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Agenda Item C April 5, 2010

SUBJECT: Acceptance of a Conservation Easement from Beck North Corp Park II LLC, for the preservation of open space for the future planting of evergreen trees required as part of site plan approval for the Beck North Corporate Park in order to accept the location of mitigated trees provided in conjunction with the development of Beck North Lots 29 & 30 light industrial/office building project located east of Hudson Drive between Nadlan Court and Peary Court, in Section 4 covering 0.3 acres.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Community Development Department - Planning

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Beck North Phase II Corporate Park, SP00-13i, received Final Site Plan approval from the Planning Department on April 13, 2004. The original petitioner, Northern Equities, received Preliminary Site Plan approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals on September 9, 2003 and Woodland Permit approval from the City Council on September 8, 2003. As a condition of approval, the applicant was required to plant an evergreen screen along portions of the eastern boundary when the adjacent lots were developed.

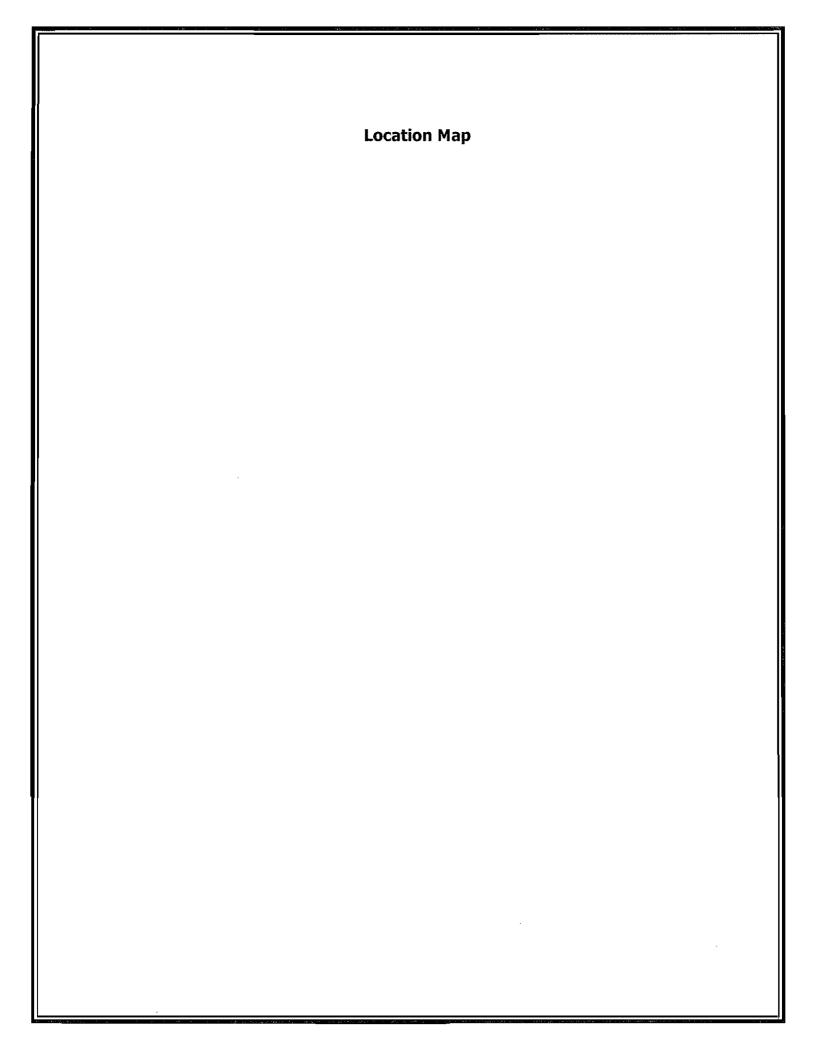
Amson Dembs (dba Nadlin 35) received Planning Commission approved of the Preliminary Site Plan and Woodland Permit, SP 06-47, for Beck North Lots 29 & 30 on January 10, 2007. The Planning Division approved the Final Site Plan on June 14, 2007. The development is a light industrial/office building with associated surface parking and drainage facilities. The approved Woodland Permit required 291 replacement trees to be planted or funds to be deposited into the City's Tree Fund. The applicant sought an alternative location for the woodland tree replacements within the 49.4 acre Beck North Phase II Corporate Park, noting the lack of an appropriate area to plant all of the replacement trees on the development site, and a desire by the applicant to plant the trees within the Corporate Park. The City's Landscape Architect and Attorney worked with the applicant to identify a conservation easement area to preserve space and meet the requirements of SP00-13i for the planting of evergreen screening trees between the Corporate Park and adjacent residential areas. Attached Exhibit B depicts the two areas being preserved.

