

City of Appleton

Meeting Agenda - Final-revised

Community & Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, August 26, 2020			4:30 PM	Council Chambers, 6th Floor
1.	Call meetin	g to order		
2.	Roll call of	membership		
3.	Approval of	f minutes from pre	evious meeting	
	<u>20-1095</u>	CEDC Minutes	from 8-12-20	
		<u>Attachments:</u> CE	EDC Minutes 8-12-20.pdf	
4.	Public Hearings/Appearances			
5.	Action Iten	ns		
	<u>20-1096</u>	recorded on So four (4) parcels, 31-9-5714-00, v Southpoint Com <u>Attachments:</u> DF	rove Deed Restrictions and Co uthpoint Commerce Park Plats Tax Id #31-9-5712-00, 31-9-5 which were not created as part merce Park and C Southpoint Parcels Memo_8 CP Deed Restrictions.pdf	s 1, 2 and 3 be recorded on 5712-39, 31-9-5712-40, and t of Plats 1, 2 or 3 in
		<u>SF</u>	CP Unplatted Lands.pdf	
	<u>20-1125</u>	Economic Deve	rove staff to submit a competit lopment Administration (EDA) emoEDACompetitive Grant 8-25-20)

EDA CARES Act Competitive Grant Summary.pdf

ProjectStatement_EastCentralWisconsinRegionalPlanCommissionUpdate 2.pdf

6. Information Items

7. Adjournment

Notice is hereby given that a quorum of the Common Council may be present during this meeting, although no Council action will be taken.

Any questions about items on this meeting are to be directed to Karen Harkness, Director, Community and Economic Development Department at 920-832-6468.

Reasonable Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities will be made upon Request and if Feasible.



Meeting Minutes - Final

Community & Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, August 12, 2020	4:30 PM	Council Chambers, 6th Floor

1. Call meeting to order

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Roll call of membership

Present: 4 - Coenen, Reed, Firkus and Thao

Excused: 1 - Otis

Others present: Alderperson Vered Meltzer, District #2 Alderperson Kyle Lobner, District #13

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

<u>20-1013</u> CEDC Minutes from 7-22-20

Attachments: CEDC Minutes 7-22-20.pdf

Reed moved, seconded by Thao, that the Minutes be approved. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Coenen, Reed, Firkus and Thao

Excused: 1 - Otis

4. Public Hearings/Appearances

5. Action Items

- 20-1015 Request to waive the City's repurchase rights for Tax Id #31-1-6510-51, Lot 1 of CSM 7369, in the Northeast Business Park, allowing the transfer from Fox Valley Investment Properties, LLC to Luther Group, LLC and/or assigns and the City's repurchase rights would no longer remain on the property
 - Attachments:
 NEBP Lot 1 of CSM 7369 Waiver to Repurchase Memo_8-12-20.pdf

 Waiver of Restrictions to Repurchase Lot 1 CSM 7369 NEBP.pdf

 Purchase and Sale Agreement_SE Evergreen & Lightning Parcel.pdf

 CSM7369.pdf

Reed moved, seconded by Thao, that the Report Action Item be recommended for approval. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Coenen, Reed, Firkus and Thao

Excused: 1 - Otis

6. Information Items

20-1019Community & Economic Development Department Mid-Year 2020Budget Report

Attachments: 2020 Mid Year Report Comm Econ Dev Dept.pdf

This item was presented and discussed.

7. Adjournment

Reed moved, seconded by Thao, that the meeting be adjourned at 5:07 p.m. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Coenen, Reed, Firkus and Thao

Excused: 1 - Otis



MEMORANDUM

Community and Economic Development Committee
Matt Rehbein, Economic Development Specialist
August 26, 2020
Southpoint Commerce Park – Deed Restrictions and Covenants

To ensure the City's business parks are developed in alignment with the goals of the City, we have recorded Deed Restrictions and Covenants on parcels of land at the time of platting or sale.

Typical terms include lot coverage, setbacks, building materials, use type and rights to repurchase in the event of resale or failure to build within a specified timeframe.

Deed Restrictions have been recorded on Plats 1, 2 and 3 in the Southpoint Commerce Park (attached). We also have four (4) parcels (Tax IDs: 9-5712-00, 9-5712-39, 9-5712-40, and 9-5714-00) that were created by Certified Survey Map (CSM) and do not have Deed Restrictions recorded on them at this time. To ensure continuity of development, staff would like to adopt identical Deed Restrictions for the aforementioned parcels.

Staff Recommendation:

Deed Restrictions and Covenants matching those recorded on Southpoint Commerce Park Plats 1, 2 and 3 be recorded on Tax Parcel Numbers: 31-9-5712-00, 31-9-5712-39, 31-9-5712-40, and 31-9-5714-00 **BE APPROVED**.

Exhibit B Deed Restrictions

COMMERCE PARK

Appleton's Newest Business Opportunity

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

APPLICABLE TO ALL PROPERTIES SOLD IN SOUTHPOINT COMMERCE PARK PLATS NO. 1, 2 & 3

This conveyance is made subject to the following conditions, covenants, and understandings, which shall be binding upon the vendee and his/her heirs, successors, and assigns:

- 1. Setbacks:
 - A. *Front Yard*: No building shall be constructed on the site nearer than forty (40) feet of the right-of-way of any public street. In the case of corner lots, both forty (40) foot setbacks will apply.
 - B. Side and Rear Yards: Minimum side and rear yards shall be twenty-five (25) feet.

