



Date June 3, 2019

RESOLUTION DISMISSING HEARING ON REQUEST FROM SAVANNAH HOMES, INC. TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4320 EAST 46TH STREET

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2019, by Roll Call No. 19-0283, the City Council received a recommendation from the City Plan and Zoning Commission advising that at a public hearing held on February 7, 2019, its members voted 9-0 in support of a motion to recommend **APPROVAL** of a request from Savannah Homes, Inc. (purchaser), represented by Ted Grob (officer), to rezone property located at 4320 East 46th Street (“Property”) from “A-1” Agricultural District to Limited “R1-60” One-Family Low-Density Residential District, to allow subdivision of the Property into approximately 16 single-family residential lots, subject to conditions set forth in said Roll Call; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2019, by Roll Call No. 19-0593, it was duly resolved by the City Council that the application of Savannah Homes, Inc. to rezone the Property, legally described as follows, be set down for hearing on March 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall:

THE NORTH 5 ACRES OF THE EAST ½ OF THE SOUTH 30 ACRES OF THE EAST ½ OF THE NORTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 79, RANGE 23, WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA, EXCEPT PARCEL B BOOK 7498 PAGE 966; and

WHEREAS, due notice of said hearing was published in the Des Moines Register, as provided by law, setting forth the time and place for hearing on said proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2019, by Roll Call No. 19-0416, the City Council opened and continued the public hearing to April 8, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2019, by Roll Call No. 19-0593, the City Council opened and continued the public hearing to June 3, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers; and

WHEREAS, thereafter Savannah Homes, Inc. requested to withdraw its application for the proposed rezoning of the Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the public hearing on the proposed rezoning of a portion of property at 4320 East 46th Street from “A-1” Agricultural District to Limited “R1-60” One-Family Low-Density Residential District is hereby dismissed, and the matter of the proposed rezoning is withdrawn from City Council consideration.



Roll Call Number

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MOVED BY _____ TO ADOPT.

FORM APPROVED:

Glenna K. Frank
Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

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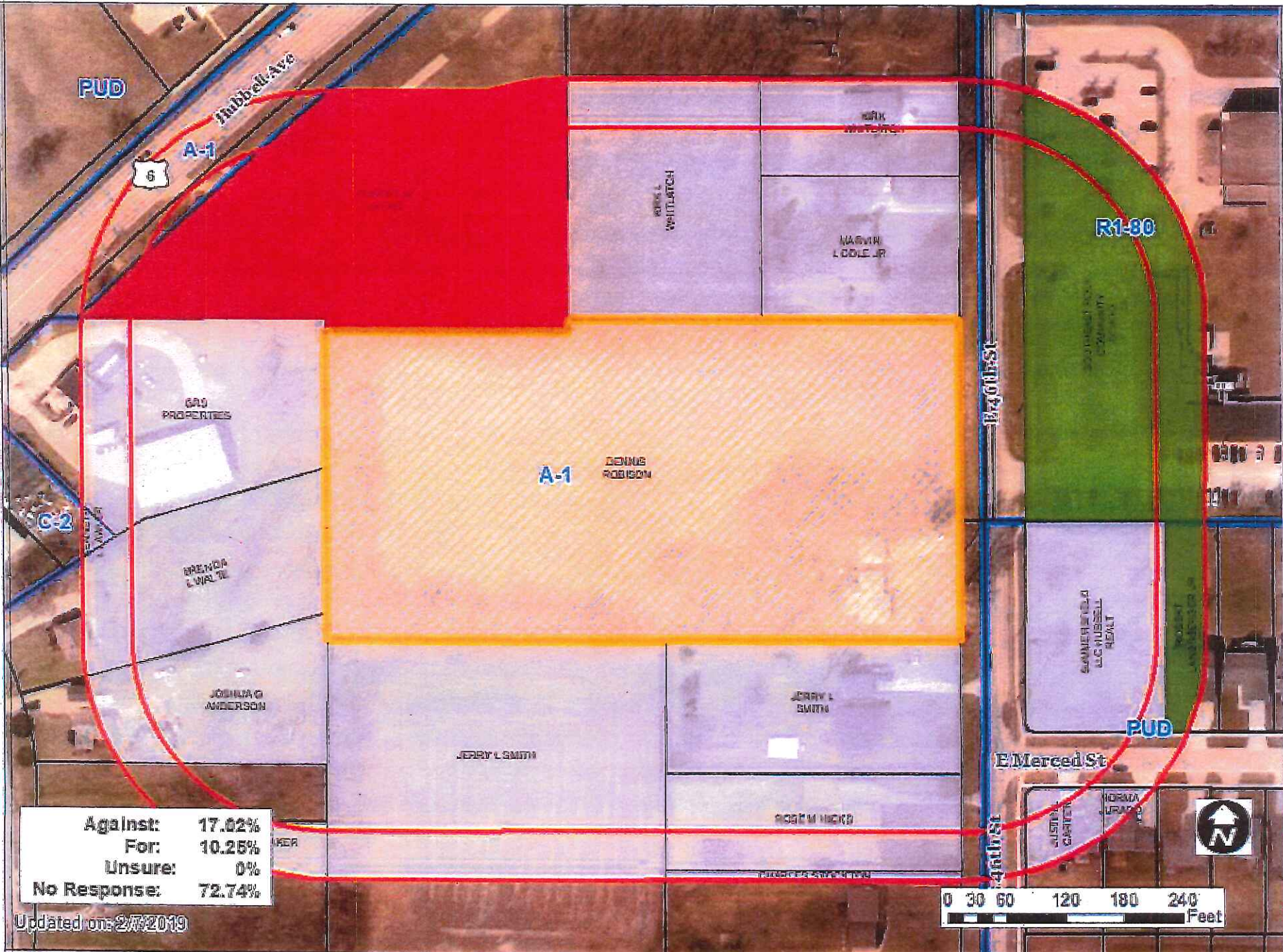
CERTIFICATE

