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ALH10
Joined 4 years ago

Recommends

August 31, 2009

I like it!!!!!! We just moved in to Kading Properties, I have found the landlords and office people extremely helpful and not bothersome at all. being able to pay your rent via credit/debit is a huge benefit. i think prices are very reasonable. The units are uniform and made cheaply, trim isnt perfect, and it is pretty plain jane(no dishwasher, garbage disposal etc) but they really give you a lot of leaway for you to be able to personalize and make it your home, not just some place your renting. I enjoy the attached garage and single home entrance.

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renterman
Joined 4 years ago

Doesn't Recommend

August 24, 2009

Kading developments. Kading Properties are very proud of these cheaply built duplexes they own in various small towns around IA. (Grinnell, Madrid, Perry, Boone...) You will be left annoying little notes of the priveleges of owning a pet and where you can store your grill. The rent is high, and every expense was spared in construction. All I can say is beware of the trademark battleship grey with poorly finished drywall. Blue and white townhomes for rent sign is a good sign to keep looking. Hope you find somewhere else to live.

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honestjoe
Joined 4 years ago

Doesn't Recommend

April 06, 2009

What ever it takes for the almighty dollar. These places may look good in pictures and from the outside but, live in one for a while and deal with the land lords you will be singing a different tune. It is my opinion that the material they use is the cheapest they can find and trim work looks to be poor workmanship. High rent, and high expectations of renters but, little expectations of they're work poor lawn care and poor snow removal and people in office are rude and slow to fix things. I would never rent from this company again and would tell anybody that asks me about them not to. Rent at your own risk be ready to fight tooth and nail for deposit even willing to take them to court. I am curious how many people git a deposit back from this company.



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particularrae
Joined 4 years ago

Doesn't Recommend

April 05, 2009

Renters beware of you Landlord/tenant code. When we notified them that we were moving out is when the trouble started. Two weeks into the notice, they started wanting to show the unit with little to no notice. When we called to complain about it, they said that they wouldn't charge us anything more if we kept our mouth shut. Then they called me a "brat" since I knew what I was talking about. I wouldn't suggest anyone renting from them. Esp. since they don't know the Landlord/Tenant laws themselves.

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honestrenter
Joined 4 years ago

Doesn't Recommend

April 04, 2009

Run as fast as you can. I have just moved in approx. 1 month ago. Had no other option so had to move here. It wasn't 1 week and Heather stopped uninvited, without even calling me, wanting to show the place... The tile is broken in the kitchen and bathroom due to poor workmanship. This place should be investigated by HUD!!! The person who answers the phone at the office is a liar and is very rude and inconsiderate. If you are reading this, RUN as fast as you can!!!

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bbums95
Joined 4 years ago

Recommends

January 31, 2009

Very nice and large townhouses. Thank you so much to Kading Properties for helping us get into a place we now call our home! I love having a garage that is attached! Maintenance and all the staff at Kading Properties is extremely helpful. I would recommend renting from Kading.

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irritated1
Joined 4 years ago

Doesn't Recommend

January 10, 2009

poor service. We've lived at a "Kading Property" for almost 2 years now. At move in we were told that the snow removal and lawn care were provided. For the 2nd year we've had to shovel snow ourselves if we want to get cars out. At the beginning of the snow season this year whomever answered the phone at the office very rudely told us if we didn't like the snow removal we could do it ourselves or move out.

As far as lawn care is concerned, it's in a word embarrassing. We've taken pictures of the grass and weeds at 14" tall.

If you are looking for a place to move - KEEP LOOKING!