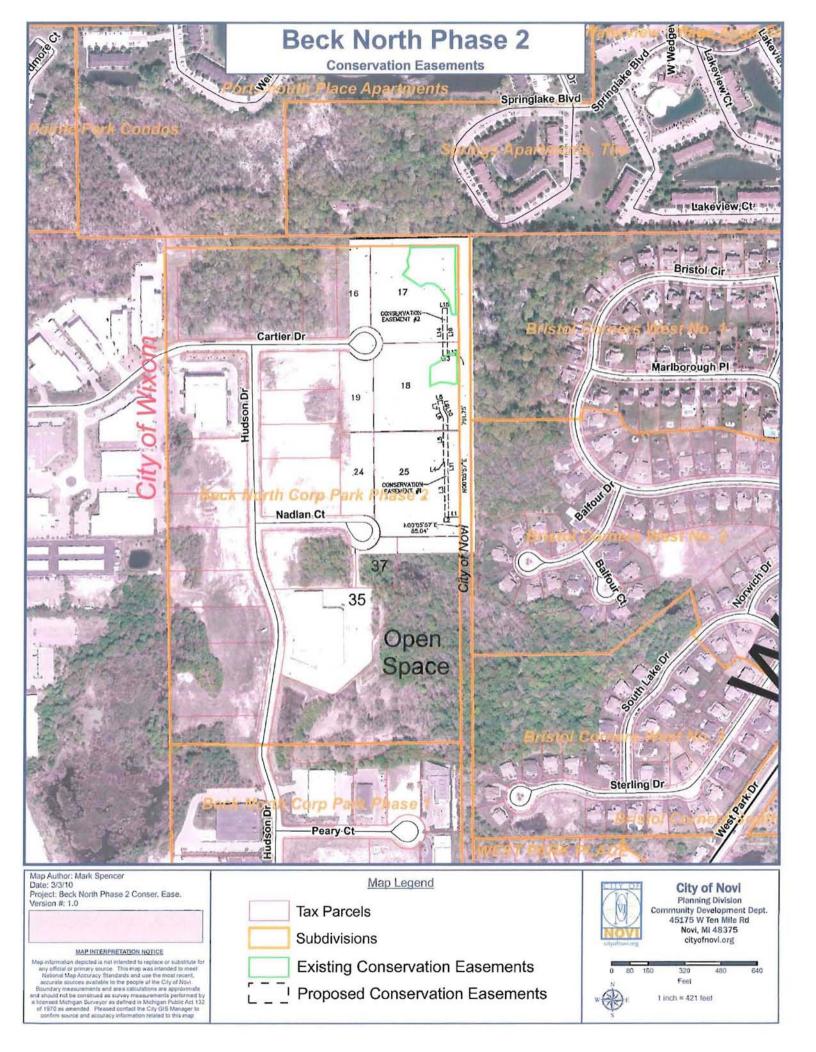
The easements have been reviewed by the City's professional staff and consultants and are currently in a form acceptable to the City Attorney's office for approval by the City Council.