2. Land Use:

<u>Restrictions on Use</u>. The Restricted Parcel shall be developed and used solely for the following purpose and for no other purpose:

- 1. Manufacturing;
- 2. Research, development and testing laboratories;
- 3. Wholesaling, warehousing and distribution;
- 4. Office operations only if they are an integral part of and a necessary adjunct to a permitted use;
- 5. Retail sales of products manufactured on site and clearly an accessory use to the primary use of the site and provided on premises sales are limited in floor area to no more than (10) percent of the total gross floor area occupied by the permitted or special use;
- 6. Other land uses may be considered for approval by the Community Development Committee if a determination is made that the project fits the development objectives of the City.

3. Nuisance Factors and Hazards

- A. In order to protect the interests of all Tenants, no operation shall be conducted which emits offensive or objectionable noise, vibration, smoke, orders, dust, or gases. Precautions should be taken in all research and other approved operations for radiation, radioactivity, fire, and explosion hazards.
- B. No fuel or chemical in-ground or outdoor storage shall be allowed in the Park.

4. **Building Standards**

- A. Any building erected shall be at least 7,500 square feet in area and have a gross floor area equal to at least 10 percent of the land area.
- B. The maximum ratio of building area (footprint) to total parcel size shall in no event exceed forty (40) percent, exclusive of parking and loading areas. The building footprint, all parking, driveways, and loading areas, when combined, may not exceed seventy (70) percent of the total Parcel size.
- C. Buildings shall be designed by an Architect or Engineer. Complete architectural design must be given to all façades of all buildings with all sides and rear elevations being given architectural treatment compatible with the front elevation of the building.
- D. This Industrial Park encourages a variety of architectural styles. However, it is intended that a basic harmony of architecture prevail among the buildings so that no one structure detract from the attractiveness of the overall development.
- E. The front elevation of the building, any elevation facing a street, and externally visible opaque surfaces shall be a minimum of 75% of materials 1-5 (provided, however, that such list shall not be deemed to exclude the use of other accent or exterior trim materials, glass and glazing, and earth berms). The side and rear building elevations that do not face any street shall be a minimum of 25% of materials (1-5). Exception to this requirement would be limited to (1) expandable building side with prior approval from the Site Plan Review Committee.
 - 1. Brick;
 - 2. Architectural precast concrete panels (surface finish to be painted, stained, or exposed aggregate). When using concrete panels as an exterior surface the architect should be careful to avoid a monolithic or monotonous appearance and the use of various textures, colors and accents will be encouraged.
 - 3. Decorative face concrete block. When using decorative face concrete block as an exterior surface the architect should be careful to avoid a monolithic or monotonous appearance and the use of different types and textures (split face, fluted, scored or striated) to provide variety and relief will be encouraged.

- 4. Cut stone;
- 5. Exterior insulation and finish systems (EFIS);
- 6. Metal panels may be used only in combination with one of the approved materials. Any metal siding proposed for use shall be entirely coated with a color fast, abrasion and corrosion resistant, long life (minimum of 20 years) finish that is resistant to chemicals, withstands temperature extremes, and has a low permeability. Any material utilized to attach the metal siding to the building shall be concealed or the utilization of shadow panels or semi-concealed fastener panels with fasteners painted to match the panels shall be required.
- 7. Other building materials being developed and to be developed by the construction industry. The use of such materials will be reviewed by the Site Plan Review Committee on a case-by-case basis.
- F. Building materials will be selected for their ability to present a visual statement of a building or structure's strength, attractiveness, and permanence. The building materials used shall be harmonious with the natural environment and with the general character of other buildings and structures in the Park.
- G. Metal trim materials may be used when in keeping with the architectural and aesthetic character of the building or structure.
- H. The Community Development Committee will approve ancillary structures. Approval may be granted only if such structures are necessary to the principal use of the building site, are in architectural and aesthetic conformance with other buildings or structures on the site, are properly screened, meet all requirements of these covenants and are otherwise satisfactory to the Community Development Committee at its sole discretion.

5. Landscaping:

- A. *Landscape Plan:* The landscaping upon any building site or lot shall be carried out in accordance with a detailed landscaping plan, which has been reviewed and approved in writing by the City's Site Plan Review Committee. The landscape plan shall include, but not be limited to, plant location, common and botanical names of plant material, planting size, root condition, and quantity of all plant material. The plan shall show all ground cover and mulch areas, landscape and construction materials, and construction details.
- B. *Landscaping Methods:* Landscaping may include grading, earth berms, seeding, sodding, raised planters, architectural decorative walls or fencing, trees and shrubs, ground cover and other landscape materials including permanent sprinkler systems, fountains, storm run-off retention ponds, reflective ponds, and landscape lighting.

