

AGENDA CITY OF CEDAR FALLS, IOWA PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019 5:30 PM AT CITY HALL

Call to Order and Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

1. Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes of May 22, 2019.

Public Comments

Old Business

New Business

2. Cherrywood Acres Minor Subdivision Plat

Location: 4114 High Street Applicant: Anthony Runyan Previous discussion: None

Recommendation: Review and continue discussion

P&Z Action: Review and continue discussion at the June 26th P&Z Meeting

Commission Updates

Adjournment

Reminders:

- * June 26th and July 10th Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings
- * June 17th and July 1st City Council Meetings

Cedar Falls Planning and Zoning Commission Regular Meeting May 22, 2019 City Hall Council Chambers 220 Clay Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa

MINUTES

The Cedar Falls Planning and Zoning Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 220 Clay Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa. The following Commission members were present: Giarusso, Hartley, Holst, Larson, Leeper, Saul and Wingert. Adkins and Prideaux were absent. Karen Howard, Community Services Manager, and Shane Graham, Economic Development Coordinator were also present.

- 1.) Chair Holst noted the Minutes from the May 8, 2019 regular meeting are presented. Ms. Saul made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Ms. Giarusso seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with 7 ayes (Giarusso, Hartley, Holst, Larson, Leeper, Saul and Wingert), and 0 nays.
- 2.) The first item of business was a HWY-1 District Site Plan for Gateway Business Park Subdivision. Mr. Holst stated that he will have to abstain from the item and that Mr. Leeper will be the Acting Chair. Mr. Leeper introduced the item and Mr. Graham provided background information. He explained that this is a continued discussion for the HWY-1 District Site Plan Review for Lot 2 of the Gateway Business Park at the northeast corner of West Ridgeway Avenue and Hudson Road. He provided renderings that displayed the elements of the site plan, including entrances, the proposed Dairy Queen, and the service and convenience stores. He also discussed the stormwater detention basin, trash enclosure, trail connections and sidewalks. He presented the landscape, signage, and stormwater management plans, noting that all requirements have been met or exceeded. Mr. Graham showed the overall layout of the site and building design for the proposed buildings. He noted that there was discussion regarding a landscape island that the developer asked to remove and he stated that staff recommends that it not be removed. Staff recommends approval with any additional comments from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Brad Best of Peters Construction and Aaron Lee of US Oil came forward to speak on behalf of the project. Mr. Best formerly requested that the island be removed from the project, as well as the cornice on the south side of the building. They feel that the island may create pedestrian issues. Mr. Lee added that US Oil supplies roughly 650 independent gas stations throughout the Midwest. Market studies have showed that there is a need for fueling station at that location.

Mr. Wingert stated that he has no issues with the proposed modifications. Ms. Saul, Mr. Larson and Ms. Giarusso agreed. Mr. Graham stated that staff would like an updated landscaping plan before the project goes to City Council so points can be recalculated for an accurate staff report.

Mr. Wingert made a motion to approve with modifications. Mr. Hartley seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with 5 ayes (Giarusso, Hartley, Holst, Larson, Leeper, Saul and Wingert), 2 abstentions (Holst and Leeper) and 0 nays.

3.) The next item for consideration by the Commission was a College Hill Neighborhood Overlay District – Site Plan review for 2119 College Street. Chair Holst introduced the item and Ms. Howard provided background information. She explained that the item was delayed until the

College Hill Overlay Ordinance was updated. As the new standards are now approved by City Council, the item is being brought before the Commission again for consideration. Ms. Howard explained that it is proposed to replace the current building located at 2119 College with a mixed-use building with storefronts on the ground floor and residential units on the upper floors and presented the changes between the previous code requirements and the current code standards. She noted that the building meets requirements for mixed-use buildings and the new parking requirements for mixed-use buildings. She displayed renderings of the proposed buildings and break-down of the proposed exterior building materials. She presented a comparison of building heights in the area, landscaping plan, dumpster enclosure, underground detention and bike racks. She noted that the proposed building is consistent with the comprehensive plan goal to encourage additional storefront mixed-use development to tie the lower Hill and upper Hill together into a more cohesive business district. The current older residential building is not consistent with character envisioned in the Comprehensive Plan. She stated that Staff recommends approval of the proposed site plan as it is complies with the requirements in the zoning ordinance.

Kathryn Sogard, Executive Director of the College Hill Partnership, stated that the Partnership supports the development. The Partnership believes the project will grow College Hill, offer additional jobs near campus, encourage walkability and link the upper and lower hill.

