

STAFF REPORT  
March 8, 2007

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**No. 07PL029 - Preliminary Plat**

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

PETITIONER	D. C. Scott Co. Land Surveyors for Wesleyan Church
REQUEST	<b>No. 07PL029 - Preliminary Plat</b>
EXISTING LEGAL DESCRIPTION	The unplatted portion of the NE1/4 SE1/4, lying southeast of Elk Vale Road, Section 4, T1N, R8E, BHM, Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota
PROPOSED LEGAL DESCRIPTION	Lot 1 of Word of Hope Subdivision, located in the NE1/4 SE1/4, Section 4, T1N, R8E, BHM, Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota
PARCEL ACREAGE	Approximately 39.49 acres
LOCATION	On the west side of Jolly Lane, at the north end between Jolly Lane cul-de-sac and curve in Elk Vale Road
EXISTING ZONING	General Commercial District
SURROUNDING ZONING	
North:	Light Industrial District
South:	General Commercial District
East:	Office Commercial District (Planned Commercial Development)
West:	Light Industrial District
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Rapid Valley Sanitary District
DATE OF APPLICATION	2/9/2007
REVIEWED BY	Travis Tegethoff / Todd Peckosh

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Preliminary Plat be continued to the March 22, 2007 Planning Commission meeting to allow the applicant to submit the required information.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

The applicant has submitted a Preliminary Plat to subdivide a 39.49 acre parcel into one 2.1 acre lot and leave the remaining 37.39 acres as an unplatted balance. The applicant has also submitted a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations (07SV010) to waive requirements along Elk Vale, Jolly Lane, and the section line highway. The property is located west of Elk Vale Road at the northern terminus of Jolly Lane. The subject property is currently void of structural development.

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STAFF REVIEW:

Staff has reviewed the Preliminary Plat and has noted the following considerations:

Easement Identification: The proposed plat identifies the dedication of 10 foot wide utility and minor drainage easements along all interior side lot lines except underground utilities or poles within a 2.5 foot radius around each property corner. Staff recommends that prior to Preliminary Plat approval by City Council, the applicant shall revise the note on the plat to dedicate 10 foot wide utility and minor drainage easements along all interior side lot lines or a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations must be obtained waiving the requirement.

Water System: Information has not been submitted regarding the water system. In addition, the water plans must provide calculations demonstrating that required domestic and fire flows are being provided. Staff recommends that prior to Preliminary Plat approval by the Planning Commission, a water system plan showing existing and proposed mains and service lines and a water system analysis demonstrating sufficient quantities for domestic and fire flows shall be submitted for review and approval.

Wastewater System: Information has not been submitted regarding the wastewater system. Staff recommends that prior to Preliminary Plat approval by the Planning Commission, a water system plan showing existing and proposed mains and service lines shall be submitted for review and approval.

Rapid Valley Sanitation District: Rapid Valley Sanitation District staff noted that plans must comply with Rapid Valley Sanitation District Design and Construction Standards. Rapid Valley Sanitation District Staff also noted that two sets of construction plans and associated documentation for the proposed water and wastewater piping and improvements shall be submitted to the General Manager of the Rapid Valley Sanitation District for review and approval. The plan submittals shall be made directly by the developer to the Rapid Valley Sanitation District and shall not be made from other agencies. Staff is recommending that prior to Planning Commission approval, information shall be submitted to the Growth Management Department demonstrating that the Rapid Valley Sanitation District staff has reviewed and approved the utility plans.

Section Line Highway: A section line highway is located along the east lot line of the subject property. The east half of the section line highway is located on adjacent properties under different ownership as the subject property. The Subdivision Regulations state that "...where there exists a dedicated or platted half-street adjacent to the tract to be subdivided, the other half shall be platted. No new half-streets shall be permitted". As such, the property owner must plat the east half of the section line highway or a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations must be obtained to allow platting half a right-of-way or the section line highway shall be vacated. The applicant has requested a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations (07SV010) to waive the requirements to develop section line right-of-way on an extension of Jolly Lane and dedicate additional public right-of-way on an extension of Jolly Lane. Staff recommends that prior to Preliminary Plat approval by the City Council, road construction plans for the section line highway must be submitted for review and approval, or a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations must be obtained, or the portion of the section line highway that abuts the subject property shall be vacated.

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Jolly Lane: Jolly Lane is located along a portion of the east property line of the subject property and is classified as a subcollector street requiring that the street be located in a minimum 52 foot wide right-of-way and constructed with a minimum 27 foot wide paved surface, curb, gutter, street light conduit, water and sewer. The applicant is proposing to dedicate the west 33 feet of right-of-way along the east property line as part of this plat. The east 33 feet of right-of-way was dedicated as part of Neff's Subdivision No. 4 (00PL127). The additional right-of-way will create a 66 foot wide right-of-way. Currently, Jolly Lane is constructed with approximately 20 feet of paved surface, curb and gutter. The applicant is requesting a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations (07SV010) to waive the requirement to install sidewalk along Jolly Lane. Staff recommends that prior to City Council approval, the applicant submit construction plans for Jolly Lane for review and approval as identified or the applicant shall obtain a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations.

Elk Vale Road: Elk Vale Road is located along the western lot line of proposed Lot 1 of Word of Hope Subdivision. Elk Vale Road is on the State Highway System and is identified as an arterial street on the Major Street Plan requiring a minimum 100 foot of right-of-way. The developer is responsible for constructing an arterial street to a collector street standard. Any expansion of the road beyond a collector street standard is considered over sizing and is not the developer's responsibility. Currently, Elk Vale Road is located in a 250 foot wide right-of-way with four paved travel lanes, sewer and water. There is no curb and gutter, street light conduit or sidewalks currently constructed in Elk Vale Road. The applicant has requested a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations (07SV010) to waive the requirements to improve Elk Vale Road in conjunction with this plat request. As such, staff recommends that prior to Preliminary Plat approval by the City Council, plans for Elk Vale Road shall be submitted as identified or a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations must be obtained. In addition, a non-access easement shall be identified along the western lot line, as no access will be allowed onto Elk Vale Road.

Red Line Comments: Staff noted that red line comments addressing required revisions and changes have been made on the plans. Staff recommends that the comments be addressed and the red lined drawings be returned to the Growth Management Department prior to Preliminary Plat approval by City Council.

Master Plan: On January 21, 1991, City Council adopted a resolution to establish a policy to request a proposed master plan for surrounding property prior to plat approval. A master plan for the entire property must be submitted for review and approval prior to Preliminary Plat approval by the Planning Commission. In particular the master plan shall identify efficient circulation of traffic, adequate access to adjoining properties, proper handling of storm water flows, and extension of public utilities.

Staff recommends that the proposed Preliminary Plat be continued to the March 22, 2007 Planning Commission meeting to allow the applicant to submit the required information.