CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN CITY PLAN COMMISSION REPORT February 3, 2020

> AGENDA ITEM - 20-0011 (Lewis Kuhlman)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Single-Family District to the Conservancy District allowing neighborhood access point to Grandad Bluff Park at 129 and 133 29th St. S.

ROUTING: CPC 2/3/2020; J&A 2/4/2020

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Applicant states these two parcels – with a combined area of $\sim\!27,\!000$ sq. ft. – are currently being used by neighboring residents as an access point to Grandad Bluff Park. The purpose of the Conservancy District is to preserve open space for erosion control areas, natural habitat, and limited recreational uses. The slope makes these parcels undevelopable for Single-Family Residential District. The applicant intends to design a neighborhood access point from this site to the park's trail network (map). While the minimum lot size in the Conservancy District is 5 acres, the parcels would be combined with the larger park parcel to the east.

➢ GENERAL LOCATION:

Bluffside Neighborhood, on 29th St between Bliss Road and Cass St as depicted in Map 20-0011.

RECOMMENDATION OF OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Board of Parks Commissioners denied a request to remove the neighborhood access points for the Grandma's Gateway Trail project on 1/16/20 – <u>Legislative File 20-0096</u>.

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

The Future Land Use Map has identified these parcels as Single-Family House, which allows for parks. It supports a Land Use objective of Resource Protection by preserving a steep slope for recreation and managing erosion.

PLANNING RECOMMENDATION:

Approval – The intended use is consistent with Conservancy District regulations, but Planning staff recommends public meetings on project development to get citizen feedback on access design and to address concerns about traffic safety and erosion.





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