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.

Mayor

City Clerk



Against:	17.02%
For:	10.25%
Unsure:	0%
No Response:	72.74%

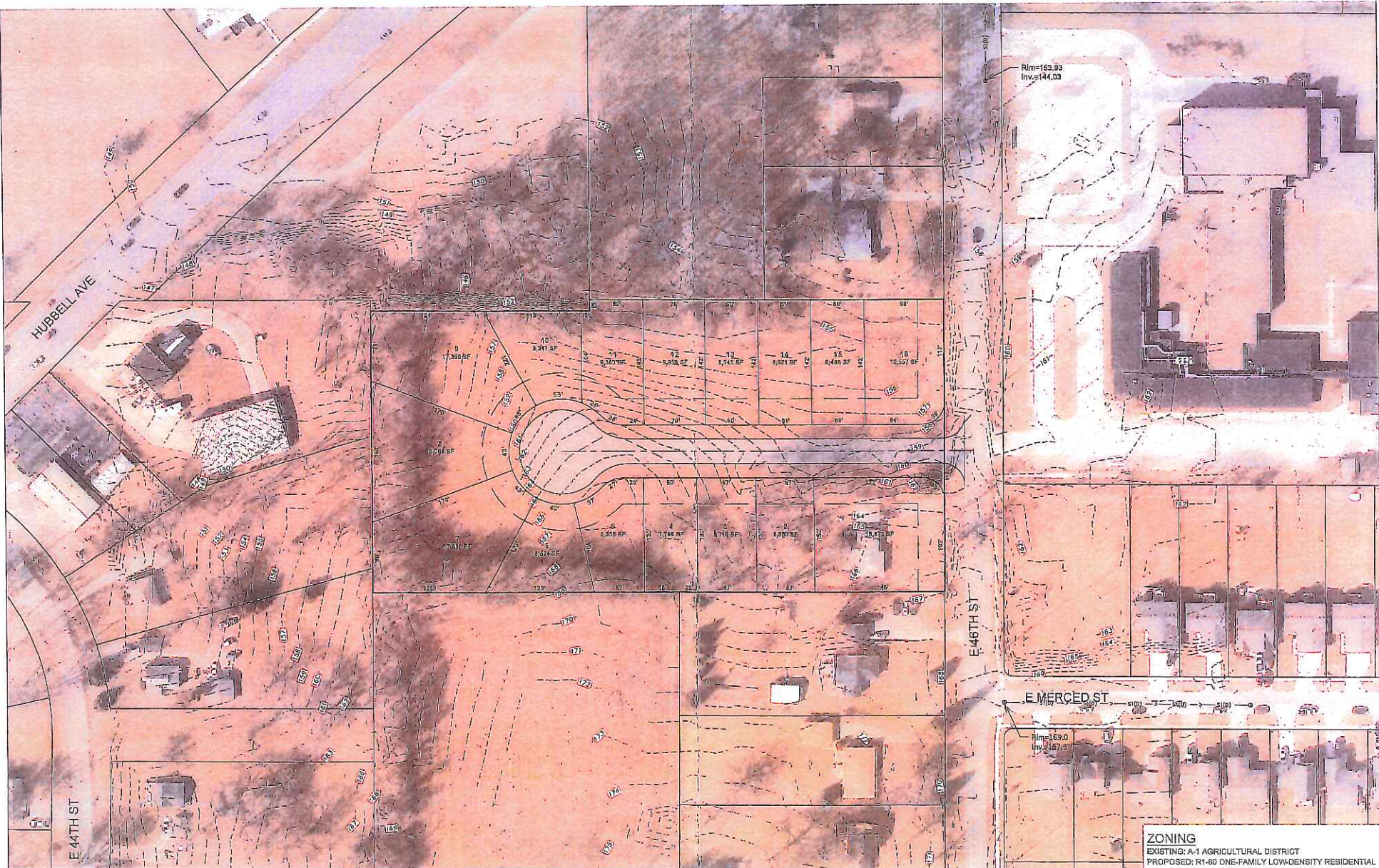
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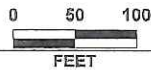
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Dennis & Kenneth Robison Property