Eashaan Vajpeyi, 3831 Convair Lane, stated that this shouldn't be seen as old business and feels that the item should be deferred until the parking study is completed. He is concerned with the possibility that the parking study will not agree with the project upon completion. He doesn't believe the project needs to be approved right now. He also voiced his issue with the fact that Mr. Wingert has not recused himself from the matter.

Dave Diebler, President of the College Hill Partnership, is in support of the project. He believes infilling will create responsible growth. He feels the project should move forward at this time.

Mr. Holst asked for clarification of the parking study and whether it is looking at private parking. Mr. Howard stated that the study is focused primarily on the policies for the public parking system. The parking study will not give any specific recommendations with regard to the requirements for private, off-street parking. She noted that the parking impact analysis currently being completed by the parking consultant will provide information about how a project of this type may affect the public parking available in the area, but similar to the parking impact analysis completed for the recent downtown projects, will not provide a recommendation for whether the project should be approved.

Mr. Hartley stated that he likes the proposal and is happy with the compromise with the parking. Mr. Leeper stated that he is in support of the project as well. Ms. Saul stated that she struggles with the decision, but feels that it meets the current ordinances and it's not fair to make the developer wait. Mr. Wingert noted his concern that UNI has lost enrollment and believes that projects like these help UNI and the community grow and compete with other communities. Mr. Holst believes that it's time to move forward with the project.

Mr. Hartley made a motion to approve. Mr. Larson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with 7 ayes (Giarusso, Hartley, Holst, Larson, Leeper, Saul and Wingert), and 0 nays.

4.) The Commission then considered a rezoning request from R-2, Residential, to C-2, Commercial, at 2600 Grove Street. Chair Holst introduced the item and Ms. Howard provided background information. She explained that the boundaries were drawn incorrectly in the 1970's, excluding part of the property as a commercial property. Staff is recommending approval to rezone the area to correct the issue.

Ms. Saul made a motion to approve. Ms. Giarusso seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with 7 ayes (Giarusso, Hartley, Holst, Larson, Leeper, Saul and Wingert), and 0 nays.

- 5.) The next item of business was the preliminary and final plats of the replat of Lot 16 and Tract "B" of West Viking Road Industrial Park Phase IV. Chair Holst introduced the item and Mr. Graham provided background information. The property is located along Technology Parkway west of the intersection with Production Drive. The replat will combine the lot and tract into one lot. A company is interested in this lot and has indicated the need for the additional land for a driveway for truck traffic. Staff recommends approval of the project.
 - Mr. Leeper made a motion to approve. Mr. Wingert seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with 7 ayes (Giarusso, Hartley, Holst, Larson, Leeper, Saul and Wingert), and 0 nays.
- 6.) The next item for consideration by the Commission was an MU District Site Plan Review for Lot 2 of Pinnacle Ridge 1st Addition. Chair Holst introduced the item and Mr. Graham provided background information. The property is near the intersection of Faithway Drive and Oster Parkway, just south of Greenhill Road within the Pinnacle Prairie development. One two-unit and one three-unit dwelling are proposed at this location and site plan review is required. Building and landscaping requirements are met. Mr. Graham provided a rendering of the proposed building design for the units, and showed photos of comparable building designs. Staff recommends approval with conformance to any comments or direction from the Commission.

Sam Runyan, developer, (4010 W. 1st Street), stated that the project is very straightforward and would be available for any questions.

Ms. Saul made a motion to approve. Ms. Giarusso seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with 7 ayes (Giarusso, Hartley, Holst, Larson, Leeper, Saul and Wingert), and 0 nays.

7.) Terra Ray, Engineering Tech, gave a presentation with regard to the downtown parking study recommendations and implementation. She touched on time limits, fines, monitoring lots and proposed new payment technologies that include meters that can be paid by mobile app. She also discussed the implementation recommendations and plans, as well as ordinance amendments being proposed.

Mr. Holst asked about the proposal to keep on-street parking free. Ms. Ray stated that at this time that is the case and it will just be monitored by time.

Ms. Howard then discussed the upcoming *Imagine Downtown!* Community Design Charrette and all the opportunities for the public to attend and provide input, which will be held the first week of June, with a public design workshop on June 1 and the open design studio the following week.