- C. *Plant Material*: Selected plant material should provide for a variety of shade trees, evergreen trees, and shrubs, ornamental trees and shrubs and ground covers. Plant material selection shall take into consideration the following:
 - 1. Disease and insect resistance;
 - 2. Hardiness to the area;
 - 3. The ability to provide seasonal interest;
 - 4. Future maintenance considerations;
 - 5. Ability of plant material to accomplish its intended purpose in each placement.
- D. *Time for Completion*: All landscaping shall be completed within ninety (90) days following occupancy, or as soon thereafter as weather will allow if such period occurs within winter months.
- E. *Maintenance*: The owner shall be responsible for maintaining all landscaping as approved on the original plan for his site. Any variation or changes to the landscape plan must be reviewed and approved in writing by the Community Development Department. Landscaped areas, materials, fixtures, and improvements shall be maintained by the owner of the building site, or by such owner's long-term lessee(s) in good condition at all times. Such maintenance shall include watering, mowing, trimming, pruning, spraying, fertilizing, repairing, replacement of dead plantings, planting, transplanting, dusting, treating, and other common landscape maintenance activities necessary to keep the building site landscaping in a healthy state of growth and visually attractive in appearance.

If the owner or the owner's assigns fail to maintain the landscaping and site per the approved landscaping plan in this section, the City of Appleton or its Agent may seek an inspection warrant to enter the site and conduct such maintenance and to seek full reimbursement.

6. Utility Controls

All utilities lines shall be located underground where feasible except for high voltage lines. In the event high voltage lines are required, rear locations nearest and parallel with rear lot lines shall be encouraged.

7. Parking, Loading

Off-street parking and loading areas shall be provided on each building site and shall be of sufficient size to accommodate all planned or anticipated parking and loading needs of all site occupants and visitors and comply with the City's Zoning Ordinance regarding parking standards.

- 1. All truck maneuvering must be confined within the boundaries of the property.
- 2. All parking, driveways, and loading areas shall be paved.
- 3. Parking shall be permitted within the minimum front yard setback area; however, it shall be located no closer than fifteen (15) feet to the public right-of-way line. Parking shall be setback a minimum of 6' from the side property line.

Truck loading and receiving areas shall occur in the rear of any buildings or structures on any Lot. Truck loading and receiving areas shall be permitted on the side of such building if sufficient visual screening is installed to screen the dock area from the street.

Truck loading and receiving is normally not permitted in the front of such building unless dictated by the site conditions and only if fully screened from the street. In that event, the Community Development Committee shall review and approve the location of the loading dock. The Community Development Committee may assign this review of plans to the Community Development Department.

8. *Outdoor Storage*:

No outside storage of any kind shall be permitted unless such stored materials are visually screened from all streets and adjoining properties with a suitable fence, vegetation, berm, or combination thereof approved by the Site Plan Review Committee. Screening shall be attractive in appearance and in keeping with the architectural quality of the main structure. Said storage shall be limited to behind the front line of the building on the property, and within the building setback lines. All refuse containers must be enclosed by a fence of solid material such as will provide a suitable visual screen. No waste material or refuse may be dumped or permitted to remain on any part of the property outside of the buildings. All storage areas shall be paved.

9. Roof Mounted Equipment:

Roof mounted equipment shall be so located and/or screened, and painted to minimize visibility from the street and adjacent owners.

10. Signs:

Identification signs shall be permitted to promote only the name and/or trademark of the owner or tenant of the parcel on which the sign is placed. The signs shall not advertise business services. Signs, lighting, etc., are to be indicated on the final site plan submitted to the Site Plan Review Committee for review.

- 1. Ground signs must be set back a minimum of 10 feet from the right-of-way line and must be of a low profile design subject to approval by the Committee.
- 2. Signs may not be of unusual size or shape when compared to the improvements situated on the site on which the sign is located.

- 3. Signs may not be installed above the roofline of a building.
- 4. Pole signs are prohibited.
- 5. Signs may not contain or utilize any flashing, blinking, intermittent or moving light as source of illumination.
- 6. No signs shall be located in or painted on any window.
- 7. Building signs must comply with the City Sign Code.

11. Maintenance Responsibilities:

- A. Each owner shall keep its property, all contiguous street right-of-way to the edge of the pavement, and all drainage and easement areas in a well -maintained, safe, clean, and attractive condition at all times. Such maintenance includes, but is not limited to the following:
 - 1. The removal of all litter, trash, refuse, and wastes;
 - 2. Compliance with the City's noxious weed control ordinance, including the mowing of all grass areas to a height not over 4";
 - 3. The maintenance of exterior lighting, signs, and mechanical facilities;
 - 4. The keeping of all exterior building surfaces in a cleaned, well-maintained condition;
 - 5. The maintenance of all drainage ways including the removal of all debris, weeds, and silt.
- B. The owner of any undeveloped lands shall maintain said lands free of rubbish, noxious weeds, and mosquito breeding pond conditions.

12. Site Plan Review:

Before commencing the construction or alterations of any buildings, additions, enclosures, fences, loading docks, parking facilities, storage yards, or any other structures or permanent improvements on or to the real estate conveyed hereby, the owner shall first submit its building plans, specifications, site and landscape plans, elevations of all sides of the building, samples of materials proposed for all external surfaces including colors and textures, and an artist's rendering of the project or a scale model to the Site Plan Review Committee in accordance with Section 23-171 of the City Zoning Code. Renderings should show adjacent buildings, landscaping, screening, signs etc.