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leahbabez
Joined 5 years ago

Doesn't Recommend

December 15, 2008

TERRIBLE! We moved in and yes it is unfurnished completely and we have to pay \$25 for stove and \$25 for refrigerator. And then it comes with no curtains, towel rods, shelf space in bathroom, shower curtain rod, heating and air are on wall not central, no disposal in kitchen, and it is cheaply made and I pay \$660 a month! A year lease can't wait to leave it is a boring neighborhood too unless you have kids or are elderly... no



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cdsummers
Joined 5 years ago

Doesn't Recommend

September 22, 2008

poor organization. we signed a lease for a duplex. then got word that heather rented it to others after our lease was signed. we were than told another opening was gonna be open the end of the month. 2.5 weeks later we still haven't been allowed to see the other property. so are still in the process of fighting for our deposit.

RENTERS BEWARE..... DONT RENT FROM THIS COMPANY

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cityjustice
Joined 5 years ago

Doesn't Recommend

September 17, 2008

Unimpressed.. High rental cost, considering that most are unfurnished. Crowded, inconvenient visitor parking. High expectation of renters on appearance, such as "curtain inspections" however, close observations reveal, what appears to be cheapest construction materials used as well as uneven interior trim, plug-in covers, as well as other finishing details.

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★★★★☆ *JT ROCKWELL*



[jeff h.](#) 1 Kading Properties

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October 13, 2012



★★★★☆ *this is messed up*



[amie k.](#) 1 Kading Properties i just wanna know if there this bad how is anyone allowed them to stay open im sure glad that a friend pointed this out to me bcause thats riduclouse on how they're aloud to treat tenates like that i know if you have to get something fixed and you do it your self you can take it off your rent

August 29, 2012



☆☆☆☆☆ *This is an AWFUL PLACE*

Mary H. 1 Kading Properties

I give this place NO STARS... this is a horrible place to live!! They treat you very poorly, do not fix things (our front door wouldn't lock for over 2 months) they refused to fix it... carpeting was awful, walls looked awful, cheap poorly built places.. biggest problem is the manager of this place Heather, she is stupid, and does not know the landlord/tenant laws. The handyman swore at me one day, and called me a liar about something that fell apart which was not our fault. When we were moving out, we found the carpet was soaking wet, and was all moldy under our furniture!! DO NOT RENT FROM THESE PEOPLE... unless you want to be treated like dirt and worse... and we did not get our deposit back either!! And we paid \$725.00 a month with our own appliances!! They also do not spray for bugs... we had roaches and huge spiders and they refused to treat the property! WARNING WARNING find another place to live!! Managed by Kading Properties gestapo!!

March 18, 2012



☆☆☆☆☆ *Run Away do not even look at these dumps*

Lindsay N. 1 Kading Properties

We have lived with mold in our Kading properties in boone iowa for almost 1 year of really bad mold, all the kids and myself are really sick and have been for months. We called several times for repair and when the guy showed up to help us he just gave us a can of kilz and shrugged it off, so we started taking pictures, once i just gave the landlord the pictures of the horrible mold, and withheld the rent, then they decided to come in and help us. Well after the many hours the man spent here cleaning we found tons more mold when he left. They do not like to repair anything until you freak out, and Heather who cannot communicate with others without threats and yelling is pretty scary to deal with. And if you want to rent in Boone, this is the person you must deal with.....Beware I regret ever moving here, i now have to use an inhaler daily and i have hard times breathing because of the mold.....Run

April 13, 2011



☆☆☆☆☆ *RUN!!! FAR FAR AWAY!!! OR TAKE PICTURES AND DOCUMENT!!!*

Wesley M. 1 Kading Properties

My girlfriend and I moved in here back in April of 2009 thinking it would be a great place to live. When we were shown the place, we were shown a clean, well kept unit thinking that was what we were going to get. 2 weeks before we were scheduled to move in, we stalked the neighborhood in Perry, IA to make sure it would be a great place to live and everything seemed very calm and quiet...little did we know that is NOT what it is. Once we were moved in, we had neighbors in our yard, walking in between our cars, 2-5 years old children running down the street until 9p.m.-10p.m.. The day we moved in, my girlfriend was to meet Heather for the keys at a time both specified and

agreed upon, when my girlfriend showed up, Heather was no where to be seen. After 15 minutes of waiting, my girlfriend called and Heather could not make it, not informing either myself or my girlfriend. Finally, later that day my girlfriend was let into the unit we were signing for and there was literally human crap in the toilet...one of the workers had crapped in the toilet while the water was shut off and left it. There were cockroaches everywhere both live and dead, the fridge and oven were in the garage uncleaned. THIS PLACE IS A JOKE AND SO IS THE MANAGEMENT! DO NOT RENT FROM THEM! THERE ARE BETTER PLACES TO RENT FROM!