8.) As there were no further comments, Mr. Wingert made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Leeper seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with 7 ayes (Giarusso, Hartley, Holst, Larson, Leeper, Saul and Wingert), and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Goodrick

Karen Howard Community Services Manager Joanne Goodrich Administrative Clerk

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MEMORANDUM

Planning & Community Services Division

TO: Planning and Zoning Commission

FROM: David Sturch, Planner III

DATE: June 5, 2019

SUBJECT: Cherrywood Acres Minor Plat

REQUEST: Request to approve the Cherrywood Acres Minor Plat (Case # MP19-001)

PETITIONER: Anthony Runyan

LOCATION: 4114 High Street

PROPOSAL

The property owner at 4114 High Street proposes a lot split to create a lot for a new residential dwelling at the southwest corner of High Street and Union Road. A minor plat is needed to split the original single lot into two lots.

BACKGROUND

Cherrywood Acres was created with large rural lots in 1960 when this 56 lot subdivision resided in the county. In 1971, the western and northern portions of Cedar Falls were annexed into the City which included Cherrywood Acres. The house at 4114 High Street was built in 1962. The property is 120 feet wide (north/south) and 160 feet deep (east/west). The house is situated on the west half of the lot, facing north with a driveway onto High Street. There is approximately 100 feet of yard area off the east side of the house.

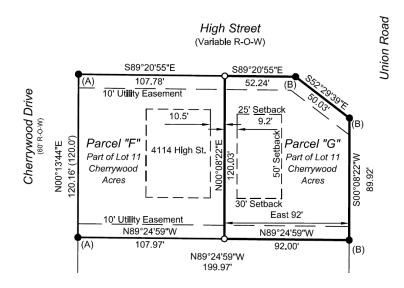


ANALYSIS

4114 High Street is located in the R-1 Residence Zoning District. A single housing unit in R-1 zoning is required to have a lot width of 75 feet and area of 9,000 square feet. The original lot is 23,400 square feet in area. The Minor Plat proposes to create two lots: Parcel F (4114 High

Street) will have an east/west width of 107 feet and a north/south depth of 120 feet with an area of 12,955 square feet. Parcel G will have an east/west width of 92 feet and a north/south depth of 120 feet with an area of 10,441 square feet. The existing home at 4114 High Street is on Parcel F and the proposed home is on Parcel G.

The drawing to the right graphically depicts the lot split and building locations. The building setbacks in the R-1 district require a 30-foot front yard



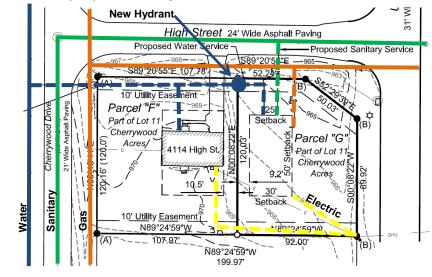
and a 30-foot rear yard area. The side yard areas are 10% of the width of the lot. The proposed plat shows a 25-foot front yard based on the platted building line. Technically, this 25-foot building line was established on the plat to serve as a side yard setback. Since this is a newly created lot, the current R-1 standards must apply with a 30-foot front yard area. The remaining setback areas comply with the R-1 standards. The final rendition of the plat will not show the building and setback locations. The setbacks will be listed separately on the plat.

By applying the setbacks on this lot, the potential building area for a new dwelling is approximately 2,000 square feet. This building area is similar in size to other dwellings in the neighborhood. The area of both lots will be half the size of the other lots in the neighborhood. The two parcels will still exceed the minimum R-1 lot area standards of 9,000 square feet. Both lots meet all zoning ordinance requirements if subdivided.

TECHNICAL COMMENTS

City technical staff, including Cedar Falls Utilities (CFU) personnel, has reviewed the proposed plat. The following items listed below are the technical comments for the development of this plat and proposed home. The solid lines on the plat represent the existing utility service locations and the dashed lines represent the proposed utility service lines.

- The existing underground electric line from the southeast corner of the lot to the existing house must be relocated and buried within the 10-foot utility easement along the south lot line.
- 2. The existing 12" water main lies along the west side of Cherrywood Drive. The plat shows a new water main extension off the existing main with a hydrant at the northwest corner of the lot.