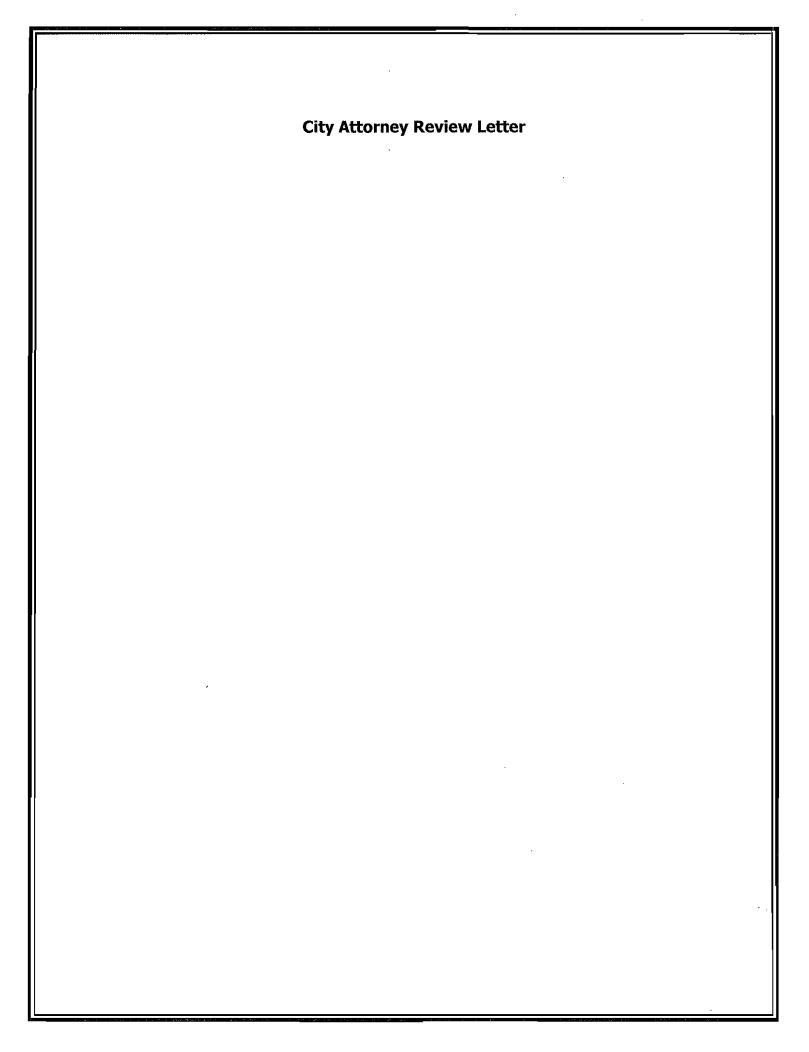
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Acceptance of a Conservation Easement from Beck North Corp Park II LLC, for the preservation of open space for the future planting of evergreen trees required as part of site plan approval for the Beck North Corporate Park in order to accept the location of mitigated trees provided in conjunction with the development of Beck North Lots 29 & 30 light industrial/office building project located east of Hudson Drive between Nadlan Court and Peary Court, in Section 4 covering 0.3 acres.

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Barb McBeth, Deputy Community Development Director City of Novi 45175 West Ten Mile Road Novi, Michigan 48375-3024

Elizabeth M. Kudla Direct: 248-539-2846 bkudla@secrestwardle.com Re: Beck North, Mitigation for Unit 35

Woodland Replacement Conservation Easement

Over Units 17, 18, and 25 Our File No. 660125 NOV1

Dear Ms. McBeth:

The proposed Conservation Easement has been prepared by our office for the purpose of protecting future evergreen plantings that were required under the original approved site plan for the Beck North II Condominium to buffer views from the adjacent property.

The Conservation Easement is also being granted by Amson Dembs as a compromise for improper placement of trees required to mitigate tree removals from unit 35 (formerly units 29 and 30). The replacement trees required to mitigate tree removals for unit 35 were initially planted, without necessary City approvals, in the area where evergreen plantings were required for screening purposes. As a compromise, the 141 required evergreens will be installed adjacent to the area where the replacements were installed and will be required to be maintained in perpetuity, in the easement areas depicted when construction is completed on units 17, 18 and 25.

The locations proposed ensure that the trees will not be disturbed by future development. The City's Landscape Architect and Planner have reviewed and approved the Conservation Easement terms and exhibits. Based on all of the above, the Conservation Easement may be placed on an upcoming City Council Agenda for approval.

Should you have any questions or concerns in regard to the above issues, please

feel free to contact us.