13. Repurchase Rights:

Failure to Build: In the event the owner of land purchased from the City of Appleton does not commence construction of a building within one (1) year after the date of purchase, the City has the option to repurchase said property. The City shall pay the following repurchase price: the sum of the original purchase price and all special assessments which may have been paid by the buyer or levied against the property after the date of purchase minus the sum of any unpaid property taxes, pro-ration of the current years property taxes to date of closing, title insurance policy premium, real estate commission paid at time of original closing, and any liens and encumbrances on the property of a definite or ascertainable amount. Further, repurchase price shall be adjusted by the amount equal to the amount of an option fee for that year had the property been under option between the City and the Buyer. Conveyance shall be by warranty deed.

Resale of Vacant Land: In the event the owner of land purchased from the City of Appleton elects to sell any portion thereof, which is vacant, the property shall first be offered, in writing, to the City of Appleton. The City of Appleton shall have sixty (60) days from date of receipt of such offer to accept or reject repurchase of the property unless an extension of time may be mutually agreed upon and set forth in writing. The purchase price shall be computed as in the paragraph above (Failure to Build). Conveyance shall be by warranty deed. The seller shall furnish a title insurance policy at the seller's expense. In the event the City does not elect to repurchase the property, the owner may sell the land, but these Declarations of Covenants and Restrictions shall run with the land and be binding on the subsequent owner.

14. Subdivision of Lots:

After a lot has been purchased, such lot shall not be further subdivided without the written consent of the Community Development Committee. No owner may sell, lease or rent less than all of the lot without the prior written consent of the Community Development Committee. The Community Development Committee may delegate this approval authority to the Community Development Department. The foregoing prohibition shall not apply to occupancy leases of space in a building made in the ordinary course of business.

15. Waiver of Notice:

All land sold before major assessable improvements are completed in the business park site shall be subject to the purchaser's waiving notice of assessments and hearings, and such waiver shall be part of the negotiations.

16. Variances:

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the City of Appleton expressly reserves the right at any time to authorize in writing variances from the strict applications of these covenants and restrictions, or any one or more of them, where the circumstances, in its sole

and exclusive judgment, justifies the granting of same.

17. Enforcement:

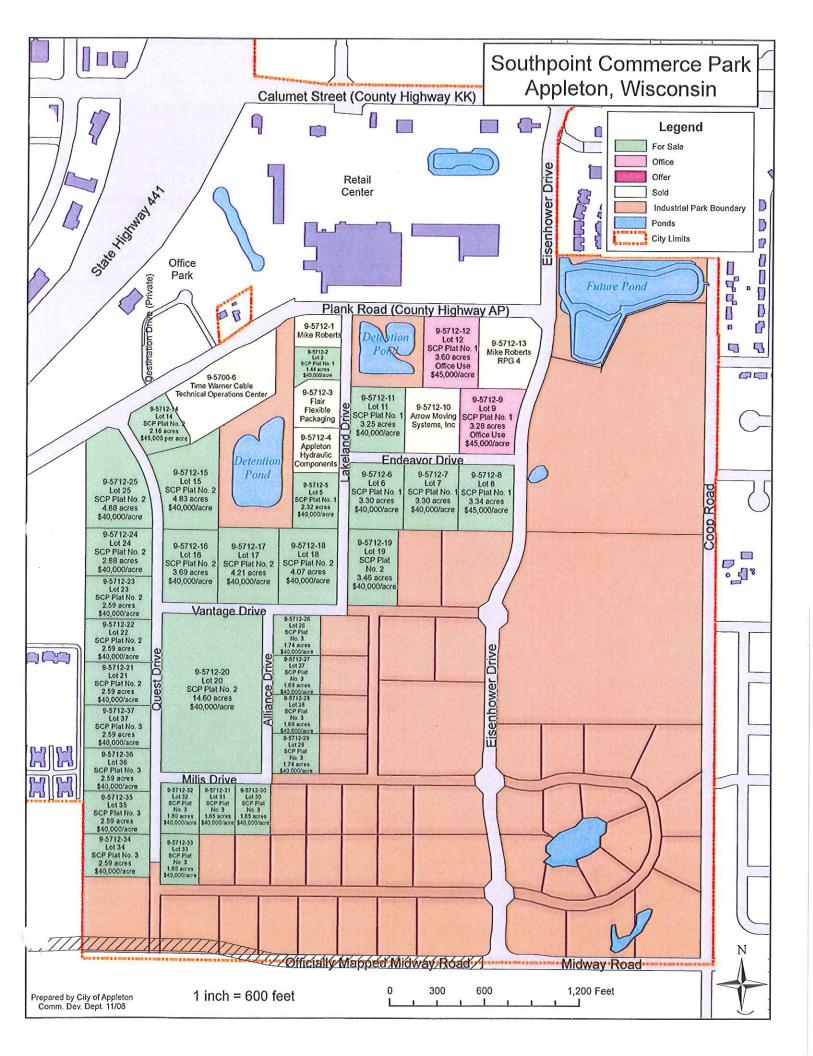
The Community Development Committee has the responsibility to ensure compliance with the covenants and restrictions through any and all lawful means. In the event that the owner fails to perform in accordance with these covenants and restrictions, the Common Council, upon recommendation of the Community Development Committee, may take whatever corrective measures it deems appropriate and assess the cost thereof against the property in the same manner as a special charge. The Common Council shall give at least thirty (30) days notice to the vendee of any violation and the steps required to correct it prior to taking any action to cure such violation.

