

STAFF REPORT  
August 23, 2007

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**No. 07PD059 - Planned Light Industrial Development - Initial and Final Development Plan**

**ITEM 20**

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

APPLICANT	Shane Leibig
AGENT	Janelle Fink for Fisk Land Surveying & Consulting Engineers
PROPERTY OWNER	Ronald and Vicki Liebig/Shane Liebig
REQUEST	<b>No. 07PD059 - Planned Light Industrial Development - Initial and Final Development Plan</b>
EXISTING LEGAL DESCRIPTION	Lot 3 of Block 4 of Feigel Subdivision, located in Section 31, T2N, R8E, BHM, Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota
PARCEL ACREAGE	Approximately 1.66 acres
LOCATION	924 E. Watertown Street
EXISTING ZONING	Light Industrial District
SURROUNDING ZONING	
North:	Medium Density Residential District
South:	General Commercial District
East:	Light Industrial District
West:	Light Industrial District
PUBLIC UTILITIES	City water and sewer
DATE OF APPLICATION	7/27/2007
REVIEWED BY	Travis Tegethoff / Mary Bosworth

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Planned Light Industrial Development - Initial and Final Development Plan be continued to the September 6, 2007 Planning Commission meeting to allow the applicant to submit additional information.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

The applicant has submitted an Initial and Final Planned Light Industrial Development to allow ministorage warehousing to be located on the property.

The property is located on the north side of Watertown Street and west of Riley Street. Currently there is no structural development on the subject property.

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On January 6, 2005 Planning Commission approved a Planned Residential Development – Initial and Final Development Plan (#04PD081) for the property with stipulations. However, the Planned Residential Development was not undertaken and completed within two years of the date of approval by the Planning Commission and has expired.

STAFF REVIEW:

Staff has reviewed the Initial and Final Planned Light Industrial Development and has noted the following considerations:

Building Permits: Staff noted that a building permit must be obtained prior to any construction and a certificate of occupancy obtained prior to occupancy.

Air Quality Permit: Staff noted that an air quality permit must be obtained prior to any construction.

Design Standards: The applicant is proposing a one-story metal structure that is tan in color. The applicant is also proposing an eight foot high chain link fence with a barbed wire top around the perimeter of the property for security purposes. Chapter 15.40 of the Rapid City Municipal Code allows an eight foot high chain link fence with barbed wire in the light industrial zoning district. In addition, the proposed structure and fencing is consistent with the existing structures and fencing currently located adjacent to the subject property.

Setbacks: Chapter 17.22.040 of the Rapid City Municipal Code states that the depth of a rear yard which abuts on a residential district shall not be less than 50 feet. The applicant is requesting to reduce the rear yard setback from 50 feet to 41.9 feet due to the topography and the location of existing easements. The property to the north is not currently developed as a residential development but potentially will be developed as residential in the future. All other setbacks meet the minimum requirements of the Rapid City Municipal Code. As such, staff is recommending that the Initial and Final Planned Light Industrial Development be continued to allow the applicant to submit a revised site plan in compliance with the Rapid City Municipal Code that provides a sufficient buffer to the residential property to the north.

Lot Coverage: Chapter 17.22.040 of the Rapid City Municipal Code states that main and accessory buildings and off-street parking and loading facilities shall not cover more than 75 percent of the lot area. The proposed structures, paved parking, and paved circulation cover approximately 82 percent of the property. As such, staff is recommending that the Initial and Final Planned Light Industrial Development be continued to allow the applicant to submit a revised site plan in compliance with the Rapid City Municipal Code.

Landscaping Plan: A landscaping plan has been submitted for review and approval. The landscape plan provides 51,150 points meeting the minimum point requirements of Chapter 17.50.300 of the Rapid City Municipal Code.

Drainage Plan: Staff noted that drainage information and plan shall be submitted for review and approval. In particular, the drainage plan shall include calculations demonstrating that developed flows do not exceed pre-developed flows or local detention facilities shall be

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provided or expanded as necessary. In addition, the drainage information shall demonstrate that the proposed landscaping does not obstruct the flow through the existing drainage easements. Prior to Planning Commission approval, a revised grading and drainage plan must be submitted for review and approval as identified. As such, staff is recommending that the Initial and Final Planned Light Industrial Development be continued to allow the applicant to submit a drainage plan in compliance with the Rapid City Municipal Code.

Easements: Staff noted that a retaining wall is proposed along the east side of the property and is located in a 20 foot wide drainage and utility easement. Chapter 15.40.070 states that no fence or wall shall be placed in designated easements unless approved in writing by the City Engineer. No fence or wall shall be erected in public right-of-way, except as approved by the Common Council. As such, staff is recommending that the Initial and Final Planned Light Industrial Development be continued to allow the applicant to submit a revised site plan in compliance with the Rapid City Municipal Code or obtain approval in writing from the City Engineer for the retaining wall located in the easement.

Signage and Lighting Plan: Signage and lighting has been submitted for review and approval. However, a sign location has not been identified on the site plan. As such, staff is recommending that the Initial and Final Planned Light Industrial Development be continued to allow the applicant to submit a revised site plan identifying the location of the signage for review and approval.

Parking Plan: The applicant has submitted a site plan showing circulation aisles ranging in width from 24 feet to 53.36 feet. Chapter 17.50.300 of the Rapid City Municipal Code states that for ministorage warehousing 30 feet of circulation aisle width immediately adjacent to area of buildings with controlled access stalls shall be provided. As such, staff is recommending that the Initial and Final Planned Light Industrial Development be continued to allow the applicant to submit a revised site plan in compliance with the Rapid City Municipal Code.

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 prior to Planning Commission approval.

Notification: As of this writing, the required sign has been posted on the property but the receipts from the required notification of surrounding property owners have not been returned. Staff will notify the Planning Commission at the August 23, 2007 Planning Commission meeting if these requirements have not been met.

Staff is recommending that the Initial and Final Planned Light Industrial Development be continued to allow the applicant to submit the additional information as outlined above.