

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
From: **Melissa Sonnek, City Planner**
Date: **March 23, 2020**

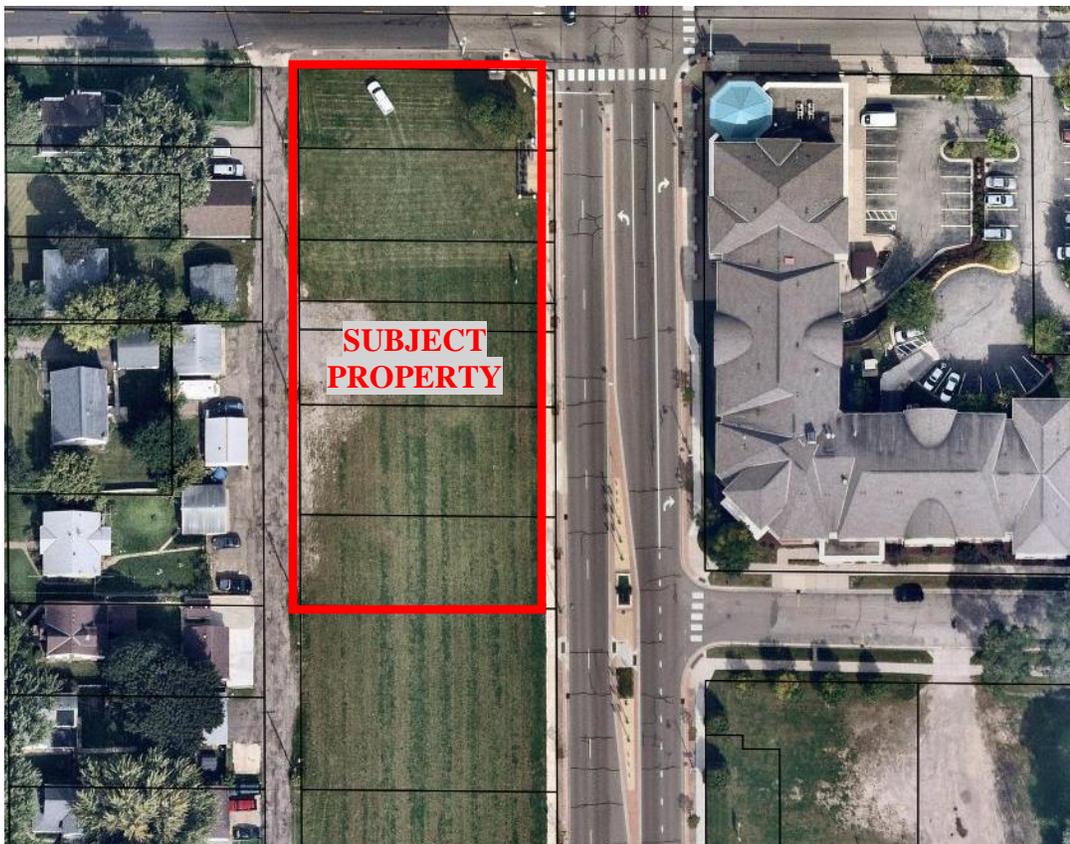
Site Plan, Conditional Use Permit, and Rezoning Review for 895 Robert St

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Dakota County Community Development Authority (CDA) is requesting the approval of multiple applications for the construction of a new apartment building containing 54 units of workforce housing at the southwest corner of Robert and Annapolis (895 Robert Street).

The applicant is proposing to redevelop the several vacant lots at the southwest corner of Robert St. and Annapolis St. These lots have been vacant for a number of years while the CDA explored several redevelopment options. After a market study performed by Santec in 2014, it was determined that this site was not suitable for commercial/retail, but better suited for residential housing. The CDA elected to redevelop the site themselves as a part of their ongoing efforts to create a variety of affordable housing.

Please refer to the attached Planning Commission report for more details on the request.



PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday March 17th, 2020 was cancelled due to a lack of quorum. Therefore, the Planning Commission was unable to review the proposed amendment. City Staff reached out the commissioners and requested that any and all comments be sent to staff in order to be forwarded in to City Council and the applicant. As of Friday, March 20th, 2020 at 2:30pm, City Staff has received no feedback from the public or the Planning Commission.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Council hold the public hearing and either approve of the applications per the submitted plans or continue the item to the April 27th Council meeting to allow the Planning Commission to review the plans during their April 21st meeting.

City Staff has prepared resolutions for the applications should the Council decide to approve the applications tonight.

ATTACHMENTS:

Application and Narrative

Notices

Submitted plans

Planning Commission Report

Planning Commission Attachments

Resolutions