truly yours,

ABETHAM. KUDLA

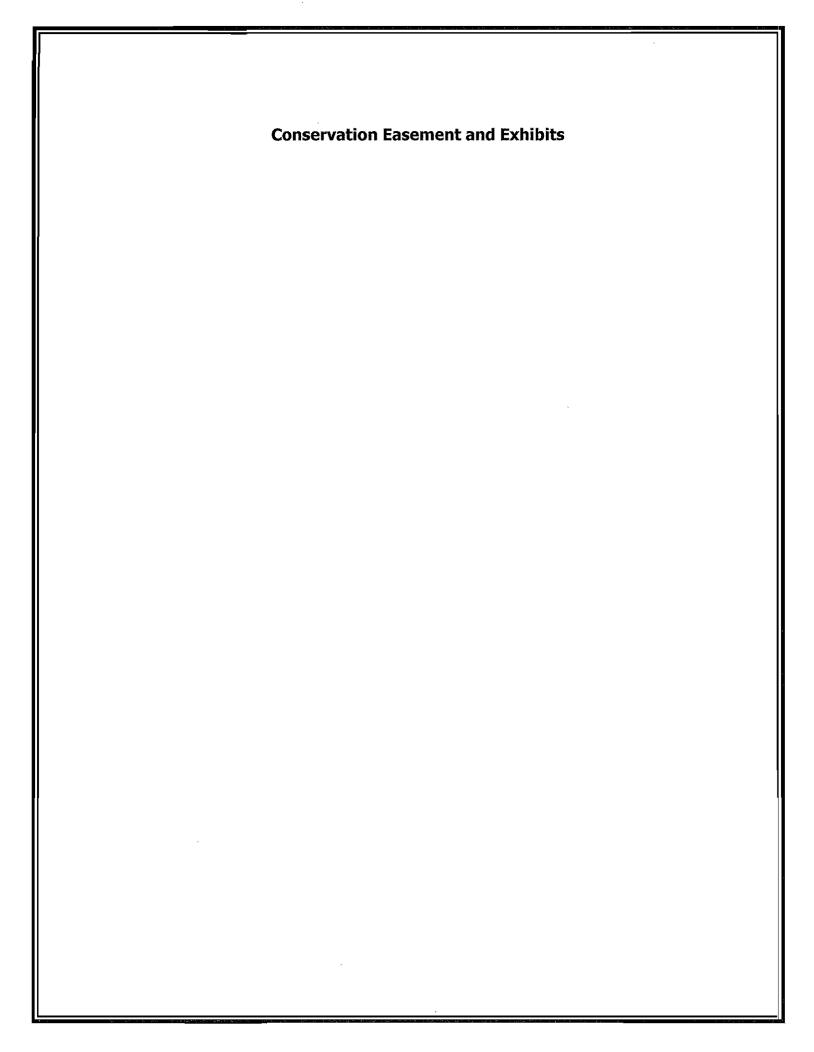
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Barbara McBeth, Deputy Community Development Director March 16, 2010 Page 2

Enclosure

C: Maryanne Cornelius, Clerk (w/original Enclosure)
Sue Troutman, Clerk's Office (w/Enclosure)
David Beschke, Landscape Architect (w/Enclosure)
Mark Spencer, Planner (w/Enclosure)
Jackie Varney, Nadlan 35, LLC (w/Enclosure)
Thomas R. Schultz, Esquire (w/Enclosure)

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CONSERVATION EASEMENT

THIS CONSERVATION EASEMENT is made this day of languary, 2010, by and between Beck North Corporate Park II, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company whose address is 26105 Lannys Rd. Ste. A, Novi, MI 48375 (hereinafter the "Grantor"), and the City of Novi, and its successors or assigns, whose address is 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, (hereinafter the "Grantee").

RECITATIONS:

- A. Grantor owns a certain parcel of land situated in Section 4 of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "Property"). Grantor has received final site plan approval for development of the Beck North Corporate Park Condominium, Oakland County Condominium Subdivision Plan 1759, as established by Master Deed recorded at Liber 35825, Page 628, Oakland County Records (the "Condominium"), subject to the provision of an appropriate easement to protect woodland replacements, including two 20-foot wide rows containing 141 evergreens from destruction or disturbance for purposes of providing a buffer to the adjacent property. The Grantor desires to grant such an easement in order to mitigate trees removed from Unit 35 of the Condominium.
- B. The Conservation Easement Areas (the "Easement Areas") are situated on the Property are more particularly described on Units 17, 18 and 25 of Beck North Corporate Park, as set forth in the attached and incorporated Exhibit A. The Conservation Easement areas are more particularly described on the attached and incorporated Exhibit B.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$ 1.00), in hand paid, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, Grantor hereby reserves, conveys and grants the following Conservation Easement, which shall be binding upon the Grantor, the City, and their respective heirs, successors, assigns and/or transferees and shall be for the benefit of the City, all Grantors and purchasers of the property and their respective heirs, successors, assigns and/or transferees. This Conservation Easement is dedicated pursuant to Subpart 11 of Part 21 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act being MCL 324.2140, et. seq., upon the terms and conditions set forth herein as follows:

1. The purpose of this Conservation Easement is to protect the woodlands as shown on the attached and incorporated Exhibit B. The subject areas shall be perpetually preserved and maintained, in their natural and undeveloped condition, unless authorized by permit from the City.

