

STAFF REPORT

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**No. 02PD026 - Initial and Final Development Plan-Planned Commercial Development**      **ITEM 16**

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

PETITIONER	Vernon Osterloo for Rapid City Regional Hospital
REQUEST	<b>No. 02PD026 - Initial and Final Development Plan-Planned Commercial Development</b>
EXISTING LEGAL DESCRIPTION	Tract AR-1 & North 30 feet of vacated 3rd Street adjacent to said lot, Tract AR-5, and Tract B, located in Regional Hospital Subdivision, Section 12, T1N, R7E, BHM, Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota and Unit #1 (Tract AR-2 & Common Areas of Master Deed), Unit #3 (Tract AR-3, AR-4 & AR-8 & Common Area of Master Deed), and Unit #2 (Tract AR-9 & Common Area of Master Deed), all located in Health System Condominium, Section 12, T1N, R7E, BHM, Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota
PARCEL ACREAGE	23.31 acres
LOCATION	353 Fairmont Boulevard and 2908 Fifth Street
EXISTING ZONING	General Commercial District/PDD
SURROUNDING ZONING	
North:	Low Density Residential District
South:	General Commercial District/PDD
East:	Office Commercial District
West:	Office Commercial District
PUBLIC UTILITIES	City water and sewer
DATE OF APPLICATION	5/23/2002
REPORT BY	Lisa Seaman

RECOMMENDATION:

**Staff recommends that the Initial and Final Development Plan-Planned Commercial Development be continued to the July 25, 2002 Planning Commission meeting to allow the applicant time to submit a landscaping plan.**

GENERAL COMMENTS: The applicant is requesting approval of an Initial and Final Commercial Development Plan to allow for the expansion of the Rapid City Regional

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Hospital. The applicant has indicated that proposed expansion will provide additional space within the Cancer Care Institute located within the Rapid City Regional Hospital. The proposal shows that the expansion will be done in phases. Phase 1/Option 1 includes the construction of a 4,500 square foot addition for tomo therapy. Phase 2/Options 2, 3 and 4 includes the construction of a 15,000 square foot addition to provide space for a medical oncology addition, radiation oncology addition, support for tomo therapy and other support services.

The floor plans submitted with this request show that with Option 1 the addition will provide space for tomo therapy equipment. Options 2, 3, and 4 will provide space for offices, nurse areas, conference rooms, a pharmacy and six patient rooms.

The applicant's development plan also includes the reconfiguration of a portion of the north parking area to provide 25 additional parking spaces. The alterations include the removal of a portion of two landscaping islands.

On February 5, 2001, the City Council approved a Planned Development Designation for the property to allow the City to review proposed future development of this site and insure that the future development provides positive commercial development without negatively impacting Fairmont Boulevard or the surrounding properties. On June 18, 2001 the City Council approved a Initial and Final Planned Commercial Development for the expansion of a helicopter port site on the subject property.

**STAFF REVIEW:** Staff has reviewed the Initial and Final Commercial Development Plan and has noted the following considerations:

**Parking:** The site plan submitted with this Initial and Final Commercial Development Plan request identified that currently 1,398 parking stalls are located on the subject property. The Off-Street Parking regulations require that hospitals provide two parking stalls per bed. The applicant has indicated that the hospital is licensed for 411 beds, requiring the provision of 822 parking stalls. Though the applicant's site plan indicates that a portion of the proposed expansion will eliminate fourteen existing parking stalls, the remaining 1,384 off-street parking stalls will fulfill the hospital's parking requirements.

**Hospital Use:** Rapid City Regional Hospital is a major health facility located in close proximity to residential areas, schools and a church. The hospital has operated at this location since 1978. The hospital has historically addressed aesthetic issues such as building materials and colors, landscaping, signage and parking to minimize the impact of the hospital use on surrounding properties. In addition, these issues can be addressed through the Planned Commercial Development process so that the development does not adversely affect the infrastructure, adjoining properties, or the community at large. It should be noted that further expansion of the hospital beyond what has been identified with this Planned Commercial Development request will trigger the requirement for either a Minor Amendment or Major Amendment to the Planned Commercial Development depending on the scope of the expansion. Staff is aware of the rapidly changing nature of the health care

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industry resulting in the need to allow permitted revisions and/or renovations without the burden of numerous Planned Commercial Development amendments. For this reason, the staff has encouraged the hospital to submit a master plan for the facility to allow greater flexibility with future changes. The Zoning Ordinance outlines changes that may require a Major Amendment and/or a Minimal Amendment. In particular, those changes that significantly affect the use of the property or create parking or density concerns may require a Major Amendment while less significant changes, such as building setbacks, and expansion(s) of permitted uses, may require a Minimal Amendment. Internal work within the existing building(s), depending on the scope and impact of the changes, may not require any review.

Landscaping Plan: The site plan submitted with this request did not include information regarding the existing landscaping on the subject property or the provision of new landscaping material. Staff is requesting that the applicant submit a revised site plan that includes existing and proposed landscaping for the property that complies with the requirements of the Landscaping Ordinance. **As of June 26, 2002 the requested landscaping plan has not been submitted.**

**As of this writing, the receipts from the certified mailings have been returned.** The Planned Commercial Development sign has been posted on the property.