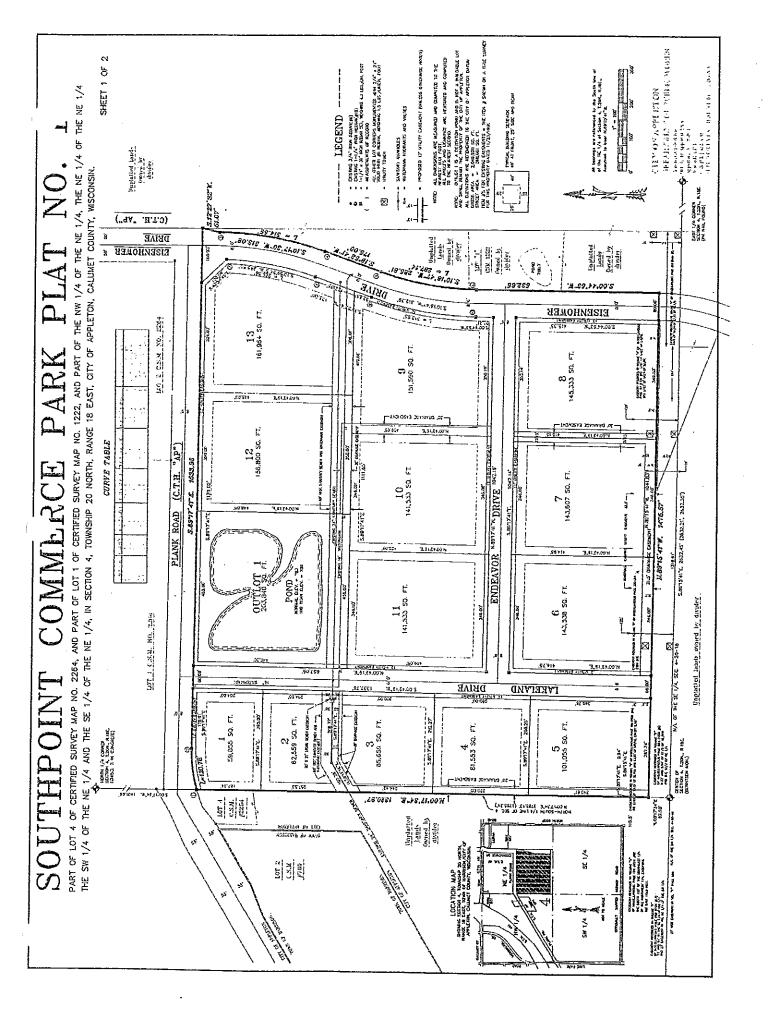
18. Invalidation:

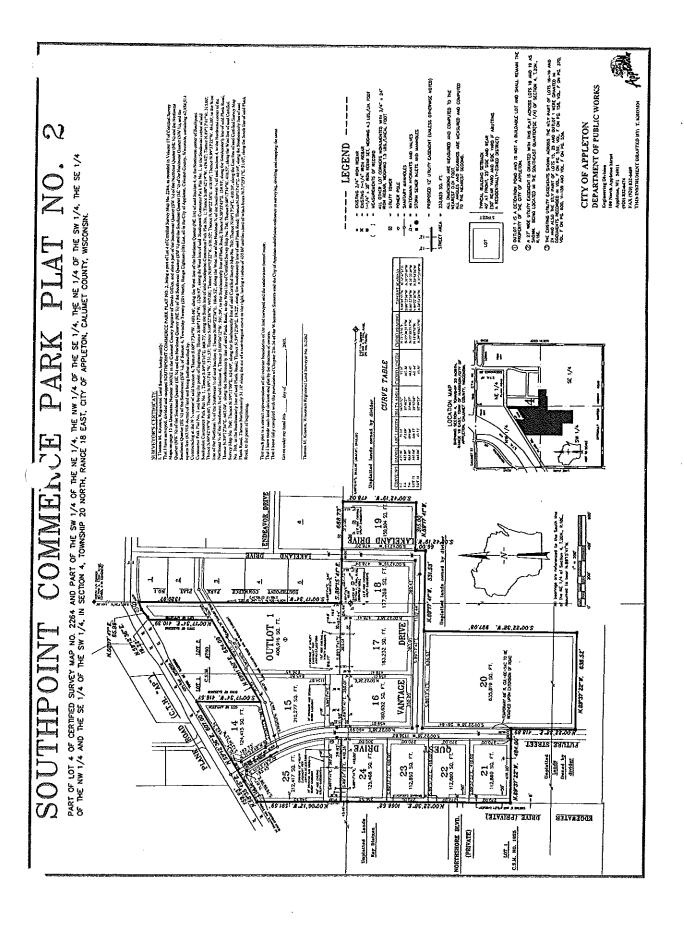
The invalidation of any one of the covenants or restrictions herein set forth or the failure to enforce any of said covenants and restrictions at the time of its violation shall in no way affect any of the other covenants or restrictions nor be deemed a waiver of the right to enforce the same thereafter.