IF YOU DO RENT FROM THEM, DOCUMENT and TAKE PICTURES OF EVERYTHING WRONG! DOCUMENT DOCUMENT DOCUMENT! I could sit here and read off the pages that we took of this place, but these bitches are not worth my time except this rating.

February 06, 2011



★☆☆☆☆ *there a joke*

kyle e. 1 Kading Properties

Kading Properties is a joke i worked for them for 9 mounths and got treeted like crap. i got fiyerd for not risking my life and driveing a crappy truck out of town on my day off to cut rail road tys. they are a realy pice of work and think there high and mighty and there tendin are trash

October 08, 2010



★☆☆☆☆ *Not even worth 1 star*

john b. 1 Kading Properties

Wow....I thought I was the only one getting this treatment. Kading Properties is the worst place I have lived. I lived here for 2 weeks and already know this. I've experienced everything on this wall of complaints. They are very poorly managed, even the tenant that shows the houses and gives out the leases in my area has called the main office girl an air head. I moved in thinking this was a amazing deal for college and that these house were very nice...but that was to much to ask. I was showed a duplex that was cleaned and painted very well and everything in perfect order that I was supposed to be moved into...well that didn't happen. I was moved into a duplex that wasn't cleaned whatsoever. I had to re-paint the walls since the idiots used satan paint over semi gloss. I had to carpet clean everything and the water that I got out of them was black and moldy!!! On top of all this they failed to mention that a water main broke in the back bedroom and flooded the entire place but just let it air dry out and with a shop vac. One of the corners of the house smells like the people living here used it as a bathroom. The yard was torn up with dirt spots everywhere. These guys demanded cash or money order only without receipts back! We had to ask for it. They also handed me a lease that they whited out from previous use!!!!!! Are these guys really this cheap? Another thing before I moved here that I heard about was they sprayed the grass with chemicals and didn't tell anyone or put signs up...week later everybody's dogs pissing and crapping blood with vomiting and diarrhea. That is animal cruelty!....I would love to hear other peoples complaints about this so email me at jb6075@hotmail.com

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Cons: Cheap Carpet, Poorly Constructed,



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Pros: none

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Cons: everything



★★★★★ *HOME*



by Lulu2196 at Citysearch 5 Kading Properties

April 30, 2010

I have also had a great experience with Kading Properties. My mother moved into a Kading Properties unit in Newton when she had to sell her home. She did not want to move into a nursing home so we found a nice place that would take her and her dog. Not alot of places allow pets and Kading Properties understands the love of pets. They went out of their way to make sure my mother was taken care of...out of their way to take her trash out, shovel her patio, pick up her rent, and even call me when they hadn't seen any action there for a few days and they were worried she was sick! They worked with us on making paying rent easy with 2 payments and no late fee was ever added. Sometimes the girls would stop over (unannounced) just to visit with her. That made me feel she was taken care of and I would recommend Kading Properties to anyone.

Pros: Management And Office People Are Great

Cons: Renters That Ruin It For Us Good Tenants



★★★★☆ *At Home*

by BuchH2 at Citysearch 4 Kading Properties

April 05, 2010

I have lived here for a little over 2 months now, the management seems to be very friendly. I think for the price its a great place, I have looked at other apartments in the same price range and they were complete dumps, so I was excited to find something that didn't look overly lived in. I guess I don't understand all the bad reviews..I have never had a problem with anyone showing up unannounced, not that I would care if they did I don't have anything to hide and I have a clean place.