The water main must be extended to the middle of the lot along High Street for the hydrant, as shown above. This will provide water service to both the existing dwelling at

- 4114 High Street and the proposed dwelling. This water service will run along the 10-foot utility easement along the north lot line. Final fire hydrant and valve placement locations will be part of the construction review.
- 3. Sanitary sewer service will be connected to the existing sewer on High Street.
- 4. Gas service will be connected to the existing gas line on High Street.
- 5. The existing lot slopes from the southwest to the northeast. The grading of the property must be done so that it does not affect the adjacent lot or adjacent roadway.
- 6. The Cherrywood Acres subdivision was developed with a rural roadway cross-section with no curb and gutter. There are ditches alongside the roadway that carry the stormwater through pipes under the driveways and in field tiles. If the owner discovers a buried field tile during the construction of the home, that tile must be relocated and rerouted around the building's foundation.
- 7. The proposed driveway off of High Street must be at least 75 feet from the west edge of Union Road.
- 8. There will be no access onto Union Road.

The property is located outside the floodplain overlay district.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

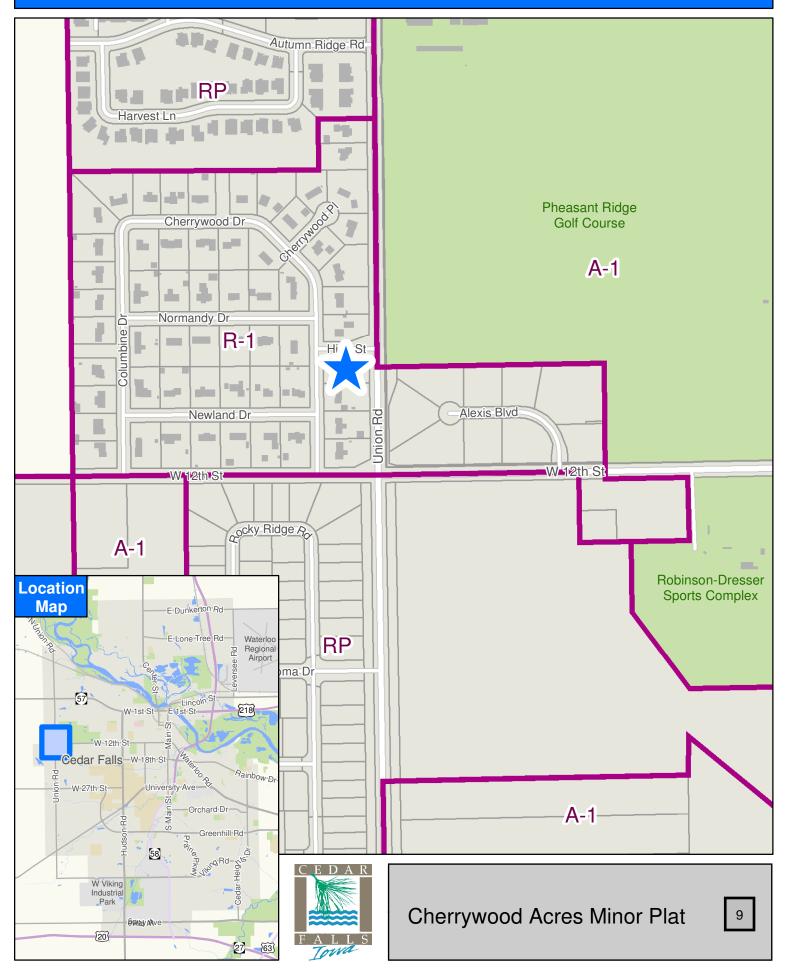
Gather any comments from the Planning and Zoning Commission and public then continue the discussion at the next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on June 26, 2019 with the following conditions:

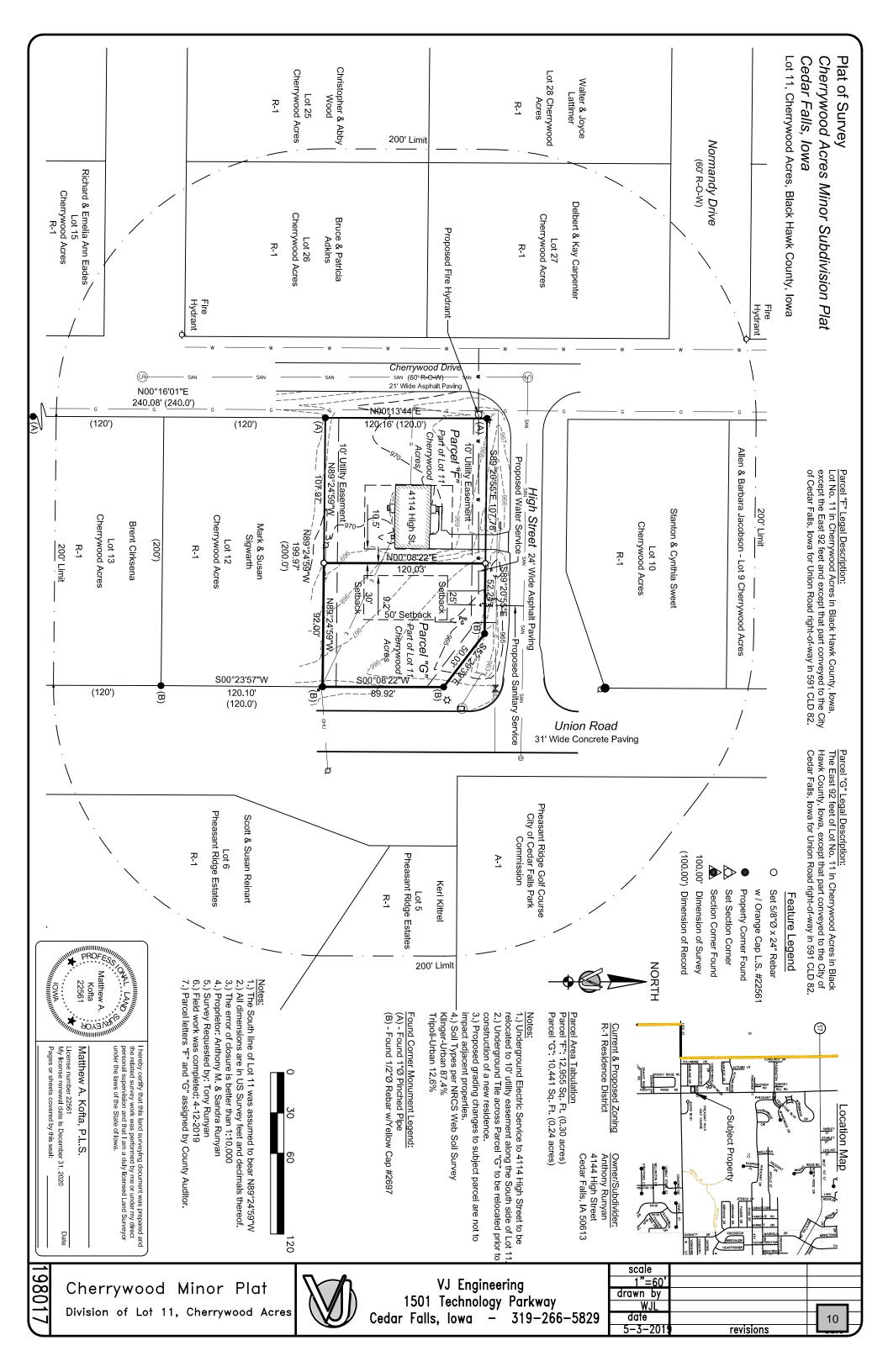
- 1. Amend the plat to show a 30-foot setback from the north lot line.
- 2. Extend the water main across the north lot line for the placement of the hydrant east of the existing driveway.
- 3. The existing home must be connected to the water main.
- 4. Any comments or direction specified by the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- 5. Conform to all city staff recommendations and technical requirements.