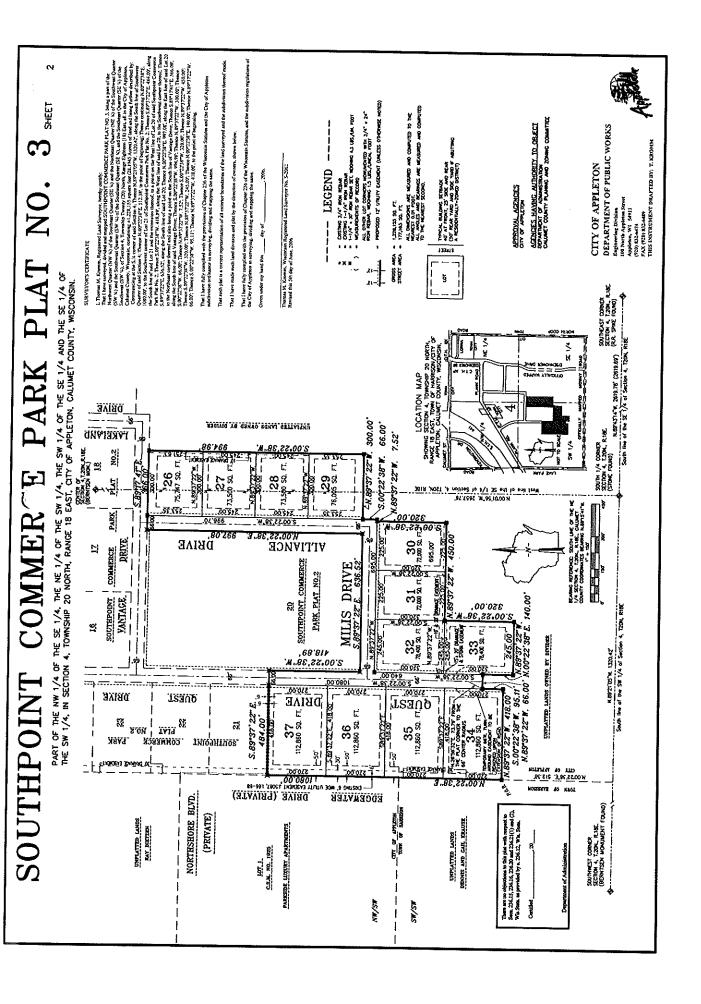
19. Term:

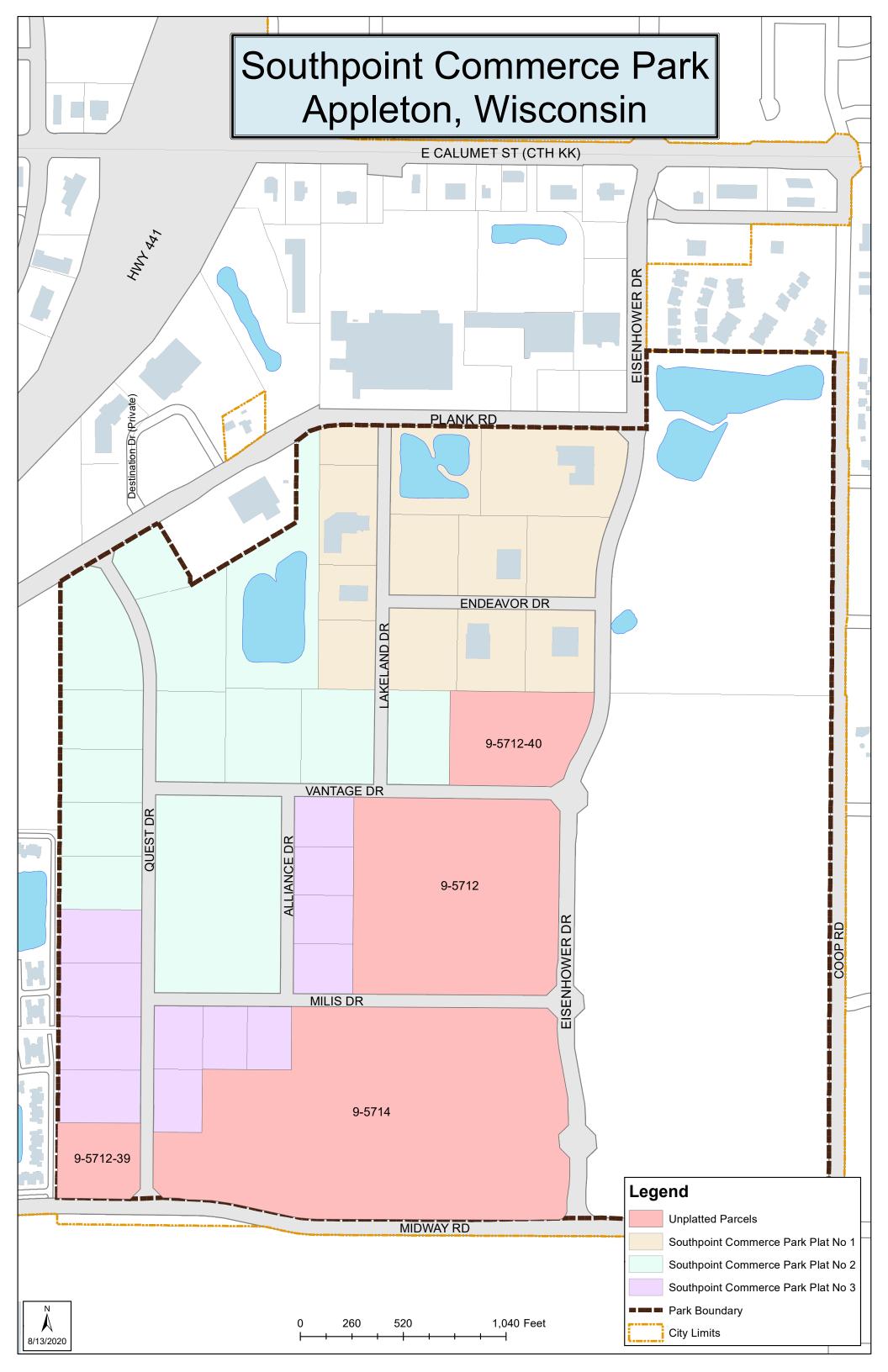
Each lot shall be conveyed subject to the covenants and restrictions set forth herein, all of which are to run with the land and shall be binding on all parties and all persons claiming them for a period of thirty (30) years from the date of this Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions is recorded, after which time said covenants and restrictions as are then in force and effect shall be automatically renewed for successive periods of ten (10) years each, unless an instrument terminating such covenants and restrictions is recorded with the Outagamie County Register of Deeds by the Common Council as evidenced by a resolution duly adopted by a majority of all members of the Common Council.