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Rezoning Sketch Plan

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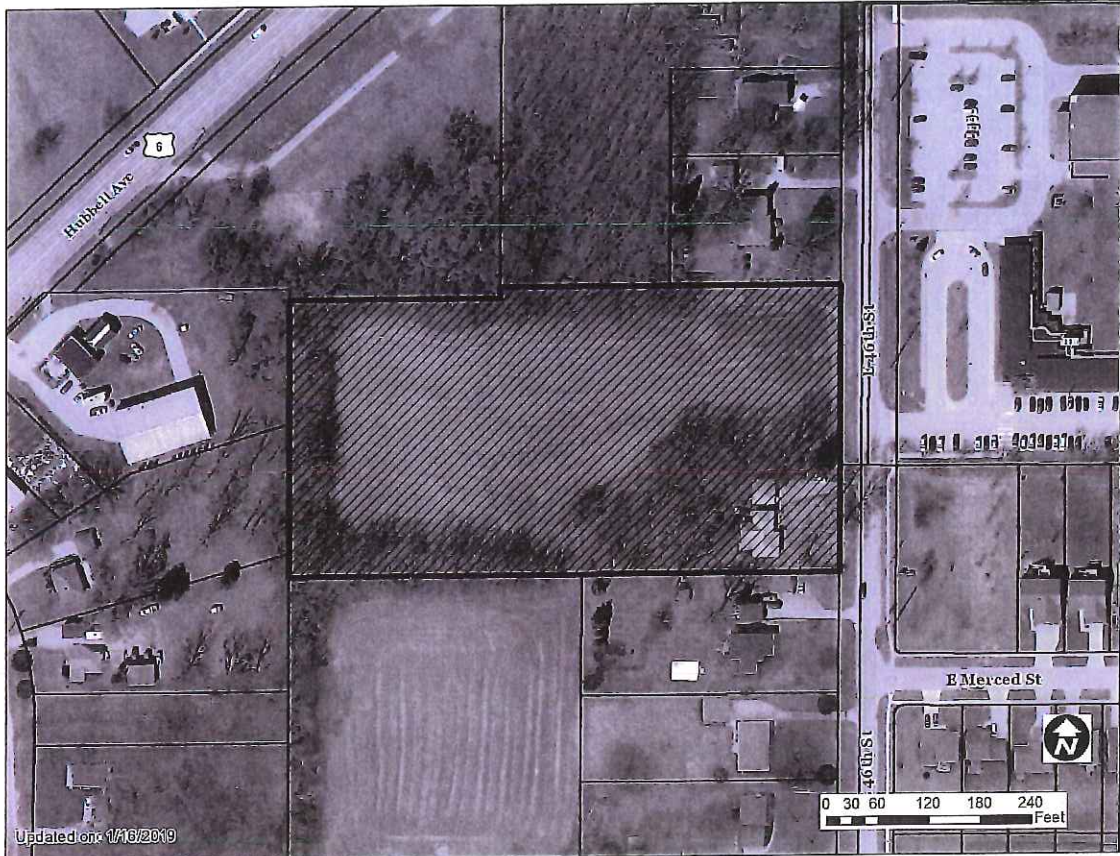
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Savannah Homes, Inc. (purchaser) represented by Ted Grob (officer) for property located at 4320 East 46th Street. The subject property is owned by Dennis and Kenneth Robison.			File # ZON2019-00001	
Description of Action	Rezone property from "A-1" Agricultural District to "R1-60" One-Family Low-Density Residential District, to allow single-family residential development.			
PlanDSM Future Land Use	Current: Low Density Residential District. Proposed: N/A.			
Mobilizing Tomorrow Transportation Plan	No planned improvements.			
Current Zoning District	"A-1" Agricultural District and "FSO" Freestanding Signs Overlay District.			
Proposed Zoning District	"R1-60" One-Family Low-Density Residential District and "FSO" Freestanding Signs Overlay District.			
Consent Card Responses	In Favor	Not In Favor	Undetermined	% Opposition
Subject Property	2	1		
Outside Area (200 feet)				
Plan and Zoning Commission Action	Approval	X	Required 6/7 Vote of the City Council	Yes
	Denial			No