Pros: Quick response time, friendly, informative

Cons: every place has the good and bad..



☆☆☆☆☆ *DO NOT RENT FROM HERE*

by angryinperry at Citysearch 1 Kading Properties

March 19, 2010

we have been here in perry for only 7 months and have had so many problems with the "manager" or caretaker here that we finally have had the police involved and all we got from the Kadings was a bunch of grief and was told that maybe we should move because of this. The homes here look nice but that is about all that is nice here.

Pros: none

Cons: everything



☆☆☆☆☆ *Horrible*

by AnyaEsq at Citysearch 1 Kading Properties

November 16, 2009

Since we have moved into this place in Boone, we have been harassed on a nearly daily basis by the guy who drives around in his white truck making sure nobody breaks the rules. I finally called and told them that it had to stop, that even the landlord does not have the right to knock on our door constantly to tell us we needed to pick up a plastic bag that blew into our yard or asking if we knew anything about such-and-such that happened in the neighborhood. Instead of an "I'm sorry, we'll stop it," I got a whole lot of rudeness, threats of eviction and when I told them that I had passed the bar this year and very well knew the law on landlord harassment and retaliatory eviction, the woman

on the phone threatened "to call whoever hands out bar licenses and have [mine] revoked for not knowing the law and obeying it." I have recorded all this and we are looking for a new place to live, middle of lease or not. Avoid these "townhouses" at all cost!

Pros: Only that I have a roof over my head

Cons: Management



★★★★☆ *I like it!!!!!!!!!!!!*

by ALH10 at Citysearch 4 Kading Properties

August 31, 2009

We just moved in to Kading Properties, I have found the landlords and office people extremley helpful and not bothersome at all. being able to pay your rent via credit/debit is a huge benefit. i think prices are very reasonable. The units are uniform and made cheaply , trim isnt perfect, and it is pretty plain jane(no dishwasher, garbage disposal etc) but they really give you a lot of leaway for you to be able to personalize and make it your home, not just some place your renting. I enjoy the attached garage and single home entrance.

Pros: great town, and neighborhood,friendly people, nice looking

Cons: cheaper made



☆☆☆☆☆ *Kading developments*

by renterman at Citysearch 1 Kading Properties

August 24, 2009

Kading Properties are very proud of these cheaply built duplexes they own in various small towns around IA. (Grinnell, Madrid, Perry, Boone...) You will be left annoying little notes of the priveleges of owning a pet and where you can store your grill. The rent is high, and every expense was spared in construction. All I can say is beware of the trademark battleship grey with poorly finished drywall. Blue and white townhomes for rent sign is a good sign to keep looking. Hope you find somewhere else to live.

Pros: Space, but no storage

Cons: Crowded noisy, cheaply built, annoying landlords



☆☆☆☆☆ *What ever it takes for the almighty dollar*

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by honestjoe at Citysearch 1 Kading Properties

April 06, 2009



These places may look good in pictures and from the outside but, live in one for a while and deal with the land lords you will be singing a different tune. It is my opinion that the material they use is the cheapest they can find and trim work looks to be poor workmanship. High rent, and high expectations of renters but, little expectations of they're work poor lawn care and poor snow removal and people in office are rude and slow to fix things. I would never rent from this company again and would tell anybody that asks me about them not to. Rent at your own risk be ready to fight tooth and nail for deposit even willing to take them to court. I am curious how many people git a deposit back from this company.

Pros: the town is nice

Cons: very poor construction rude customer service.



☆☆☆☆☆ *Renters beware of you Landlord/tenant code*

by particularrae at Citysearch 1 Kading Properties

April 05, 2009



When we notified them that we were moving out is when the trouble started. Two weeks into the notice, they started wanting to show the unit with little to no notice. When we called to complain about it, they said that they wouldn't charge us anything more if we kept our mouth shut. Then they called me a "brat" since I knew what I was talking about. I wouldn't suggest anyone renting from them. Esp. since they don't know the Landlord/Tenant laws themselves.