TO:	Community and Economic Development Committee
FROM:	Karen Harkness, Director of Community and Economic Development Department
DATE:	August 25, 2020
RE:	Competitive Grant to the Economic Development Administration (EDA)

The City of Appleton is collaborating with the Fox Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau, Outagamie County, Calumet County, Appleton Downtown Inc. and the Fox Cities Chamber in applying for an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant focusing on economic recovery for COVID, as part of the <u>CARES ACT.</u>

Our proposal is to engage in a Tourism Master Plan that will identify potential investments in tourism-related development that will spur economic development activities, support workforce development and help to balance our tourism portfolio as we respond to the economic injury as a result of coronavirus. The Tourism Master Plan will produce a strategic plan to support the recovery of and resiliency priorities and objectives established under the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$200,000, and this grant requires a 20% match or \$40,000. The match will come from stakeholders with no more than \$4,000 from the City of Appleton.

Attached are two documents:

The first is the background document describing the Economic Development Administration (EDA) Cares Act Competitive Grant Summary.

The second is the Project Statement for East Central Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission (ECWRPC). ECWRPC is the liaison to EDA.

Please contact me if you have any questions.







Background

This document is intended to summarize a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for an Economic Development Administration (EDA) Competitive Grant opportunity. The funding is a part of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Items highlighted are viewed as especially important information. Note that this document is not a commitment of funding and these guidelines are for informational purposes as the NOFO may change or close at any time.

Timeframe

The funding opportunity was released on May 7, 2020. All funds have to be awarded by September 2022 and disbursed by September 2027.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants under the Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program include a(n):

- a. District Organization (East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission);
- b. Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes;
- State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions;
- d. Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or
- Public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a
 political subdivision of a State.

Economic Distress Criteria and Special Need; Pandemic Response Requirement

EDA has determined that economic injury from the coronavirus pandemic constitutes a "Special Need".

To be eligible for funding under EDA's CARES Act Recovery Assistance, applicants must explain clearly in their application how the proposed project would "prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus" or respond to "economic injury as a result of coronavirus." This explanation is required to assist reviewers in understanding how a proposed project aligns with the goals of EDA's CARES Act Recovery Assistance. For example, if Smith County has experienced significant small business closures as a result of the pandemic, Smith County must demonstrate how the project addresses small business recovery and resilience priorities and objectives established under a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) or other strategy acceptable to EDA (see below for information on strategy requirements). Projects that consider economic recovery in general must address the direct consequences of the coronavirus pandemic itself and how the project will contribute the community's' recovery and resiliency. The extent to which a proposed project responds to needs caused by the coronavirus pandemic is one factor that EDA will consider when evaluating applications for funding.

Total Project Costs

Non-construction projects should start at \$80,000 total project cost. Construction projects should start at \$250,000 total project cost. Award ceiling is \$5 million. These are approximate guidelines and applicants should consult EDA for additional details.

Cost Sharing or Matching

EDA generally expects to fund at least 80%, and up to 100%, of eligible project costs. In determining whether to fund a project's Federal share above 80%, EDA's Grants Officers in the applicable Regional Office will consider on a case-by-case basis whether the circumstances of the proposed project warrant a Federal share in excess of 80%, including whether the applicant has exhausted its effective taxing or borrowing capacity, the extent of the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the region, or whether the region meets other thresholds

for elevated need based on the relative economic distress of the region. Additionally, EDA may establish a maximum investment rate of up to 100% for projects of Indian Tribes. Any portion of the costs for the EDA scope of work funded below 100% must be borne by the recipient or provided to the recipient by a third party as a contribution for the purposes of and subject to the terms of the award. The applicant is responsible for demonstrating to EDA that a grant rate above 80% is justified by providing statistics and other appropriate information on the nature and level of economic distress in the region, including information regarding other recovery-related needs facing the region and the level of resources available to address those needs.