Savannah Homes, Inc., 4320 East 46th Street

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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 February 7, 2019 meeting, the following action was taken regarding a request from Savannah Homes, Inc. (purchaser) represented by Ted Grob (officer) to rezone property located at 4320 East 46th Street from "A-1" Agricultural District to "R1-60" One-Family Low-Density Residential District, to allow single-family residential development. The subject property is owned by Dennis and Kenneth Robison.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

After public hearing, the members voted 9-0 as follows:

Commission Action:	Yes	Nays	Pass	Absent
Francis Boggus				X
Dory Briles	X			
David Courard-Hauri				X
Jacqueline Easley	X			
Jann Freed	X			
John "Jack" Hilmes	X			
Lisa Howard	X			
Carolyn Jenison				X
Greg Jones	X			
William Page	X			
Mike Simonson				X
Rocky Sposato	X			
Steve Wallace	X			
Greg Wattier				X

APPROVAL of Part A) the Commission find the proposed rezoning in conformance with the PlanDSM Creating Our Tomorrow; and to recommend **APPROVAL** of Part B) rezoning the subject property to R1-60 subject to the following conditions:

1. Any development of the site must comply with the Tree Removal and Mitigation Ordinance contained in Chapter 42, Article X, of the City Code.
2. Any development upon the property shall include a minimum of one street tree per lot frontage within the development that complies with the City's street tree policies. Each tree shall be installed prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the dwelling constructed on that lot.
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4. No same house plan shall be built on adjacent lots.
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7. The front façade of any house constructed must contain one of the following:
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 - b. Stone or brick masonry siding covering at least 1/3 of the façade.
8. All windows and doors on any house shall have trim that is no less than 4 nominal inches in width.
9. The roof on any house constructed shall be of asphalt type shingles or cedar shakes. Standard 3-tab shingles are prohibited.
10. Any 1-story house shall be constructed with a minimum of 1,250 square feet of above-grade finished floor area.
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14. Any chain link fence shall have black vinyl cladding.

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Written Responses

2 in Favor

1 in Opposition

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE P&Z COMMISSION

Part A) Staff recommends that the Commission find the proposed rezoning in conformance with the PlanDSM Creating Our Tomorrow.

Part B) Staff recommends approval of the rezoning subject to the following revisions:

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STAFF REPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Purpose of Request:** The proposed rezoning would allow the applicant to subdivide the property into lots that would each have a minimum width of at least 60 feet. The applicant has submitted a conceptual layout that consists of 16 lots for single-family residential development, including a lot that would contain the existing dwelling.
2. **Size of Site:** The property general measures 330 feet by 645 feet (211,900 square feet or 4.87 acres).

3. **Existing Zoning (site):** "A-1" Agricultural District.
4. **Existing Land Use (site):** The southeastern portion of the parcel contains a single-family dwelling with a detached garage. The balance of the parcel is currently used for agricultural production.

5. **Adjacent Land Use and Zoning:**

North – "A-1"; Uses are single-family dwellings and undeveloped land along Hubbell Avenue.

South – "A-1"; Uses are single-family dwellings and agricultural production.

East - "R1-80" & Summerfield "PUD"; Uses are Delaware Elementary School and single-family dwellings.

West – "A-1"; Uses are single-family dwellings and auto repair.

6. **General Neighborhood/Area Land Uses:** The site is located along the west side of East 46th Street in an area that includes a mix of low-density residential, agricultural, and educational uses.
7. **Applicable Recognized Neighborhood(s):** The subject property is not located within 250 feet of any recognized neighborhood association. All recognized neighborhood associations were notified of the public hearing by mailing of the preliminary agenda on February 9, 2018. Notifications of the hearing for this specific item were mailed on February 9, 2018 (20 days prior to the public hearing) and February 16, 2018 (13 days prior to the public hearing) to the primary titleholder on file with the Polk County Assessor for each property within 250 feet of the site.