- 2. Except for and subject to the activities which have been expressly authorized by permit, upon the installation of two 20-foot wide rows containing 141 evergreens, there shall be no disturbance of the woodlands and/or vegetation within the Easement Areas, including altering the topography of; placing fill material in; dredging, removing or excavating soil, minerals, or trees, and from constructing or placing any structures on; draining surface water from; or plowing, tilling, cultivating, or otherwise altering or developing, and/or constructing, operating, or maintaining any use or development in the Easement Areas, unless approved in writing by the City, in accordance with city ordinance, approved plans, or other regulations. Dead or fallen trees may be removed in accordance with the City's Woodlands Ordinance but shall be replaced so that the Conservation Easement Areas at all times maintain the opacity necessary to provide a buffer to the adjacent property.
- 3. No grass or other vegetation shall be planted in the Easement Areas with the exception of plantings approved, in advance, by the City in accordance with all applicable laws and ordinances.
- 4. This Conservation Easement does not grant or convey to Grantee, or any member of the general public, any right of ownership, possession or use of the Easement Area, except that, upon reasonable written notice to Grantor, Grantee and its authorized employees and agents (collectively, "Grantee's Representatives") may enter upon and inspect the Easement Area to determine whether the Easement Area is being maintained in compliance with the terms of the Conservation Easement.
- In the event that the Grantor shall at any time fail to carry out the responsibilities specified within this Document, and/or in the event of a failure to preserve and/or maintain the Easement Areas in reasonable order and condition, the City may serve written notice upon the Grantor, setting forth the deficiencies in maintenance and/or preservation. Notice shall also set forth a demand that the deficiencies be cured within a stated reasonable time period, and the date, time and place of the hearing before the City Council, or such other Council, body or official delegated by the City Council for the purpose of allowing the Grantor to be heard as to why the City should not proceed with the maintenance and/or preservation which has not been undertaken. At the hearing, the time for curing the deficiencies and the hearing itself may be extended and/or continued to a date certain. If, following the hearing, the City Council, or other body or official designated to conduct the hearing, shall determine that maintenance and/or preservation have not been undertaken within the time specified in the notice, the City shall thereupon have the power and authority, but not the obligation, to enter upon the property, or cause its agents or contractors to enter upon the property and perform such maintenance and/or preservation as reasonably found by the City to be appropriate. The cost and expense of making and financing such maintenance and/or preservation, including the cost of notices by the City and reasonable legal fees incurred by the City, plus an administrative fee in the amount of 25% of the total of all costs and expenses incurred, shall be paid by the Grantor, and such amount shall constitute a lien on the property. The City may require the payment of such monies prior to the commencement of work. If such costs and expenses have not been paid within 30 days of a billing to the Grantor, all unpaid amounts may be placed on the delinquent tax roll of the City, and shall accrue interest and penalties, and be collected as and deemed delinquent real property

taxes, according to the laws made and provided for the collection of delinquent real property taxes. In the discretion of the City, such costs and expenses may be collected by suit initiated against the Grantor and, in such event, the Grantor shall pay all court costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred by the City in connection with such suit.

- 6. Within 90 days after the Conservation Easement shall have been recorded, Grantor, at its sole expense, shall place such signs defining the boundaries of the Easement Area and describing its protected purpose, as indicated herein.
- 7. This Conservation Easement has been made and given for a consideration of a value less than One Hundred (\$ 100.00) Dollars and, accordingly, is (i) exempt from the State Transfer Tax, pursuant to MSA 7.456(26)(2) and (ii) exempt from the County Transfer Tax, pursuant to MSA 7.456(5)(a).
- 8. Grantor shall state, acknowledge and/or disclose the existence of this Conservation Easement on legal instruments used to convey an interest in the property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor and Grantee have executed the Conservation Easement as of the day and year first above set forth.

GRANTOR

Oakland County, Michigan

My Commission Expires: 10 20213

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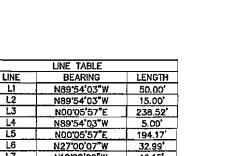
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EXHIBIT A

Units 17, 18 and 25, Beck North Corporate Park Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 35825, Pages 628 through 694 inclusive, as amended by First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liver 38007, Pages 475 through 489 inclusive, as amended by Second Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 39407, Pages 534 through 550 inclusive, Oakland County Records, and designated as Oakland County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 1759, together with rights in the general common elements and the limited common elements as shown on the Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Pu7blic Acts of 1978, as amended.