CARES Act Recovery Assistance Projects

Successful applications will enable affected communities to respond to the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic by supporting affected businesses and communities, including by providing technical assistance to retain existing and hire new employees; by providing a range of skills-training and workforce development projects to help employees compete for high-quality jobs; and by developing and implementing strategies to diversify regional economies to create jobs in new or existing industries. EAA investments are designed to help communities catalyze public-private partnerships to foster collaboration, attract investment, create jobs, and foster economic resiliency and prosperity.

Examples of projects that may be funded through CARES Act Recovery Assistance include:

- Economic recovery planning and preparing technical strategies to address economic dislocations caused by the coronavirus pandemic.
- Preparing or updating resiliency plans to respond to future pandemics.
- Implementing entrepreneurial support programs to diversify economies.
- Constructing public works and facilities that will support economic recovery, including the deployment of broadband for purposes including supporting telehealth and remote learning for job skills.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Requirements

Except for a "Strategy Grant" to develop, update, or refine a CEDS, each project must be consistent with the region's current CEDS or equivalent EDA-accepted regional economic development strategy that meets EDA's CEDS or strategy requirements. ECWRPC's CEDS is available at https://www.ecwrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/2018-CEDS-5-Year-Update.pdf. The CEDS Action Plan starts on page 4-1 and include the following goals:

- 1. Promote Quality of Life and Livability that Creates an Environment for Personal and Business Growth
- 2. Enhance Education, Technology, and Innovation to Meet Workforce and Production Demands
- 3. Enhance the Region's Infrastructure and Economic Competitiveness
- 4. Support and Meet the Needs of Current, New, and Emerging Businesses
- 5. Foster a Collaborative Ecosystem

Instructions for Applicants:

- Download the FY20 PWEAA Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and application package from https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=321695. - In Form ED-900, section B.3.b., include a description of the economic impacts in the region from the coronavirus pandemic and describe how the proposed project scope of work will respond to those impacts and support pandemic recovery and resilience efforts. Applicants may also provide a separate narrative statement, not to exceed one page in length, of the economic impacts in the region from the coronavirus pandemic and how the proposed project scope of work responds to those impacts. - Additionally, in Form ED-900, section B.6, explain how the proposed project would meet EDA's Recovery and Resilience investment priority, which all CARES Act Recovery Assistance projects are expected to meet. You may also explain in this space how the proposed projects will meet any of EDA's other investment priorities.

Consultation with Regional Office As with all EDA funding opportunities, prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to contact their applicable EDA Regional Office representatives to discuss their needs and project plans to help further refine the scope and intended outcomes of proposed projects. Prospective applicants can find current contact information for EDA Regional Office staff at https://www.eda.gov/contact/.

Please contact Tom Baron, Principal Economic Development Planner, at <u>tbaron@ecwrpc.org</u> or 920-751-4770 with questions.

Project Statement for East Central Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission

Progressively, the perceived quality of place, determines where talent, capital, travel and tourism coalesce.

The assets that attract talent to live in an area are the same assets that attract people to travel to and visit that area. Assets such as walkability, parks, opportunities for people to gather, welcoming, diverse and inclusive, variety of restaurants and arts, and culture. Quality assets provide for economic, social and cultural exchange among people, businesses, institutions, and influences where people want to live, visit and invest.

Covid-19 has had devastating impacts on the economy and particularly the travel and tourism industry globally, regionally and locally.

Appleton and the surrounding communities, known as the Fox Valley have seen sharp declines in the hotel room occupancy, revenue and hotel room tax.

Beginning in March with the on-set of Covid-19 hotel occupancy fell 42.6%. In 2019, the average hotel room occupancy was 59.5%. Year to date, we are at 34%.

Hotel occupancy was 68/7% in April, 65.1% in May, 53.7% in June and 46.9% in July.

Room Revenue correspondingly has declined. March 40.5%, April 77.4%, May 74.3%, June 66.6% and July 71.3%.

Hotel room tax for first quarter compared with 2019 was down 8.7% and second quarter was down 76.2%.

Cancelled events such as EAA, Mile of Music, Appleton Farm Market, Broadway Shows at the Performing Arts Center, Art in the Park, NFL games, conventions, sporting events and many more, will continue to negatively impact the travel and tourism industry until Covid-19 is under control to a degree that allows large gatherings and celebrations.

Year to date, it is estimated between conventions, sports and events, we have lost 28,709 room nights and \$8.5 million in visitor spending.

Unemployment is at 8.6% up from 3.6% in 2019.

A Tourism Master Plan will give us a competitive position and assist our community in recovering from the economic injury of Covid-19 by giving us a roadmap to recovery thru resiliency.

The Tourism Master Plan will create a foundation to guide the planning, product development, programming, policy and promotion of the Fox Cities tourism industry by balancing our economic vision, tourism assets, stakeholder interests and visitor demands.

Elements of the Tourism Master Plan include: Stakeholder and Market Analysis Consumer Research Destination Assessment Stakeholder Engagement Situational Analysis Visioning Workshops and Community Survey

This inclusive approach to the Tourism Master Plan will take approximately 1 year and the estimated cost will be \$200,000.

The EDA Grant requires a 20% match. The match of \$40,000 will come from the Fox Cities Convention and Visitor Bureau, City of Appleton and potentially other stakeholders.