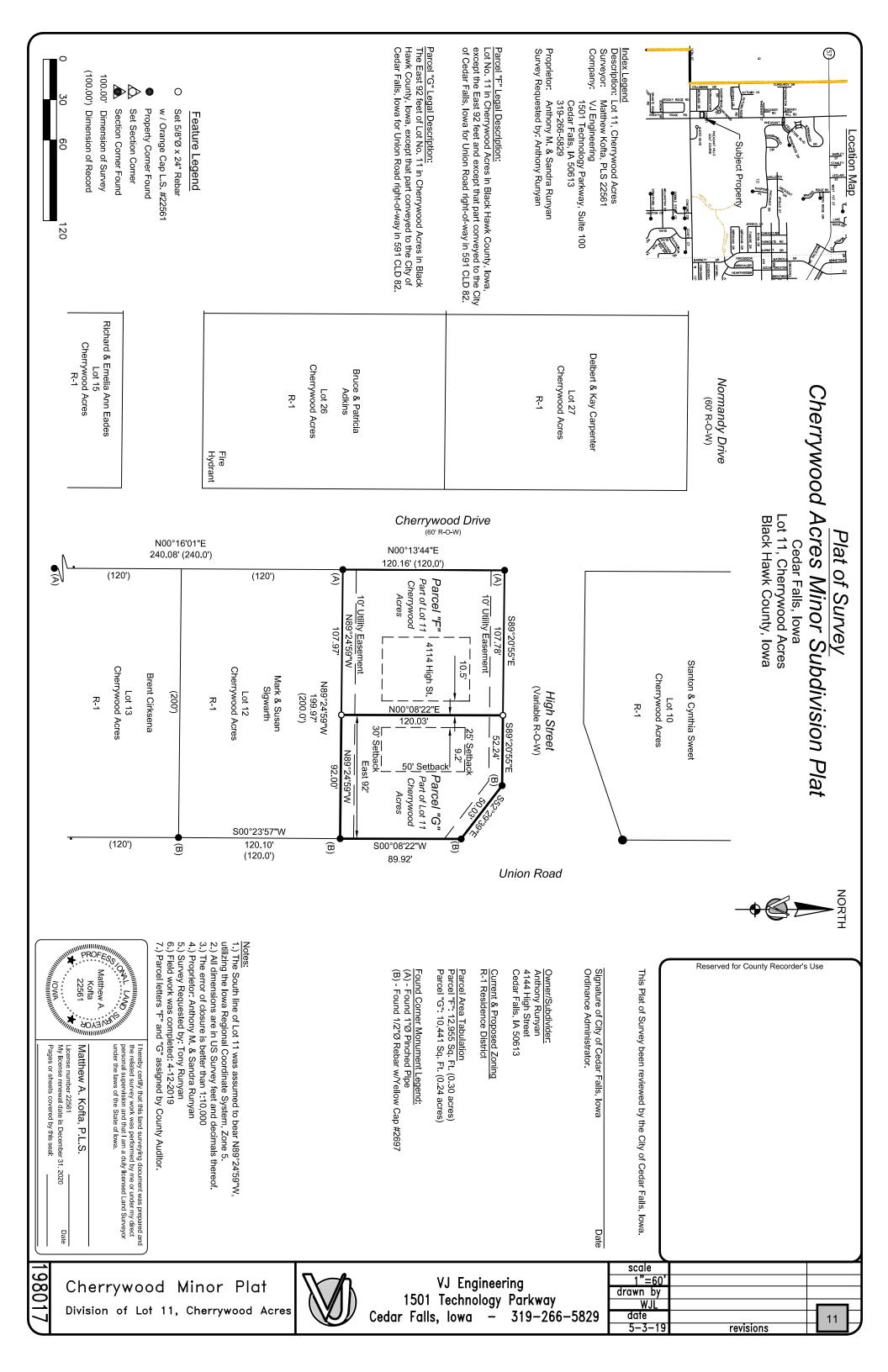
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Cedar Falls Planning & Zoning Commission June 12, 2019







OWNER'S STATEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS FOR CHERRYWOOD ACRES MINOR PLAT, CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

We, **Anthony M. Runyan and Sandra Runyan**, being the legal titleholder of the real estate legally described as follows:

Lot No. 11 in Cherrywood Acres in Black Hawk County, Iowa, except that part conveyed to the City of Cedar Falls, Iowa for Union Road right-of-way in 591 CLD 82.

and being desirous of selling and dividing said real estate into separate parcels upon approval of this **Cherrywood Acres Minor Plat**, by the City of Cedar Falls, do hereby submit the following statement of proposed restrictions and easements:

RESTRICTIONS

- 1. The zoning and building requirements for the parcels included in the Cherrywood Acres Minor Plat shall be as required by the R-1 (One and Two Family Residential) Zoning District of the Zoning Ordinance of Cedar Falls, Iowa.
- 2. No further subdivisions of the property will be allowed unless the subdivision of the property is approved by the City of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

EASEMENTS

All recorded easements affecting the subject property prior to this platting shall be recognized as continuing in effect and service and shall not be considered rescinded by this platting.

WITNESSETH our hands, the undersigned, as our statement on intention for the CHERRYWOOD ACRES MINOR PLAT, CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

Anthony M. Runyan	Sandra Runyan
STATE OF IOWA)
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COUNTY OF BLACK HAWK)
On this day of	, 2019, before me, a Notary Public in
and for the said State, personally appeared	ed Anthony M. Runyan and Sandra Runyan, to
me personally known, who being by me	duly sworn did say that the execution of said
instrument to be his voluntary act and de	eed.
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	Notary Public – State of Iowa
	My Commission Expires