The applicant is required to conduct a neighborhood meeting with surrounding property owners. The applicant held a neighborhood meeting on January 31, 2019. The applicant can provide a summary of that meeting at the public hearing.

8. **Relevant Zoning History:** None.
9. **PlanDSM: Creating Our Tomorrow Plan Land Use Plan Designation:** Low Density Residential.
10. **Applicable Regulations:** Taking into consideration the criteria set forth in Chapter 18B of the Iowa Code, the Commission reviews all proposals to amend zoning boundaries or regulations 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 make recommendations to the City Council on conditions to be made in addition to the existing regulations so long as the subject property owner agrees to them in writing. The recommendation of the Commission will be forwarded to the City Council.

II. ADDITIONAL APPLICABLE INFORMATION

1. **PlanDSM: Creating Our Tomorrow Plan Land Use Plan Designation:** The subject property is designated as "Low Density Residential" on the Future Land Use Map.

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PlanDSM describes this designation as “areas developed with primarily single family and two-family units up to 6 units per net acre. The proposed concept with 16 dwelling units on 4.87 acres represents a density of 3.29 units per net acre, which is in conformance with this designation.

- 2. **Natural Site Features:** The majority of the site consists of agricultural land with some timbered area along its perimeter. Development of the site must comply with the Tree Removal and Mitigation Ordinance contained in Chapter 42, Article X, of the City Code. In addition, Staff recommends that a minimum of one street tree shall be provided per lot frontage within the development that complies with the City’s street tree policies. Each tree shall be installed prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the dwelling constructed on that lot.
- 3. **Utilities:** All necessary utilities would be required to be provided throughout any subdivision by the developer at their expense. Water is available within East 46th Street right-of-way. Sanitary sewer is available approximately 260 feet to the northeast of the property.
- 4. **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. A homeowners’ association may have to be established for the purposes of entering into a Stormwater Management and Facility Maintenance Agreement with the City for any necessary stormwater facilities.
- 5. **Traffic/Street System:** A traffic study was not required in accordance with the City’s traffic study policy. Any street system would be reviewed through the subdivision process.

The submitted development concept shows the site would be served by a cul-de-sac from East 46th Street. There is an existing 2.86-acre undeveloped parcel that is located immediately to the south of the subject property. Staff believes that it is necessary to require any development upon the subject property to provide a connection to this undeveloped property to the south so that the property does not become landlocked and to preserve street connectivity between East 44th Street and East 46th Street in the future.

- 6. **Urban Design:** Staff recommends the following design standards to ensure a level of quality that will support the long-term stability of the proposed development and is consistent with the minimum placed on similar developments throughout the City.
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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Jason Van Essen presented staff report and recommendations. He provided information on conditions that Council had approved for recent residential rezoning requests.

Brent Culp of Snyder and Associates, 2727 Snyder Blvd, representing Savannah Homes stated this development is 4.87 acres and they would be requesting it to be rezoned from "A-1" to "R1-60". They held a neighborhood meeting on January 31st with 7 people attending. They will be working with the neighbors on sanitary sewer and water connections to cause less intrusion on them and the elementary school.

Ted Grob representing Savannah Homes, stated this plan was first presented with 17, 55 foot lots in a PUD format and showed a stub street to the south, intending to develop the land to the South. Since then their rezoning request too "R1-60" reduced the number of lots to 15, discarded the PUD concept, increased the size of the lots and eliminated the stub street to the South. They are asking the commission to remove 3 recommendations. The Des Moines Water Department stated they would only allow 15 lots to connect to the 12-inch main in East 46th Street. The Fire department informed them that extending a street to the South would violate street length code without a connection to East 44th. Their 2 story homes range around 1,400 square feet and increasing that to 1,800 would add an additional \$30,000 to each unit. If they are also required to add stone fronts, that additional amount increases to \$33,000 and would eliminate a lot of potential buyers. Mr. Grob presented images of model homes to the commission and stated they have sold 45 homes like the ones shown in Des Moines. They ask for the elimination of the stub street, the stone face requirement and reduce the square footage requirements to match existing Des Moines developments.

Jann Freed wanted to confirm which 3 conditions he didn't agree with on the staff report.

Jason Van Essen clarified the applicant was opposed to staff recommended conditions #3, #7, #10, #11 and #12.

