PC Minutes 7/21/14 DRAFT

ITEM NO. 1 SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR PUMP STATION NO. 10 ADDITION; 3055 LOUISIANA ST (SLD)

SUP-14-00259: Consider a Special Use Permit for Pump Station No. 10 Addition, located at 3055 Louisiana St. Submitted by the City of Lawrence, property owner of record.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Ms. Sandra Day presented the item.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION

Mr. Dave Wagner, Utility Director, provided an overview of the project.

Ms. Melinda Harger talked about outreach to the neighborhood and community. She said there was a public meeting in January where several options were shown. She said the neighborhood preferred the full berm with green roof option. She said they were working with Baker Wetlands to tie into the nature aspect of the land.

PUBLIC HEARING

No public comment.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Josserand thanked staff for their work on the project.

Commissioner Rasmussen asked if there would be something like a 6' fence with barbed wire around the facility. He wondered if the site would be accessible to the public.

Mr. Wagner said the pump station would not be fenced at this time. He said public access would not be encouraged and that it was not meant to be accessed by the public. He said the structure would be secured so that the public could not access the facility. He said if someone breached the structure they would know.

Commissioner Rasmussen asked if the public could still walk their dog, for example, near the facility.

Mr. Wagner said it was not a problem from the exterior of the facility.

Commissioner Liese asked how far the pump station would pump.

Mr. Wagner said 16,000', which equaled three miles.

Commissioner Liese asked about exterior sounds.

Mr. Jim Martin, Professional Engineering Consultants, said that a muffled sound could be heard right outside the building but would not be heard away from the building.

Commissioner Culver asked if it was common practice now to have mechanical equipment below grade or if it was specific to this pump station.

Mr. Wagner said most pump stations now were below grade. He said the electrical support systems were above grade but that the pump was submerged.

ACTION TAKEN

Motioned by Commissioner Struckhoff, seconded by Commissioner Culver, to approve Special Use Permit (SUP-14-00259) for Pump Station No. 10 located at 3055 Louisiana Street, a *minor utility*, based upon the findings presented in the body of the staff report and subject to the following condition:

1. Approval of a Floodplain Development Permit prior to issuance of a building permit.

Unanimously approved 10-0.