CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN CITY PLAN COMMISSION REPORT June 1, 2021

Ø AGENDA ITEM – 21-0651 (Lewis Kuhlman)

Application of Gundersen Health System for a Conditional Use Permit at 1501, 1507, 1511, and 1517 8th St S, 1508, 1518, and 1524 9th St S, and 817/819 Denton St, allowing for off-street parking.

Ø **<u>ROUTING</u>**: J&A 6/1/2021

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 2016, the applicant built a surface parking lot on nine residential lots, totaling .96 acres (41,904 square feet). Since 2000, the applicant has applied for conditional use permits to demolish structures for parking or green space on 51 parcels, totaling nearly 7.5 acres. The intent of the parking was to replace parking on parcels that were developed.

The conditions of their 2016 CUP were to complete a campus redevelopment plan, and a traffic demand management analysis. The applicant had completed these, but has found that the remote working options in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020-21 has rendered them no longer useful.

Ø GENERAL LOCATION:

Powell-Poage-Hamilton Neighborhood, the block bordered by Tyler St., 8th St. S., Denton St., and 9th St. S. as depicted in Map 21-0651.

RECOMMENDATION OF OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

The Future Land Use Map shows the parcels as Traditional Neighborhood Development, which includes "a variety of housing unit types and densities along with small-scale retail and service businesses." Surface parking may be inconsistent with land use objective to improve land use compatibility and maintain traditional urban character. The Comprehensive Plan also recommends "accommodating institutional expansion that compliments the surround neighborhood." In the joint campus-neighborhood plan, the parcels are identified as mixed-use. The design recommendations for that includes reducing the parking footprint by building ramps below or above ground. It also recommends locating surface parking lots in the rear or interior side of the building.

<u>PLANNING RECOMMENDATION:</u>

Approval with the following conditions of its previous conditional use permit:

1. Gundersen Health System staff will work with the City Planning Department and the

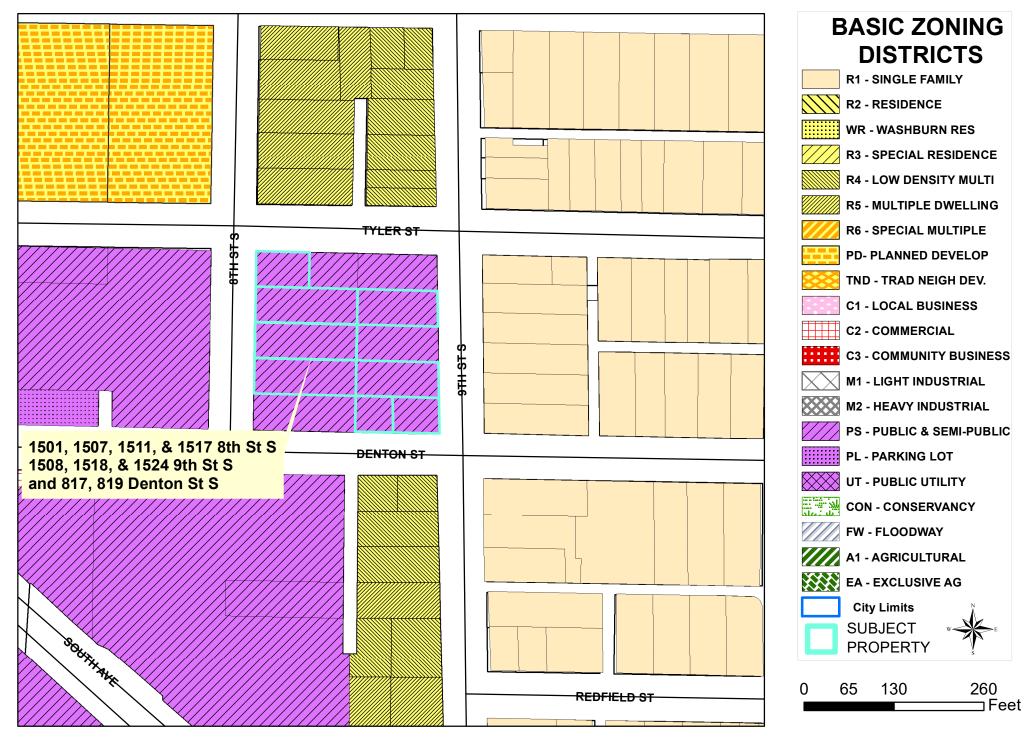
Joint Development Corporation on a five-year campus redevelopment plan that involves Gundersen and surrounding properties; and

- 2. Gundersen Health System staff will work with the City Planning Department on a traffic demand management assessment; and
- 3. Gundersen Health System will continue its Payment for Municipal Services Agreement with respect to these parcels.
- 4. The Conditional Use Permit shall be issued for a period of five (5) years which shall commence on the date of issuance. At the end of the five-year period, the parcels to which the permit is applicable shall revert to their prior zoning status unless otherwise changed or permitted through the normal procedures per city ordinance.





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