Will Page asked which models would be appropriate for this development.

Ted Grob stated he would like to offer all models shown.

Will Page asked if he owned the 3-acre parcel to the south.

Ted Grob stated he does not. It was his intention at the Pre- Application meeting to purchase that parcel but after receiving the regulations from the Water and Fire Department he found it financially unfeasible to do so.

CHAIRPERSON OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING

Linda Smith 4280 E 46th Street, stated their main concern is being land locked by this development and she would like to explore options in developing the 3-acre lot since it's been sitting there for many years.

Ted Grob stated there would be two ways to access the 3 acres they own. One being the right of way that goes over to East 44th and they own a house that backs up to that 3 acres.

Mike Ludwig stated based on the elevations shown, most of the models have a porch on the front. Staff recommended condition #7 would require a 60-square foot porch or a 1/3 masonry on the front of the house. Asked if the porches shown on the concept elevations could not be 60 square feet in size.

Ted Grob stated not all of the elevations have a porch. It adds a \$3,000 cost to the home. He would like to leave that option up to the buyer but would be ok with a 60 square-foot porch being required.

Mike Ludwig stated the Council has approved variations for the minimum square feet of the dwelling unit, but have not varied from the condition requiring a 60 square feet porch or 1/3 masonry.

Greg Jones asked Mr. Grob to clarify the minimum square feet of a dwelling unit he would like build.

Ted Grob stated he would propose a minimum 1,250 square feet for a 1-story dwelling. If it pleases the commission, he could live with 1,350 square feet for a 1 ½ story and 1,400 square feet for a two-story.

John "Jack" Hilmes asked what price point he projects?

Ted Grob stated approximately \$235,000.

John "Jack" Hilmes asked for the largest square footage of the 45 home Mr. Grob has built in Des Moines.

Ted Grob stated 1,428 square feet.

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Mike Ludwig stated that in order to develop the 3-acre parcel to the south, a separate developer will have to upgrade the cost of the water line coming from E. 44th Street and have a 200-foot street with no lots fronting on it because it's just a 60 foot right of way that where adjoining properties are already developed with houses fronting E. 44th Street. It would be better to spread total development costs over the 15 lots Mr. Grob currently proposes and future lots on the 3 acres to the south. If the two properties are not planned and developed at the same time, the south 3 acres will likely never be developed.

Ted Grob stated with the codes and requirements in the City of Des Moines, you cannot develop that 3-acre site. He's being asked to put in a stub street that will never be used and the City will want a temporary turn around on it for \$2,000-\$3,000. He wanted to talk with the people about buying the 3 acres but the requirements of two departments won't let him economically do what he had planned.

Rocky Sposato asked if the street and utility extensions will break the deal.

Ted Grob stated yes.

Will Page asked if the P&Z recommends a smaller minimum square feet per dwelling unit, will the developer agree to provide a front porch of at least 60 square feet or 1/3 masonry as stated by proposed condition #7.

Ted Grob confirmed he would agree to condition #7 if the minimum square feet per dwelling unit is reduced.

Mike Ludwig asked if the option of providing fire sprinklers within potential dwelling units on the three acres to the south was discussed at the pre-application meeting as an option to extending street connection from E 44th Street.

Ted Grob stated he would not build a home with a sprinkler system.

CHAIRPERSON CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING

COMMISSION ACTION:

Greg Jones made a motion for **APPROVAL** of Part A) the Commission find the proposed rezoning in conformance with the PlanDSM Creating Our Tomorrow; and to recommend **APPROVAL** of Part B) rezoning the subject property to R1-60 subject to the following conditions:

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Motion Carried: 9-0

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Ludwig, AICP
Planning Administrator

MGL:tjh

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Date 2-3-2019

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

(Circle One)
RECEIVED
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Print Name

Signature

Address

Robert Landsberger
R. Landsberger
4612 E Merced St

FEB 07

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

In favor for single-family residential dwellings only

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

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Print Name

Signature

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Dist. Parcel Address 060108985-008-000

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

UNLESS - 8' PROPERTY AND SECURITY FENCE IS
ERECTED AS PART OF DEVELOPMENT - ALONG
ENTIRE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE. FENCE TO BE
CHAIN LINK OR OTHER NON-DETERIORATING MATERIAL.

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Date 2/1/2019

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

(Circle One)
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Print Name

Signature

Address

Kevin Baccam
Kevin Baccam
Southeast Polk Schools
Delaware Elementary
4401 East 46th Street

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

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