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CONSERVATION EASEMENT #1

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CONSERVATION EASEMENT #2

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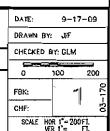


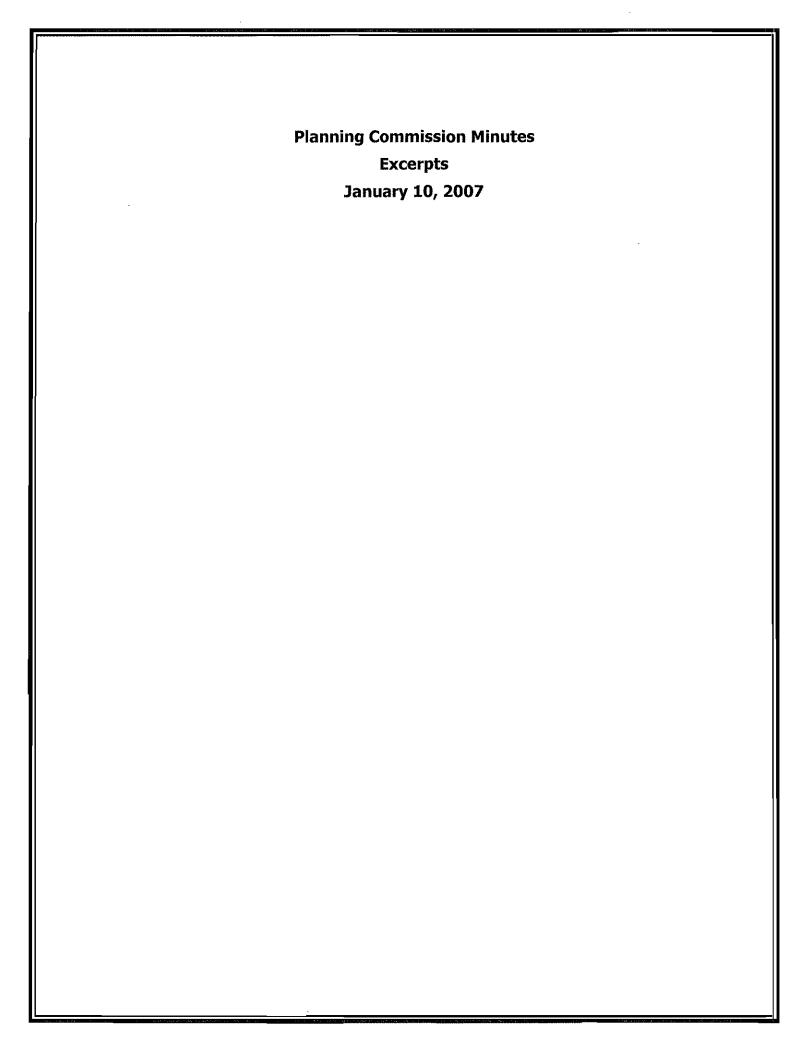
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EXHIBIT B

BECK NORTH CORPORATE PARK
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PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

EXCERPTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2007 7:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS - NOVI CIVIC CENTER 45175 W. TEN MILE, NOVI, MI 48375

Present: Members John Avdoulos, Brian Burke, Victor Cassis, Andrew Gutman, David Lipski (7:19 PM), Michael Lynch, Michael Meyer, Mark Pehrson, Wayne Wrobel

Also Present: Barbara McBeth, Director of Planning; Tim Schmitt, Planner; Mark Spencer, Planner; Ben Croy, Engineer; David Beschke, Landscape Architect; Doris Hill, Woodland Consultant; Tom Schultz, City Attorney

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. BECK NORTH CORPORATE PARK LOTS 29 and 30, SP06-46

Consideration of the request of Amson Dembs Development for Preliminary Site Plan, Woodland Permit, and Storm Water Management Plan approval. The subject property is located in Section 4, east of Hudson Drive between Nadlan Court and Peary Court, in the I-1, Light Industrial District. The subject property is approximately 4.18 acres, and the Applicant is proposing a 63,000 square foot speculative light industrial building.

Planner Mark Spencer reminded the Planning Commission that they previously held the Public Hearing on this project, but the Applicant was not present at that meeting so the motion was postponed.

This project is surrounded by open space on the east and west sides as part of the development of the condominium. The Master Plan designates this property for Light Industrial uses, as are the surrounding properties. The zoning of the area is also I-1. There are wetlands surrounding the site on the south and east sides. The wetlands are in the common area of the condominium. The regulated woodlands are on the subject site and surrounding it. A substantial portion of woods is being saved off site and a small pocket will be saved on site, unless deferred parking is built at a later date. There is some priority habitat area, a majority of which has been saved.

The Planning, Landscape and Engineering Reviews recommended Preliminary Site Plan approval. There are minor items that must be addressed on the Final Site Plan submittal. The parking lot setback issue is likely a scaling error on the plan. An access easement to the north must be added to the plan. The Traffic Review suggests that the sidewalk be extended along the frontage of the building so that the handicapped traffic can use the employee entrance if desired. The Applicant has indicated that they will add this sidewalk.