Pros: Nice town to raise your kids

Cons: Horrible landlords



☆☆☆☆☆ **TERRIBLE!**

by pedro12 at Citysearch 1 Kading Properties

April 04, 2009



We moved in to a property and all was fine paid rent on time for the entire lease. Then we found a place that would more fit are family size. Thats when they started showing the apartment with little to no notice. We moved out and cleaned and scrubbed and were out by midnight feb 28 new tennant moved in the next day. 30 days later we git a letter charging us for stuff we already did and took pictures of ,and the letter was charging us for stuff they never did.

I would suggest to anybody never rent from this company. still fighting for deposit.

Pros: no pros at all

Cons: rude customer service and horrible snow removal and lawncare



★☆☆☆☆ *Run as fast as you can*

by honestrenter at Citysearch 1 Kading Properties

April 04, 2009

I have just moved in approx. 1 month ago.Had no other option so had to move here.It wasnt 1 week and Heather stopped uninvited , without even calling me, wanting to show the place...The tile is broken,in the kitchen and bathroom due to poor workmanship. This place should be investigated by HUD!!! The person who answers the phone at the office is a liar and is very rude and inconsiderate.If you are reading this, RUN as fast as you can!!!

Pros: The town is nice

Cons: floors cracked,way expensive,yard sucks,poor construction



★★★★★ *Very nice and large townhouses*

by bburns95 at Citysearch 5 Kading Properties

January 31, 2009

Thank you so much to Kading Properties for helping us get into a place we now call our home! I love having a garage that is attached! Maintenance and all the staff at Kading Properties is extremley help full. I would recomend renting from Kading.



★☆☆☆☆ *poor service*

by irritated1 at Citysearch 1 Kading Properties

January 10, 2009

We've lived at a "Kading Property" for almost 2 years now. At move in we were told that the snow removal and lawn care were provided. For the 2nd year we've had to shovel snow ourselves if we want to get cars out. At the beginning of the snow season this year whomever answered the phone at the office very rudely told us if we didn't like the snow removal we could do it ourselves or move out. As far as lawn care is concerned, it's in a word embarrassing. We've taken pictures of the grass and weeds at 14" tall.

If you are looking for a place to move - KEEP LOOKING!



★☆☆☆☆ TERRRIBLE!

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by leahbabez at Citysearch 1 Kading Properties

December 15, 2008

We moved in and yes it is unfurnished completely and we have to pay \$25 for stove and \$25 for refrigerator. And then it comes with no currents, towel rods, shelf space in bathroom, shower curtain rod, heating and air are on wall not central, no disposal in kitchen, and it is cheaply made and I pay \$660 a month! A year lease can't wait to leave it is a boring neighborhood too unless you have kids or are elderly... no offense.

Pros: Nada.

Cons: Everything.



★☆☆☆☆ poor organization

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by cdsummers at Citysearch 1 Kading Properties

September 22, 2008

we signed a lease for a duplex. than got word that heather rented it to others after our lease was signed. we were than told another opening was gonna be open the end of the month. 2.5 weeks later we still haven't been allowed to see the other property. so are still in the process of fighting for our deposit.

RENTERS BEWARE..... DONT RENT FROM THIS COMPANY

Pros: well they answered to phone

Cons: gave away the property after lease and deposit were done



★☆☆☆☆ Unimpressed.

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by buyjustice at Citysearch 1 Kading Properties

September 17, 2008

High rental cost, considering that most are unfurnished. Crowded, inconvenient visitor parking. High expectation of renters on appearance, such as, "curtain inspections", however, close observations reveal, what appears to be cheapest constuction materials used as well as uneven interior trim, plug-in covers, as well as other finishing details.