The Woodland Review does not recommend approval because the Consultant wants many detailed changes to the plan. With those changes the Planning Department can recommend approval of this plan. The Applicant has agreed to provide the items.

Larry Stoby of Amson Dembs Development addressed the Planning Commission. He apologized for missing the last meeting.

Member Gutman confirmed that the Applicant has agreed to make all of the required changes.

Moved by Member Gutman, seconded by Member Meyer:

In the matter of Beck North II, Units 29 and 30, SP06-46, motion to approve the Preliminary Site Plan subject to: 1) The Applicant redesigning parking lot to meet setback requirements; 2) The Applicant constructing the proposed shared access drive with this project; 3) The Applicant extending the sidewalk along west face of building; and 4) The conditions and items listed in the Staff and Consultant review letters being addressed on the Final Site Plan; for the reason that the plan is otherwise in compliance with the Master Plan.

DISCUSSION

Member Avdoulos said that this plan was ready to be approved when its Public Hearing was held. This demonstrates the relationship that Amson Dembs has with the City. His only concern was with the Woodland Review, but the Applicant has indicated that the issues will be corrected.

Member Avdoulos asked whether the easement language was acceptable, in light of the fact that it states the actual location may be adjusted to accommodate the future development of the adjacent parcel. Mr. Spencer said that the Planning Department anticipated that this would be a floating easement. The language will encompass the whole site, temporarily.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON BECK NORTH II, UNITS 29 AND 30, SP06-46, PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN MOTION MADE BY MEMBER GUTMAN AND SECONDED BY MEMBER MEYER:

In the matter of Beck North II, Units 29 and 30, SP06-46, motion to approve the Preliminary Site Plan subject to: 1) The Applicant redesigning parking lot to meet setback requirements; 2) The Applicant constructing the proposed shared access drive with this project; 3) The Applicant extending the sidewalk along west face of building; and 4) The conditions and items listed in the Staff and Consultant review letters being addressed on the Final Site Plan; for the reason that the plan is otherwise in compliance with the Master Plan. *Motion carried 9-0.*

Moved by Member Gutman, seconded by Member Meyer.

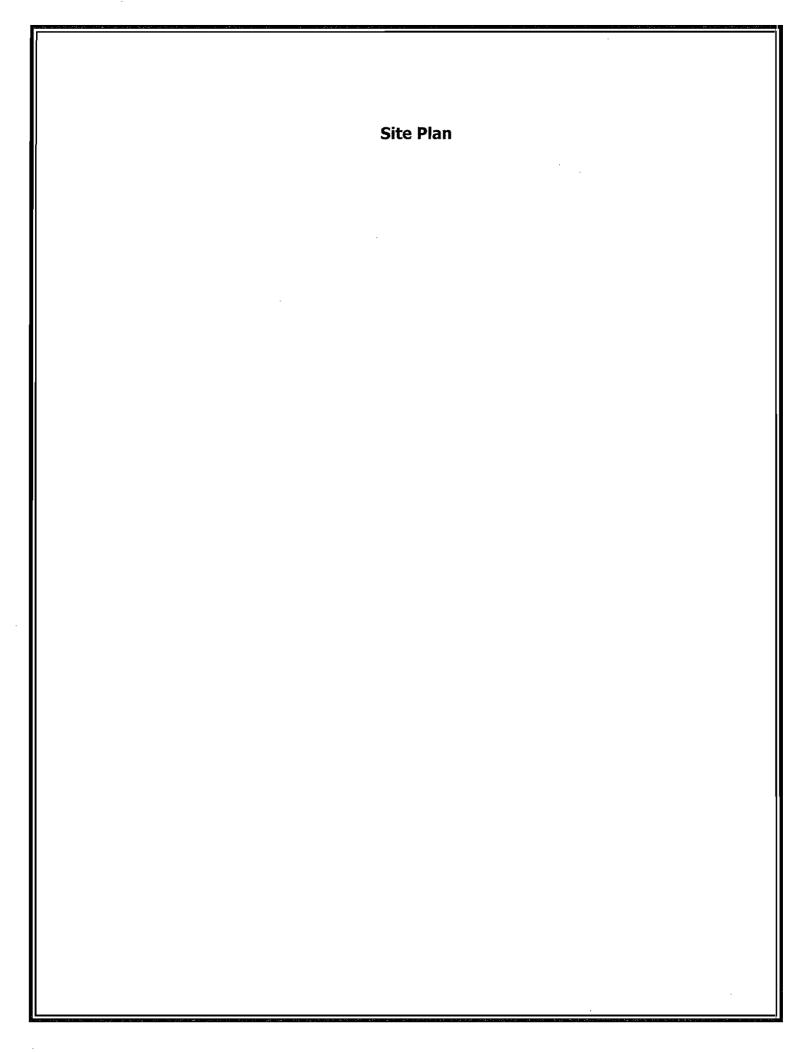
ROLL CALL VOTE ON BECK NORTH II, UNITS 29 AND 30, SP06-46, WOODLAND PERMIT MOTION MADE BY MEMBER GUTMAN AND SECONDED BY MEMBER MEYER:

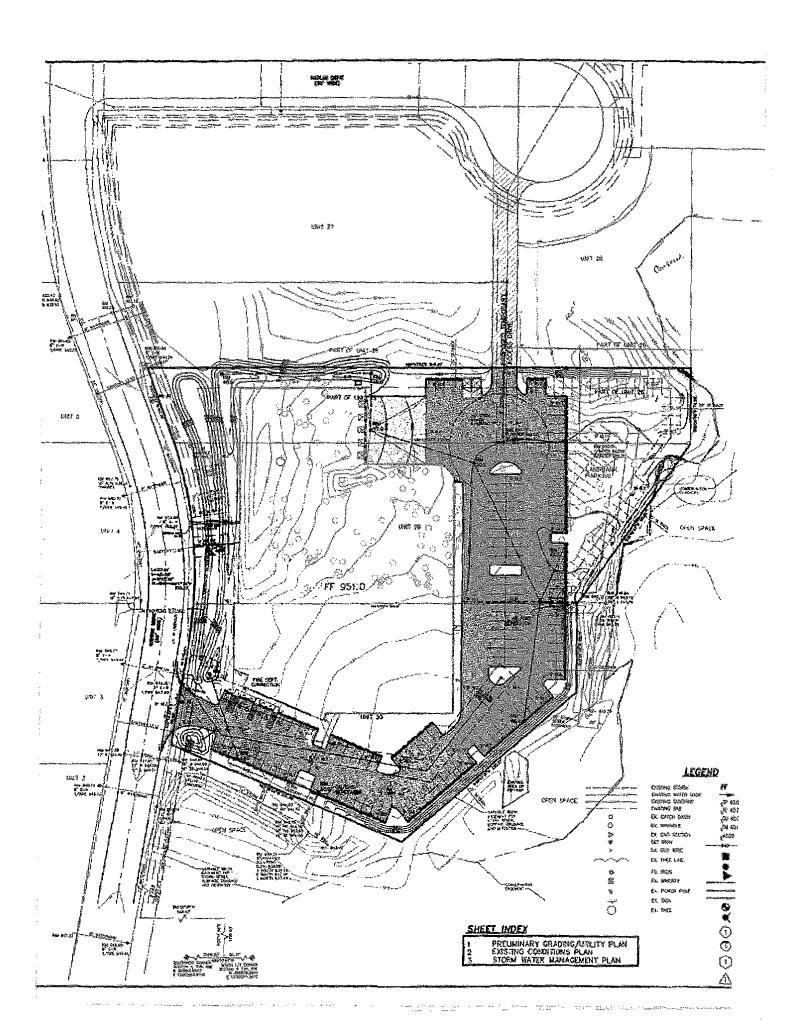
In the matter of Beck North II, Units 29 and 30, SP06-46, motion to approve the Woodland Permit subject to: 1) The Applicant providing a complete woodland survey; 2) The Applicant surveying trees within fifty feet of the proposed grading; 3) The Applicant providing accurate grading details; 4) The Applicant providing tree protection as noted in the Woodland Review; 5) The Applicant providing additional replacement trees on site and in the adjacent open space or donating to the City Tree Fund; and 6) The conditions and items listed in the Staff and Consultant review letters being addressed on the Final Site Plan; for the reason that the plan is otherwise in compliance with the City's Ordinance. *Motion carried 9-0.*

moved by Member Gutman, seconded by Member Meyer:

ROLL CALL VOTE ON BECK NORTH II, UNITS 29 AND 30, SP06-46, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN MOTION MADE BY MEMBER GUTMAN AND SECONDED BY MEMBER MEYER:

In the matter of Beck North II, Units 29 and 30, SP06-46, motion to approve the Stormwater Management Plan subject to the conditions and items listed in the Staff and Consultant review letters being addressed on the Final Site Plan, for the reason that the plan is otherwise in compliance with the City's requirements. *Motion carried 9-0.*





| Beck North Corporate Park Condominium Amended Subdivision Plan |
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