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Valley Cities investigates sale of Woodmont Recovery Center site in Des Moines

Ken Taylor, CEO of Valley Cities - Behavioral Health Care, signed an agreement on Thursday, February 18, with a potential buyer of the Woodmont property to enter into a 45-day period to complete a feasibility study and property value appraisal. Also signing the agreement was Michael Lai, CEO and Investing Partner of ML Companies, INC of USASIA Pacific EB5 Investment and SML Seattle Modern Living, LLC. The Valley Cities Board of Directors has agreed to divest of the property if a viable offer is received.

Valley Cities has an agreement with the city of Des Moines through the end of March to identify potential uses for the Woodmont property and explore all options for relocating the services that had been planned there. Conversations about potential sale of the property are part of that mix. Original plans for the 7.9 acres Woodmont Recovery Center in Des Moines on Pacific Highway near 272nd Street included administrative office space for Valley Cities, an outpatient behavioral and physical healthcare clinic, an evaluation and treatment facility, a secure detoxification unit, and a recovery café.

“We have successfully found sites in Kent and Seattle to house inpatient mental health care, substance abuse detoxification, and treatment and recovery services,” said Ken Taylor. “Between those two facilities we will be adding more than 100 desperately-needed acute-care treatment beds.”

Valley Cities is still searching for locations to house outpatient counseling services, administrative offices, and a recovery café. It is expected to take until the end of March to make any decisions about these locations and the sale of the Woodmont site.

About Valley Cities

Valley Cities, a nonprofit agency, has provided treatment services to residents of King County, primarily South King County, for over 50 years. Over 7,500 people were served in 2016. Services include licensed mental health counseling and chemical dependency treatment for people of all ages; domestic violence services; homeless outreach services and housing programs; family support programs; employment services, and specialized services for veterans and their families. Valley Cities operates offices in Auburn, Federal Way, Kent, Midway, Northgate, Rainier Beach, Renton, and soon in Enumclaw.

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Photo caption: Valley Cities – Behavioral Health Care provides counseling and drug use recover services to over 7,500 people at seven locations in King County.

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Re: Woodmont Recovery Campus - Design Review Decision Appeal Fee

From: **Melissa Musser** (momeof2c@msn.com)
Sent: Mon 10/26/15 5:24 PM
To: Tony Piasecki (TPiasecki@desmoineswa.gov)
Cc: CityCouncil_Internal (CityCouncil_Internal@desmoineswa.gov)
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Tony,

If council did have the votes to bring this forward for council review and decision, would the fee be able to be considered/ reviewed in time to be meaningful for this project? If the \$800 is paid and the council elects a staggered fee based on the type of project, would the applicants be eligible for a rebate/refund if appropriate? Finally, I need further clarification on how our fees are at the low or middle of the pack based on the table below? Does the hourly rate add up in Kent to exceed the \$800? To confirm- our fee is \$800, but there are no additional hourly fees?

Did staff have an estimation of the number of hours a similarly sized project would take?

Thank you,
Melissa

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On Oct 26, 2015, at 3:37 PM, Tony Piasecki <TPiasecki@desmoineswa.gov> wrote:

This is a draft of my response to the request to waive the appeal fee for the Woodmont recovery Campus design review decision. I plan on sending it out tomorrow morning. I would appreciate hearing any comments you may have. Thanks.

At the October 15th City Council meeting, and subsequently in several emails, I was asked to waive the fee for an appeal of the final design review decision for the Woodmont Recovery Campus. The fees charged by other cities for such appeals were provided by Sheila Brush at the same Council meeting. It has also been suggested that, if the fee cannot be waived, that we set a low or no fee for appeals related to essential public facilities. After careful review of the City Code and researching other cities, I believe I do not have the authority to waive the fee, nor do I believe I have the authority to set a low or no fee for a specific category of development. Finally, after reviewing the fee schedules of several cities, it is apparent that our fee is in the middle to the lower end of the scale. Many cities have a lower application fee for an appeal, but they then require the applicant to pay the actual cost of the hearing examiner. Below is more detail with regards to these decisions.

The process for setting a fee for a design review decision and waiving the fee is provided for in DMMC 18.20 Land Use Review Procedures. Specifically, 18.20.300 states:

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The fee for appeals made pursuant to this chapter, excluding DMMC [18.20.280](#), shall be set by administrative order of the City Manager or the City Manager's designee and shall be payable in advance, provided: (1) the City Manager or the City Manager's designee shall waive such fees upon a finding of indigence according to standards adopted by the Des Moines Municipal Court, and (2) the decision-making body shall have discretion and jurisdiction to direct that any fees paid shall be refunded to a prevailing appellant upon a finding of just cause. [Ord. 1591 § 79, 2014.]

Since the Code specifically provides for a mechanism to waive the fee (i.e. the applicant is indigent), the City Manager may not waive the fee for any other reason.

With regards to setting the fee itself, when the Code specifically authorizes the City Manager to set a fee, I believe it is the City Manager's responsibility to set a fee that is reasonable, that covers the cost to provide the services (at least on average) whenever possible, that is competitive with similar fees for similar services charged by other cities, and that is not so high that it is unreasonable. We have conducted a review of the appeal fees for several cities. Our fee is a flat \$800. While we are not the lowest when it comes to this fee, most cities are higher when you add in the requirement that the applicant pay the hearing examiner's and/or staff costs as well. Here is a table showing the fees and costs for the cities we contacted. The source material for this table is attached.

Cities Quoted	Sheila Brush public comments	Actual	Hourly for Hearing Examiner
Kent	\$240	\$287 appeal filing fee plus actual cost of Hearing Examiner	\$175/hour
Federal Way	\$120.50	\$182.50 appeal filing fee plus \$2,306.00 Hearing Examiner fee.	Hourly rate n/a.
SeaTac	0	\$200 appeal filing fee plus actual cost of Hearing Examiner	\$150/ HEX \$50/ asst \$25/ clerk (Always brings clerk or asst.)
Normandy Park	500 w/ waiver	\$500 appeal filing fee covers first four hours of staff time (additional time is \$50/hour) + \$725	

	policy		Hearing Examiner fee. No waiver policy.
Renton	no response		\$250 appeal filing fee.
Bellevue	0		No appeal fee but appellant pays for staff time associated with appeal.

Several people have suggested setting this fee at a very low level, if not making it free, for appeals concerning essential public facilities. I certainly understand and appreciate the reasoning behind this suggestion—essential public facilities can have a major impact on a community and thus must be allowed to be vetted as fully as possible—it is my belief that this is a policy question that should be decided upon by the City Council, not the City Manager.

Tony Piasecki
Des Moines City Manager

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Fwd: Woodmont Recovery Design Appeal Waiver

From: **Melissa Musser** (momeof2c@msn.com)
Sent: Thu 11/12/15 3:53 PM
To: Bonnie Wilkins (BWilkins@desmoineswa.gov)

Below is an email regarding Woodmont from my personal computer

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Melissa Musser <momeof2c@msn.com>
Date: October 21, 2015 at 11:47:13 AM PDT
To: Tony Piasecki <tpiasecki@desmoineswa.gov>
Subject: FW: Woodmont Recovery Design Appeal Waiver

Date: Tue, 20 Oct 2015 20:55:20 -0700
Subject: Re: Woodmont Recovery Design Appeal Waiver
From: shebrush@gmail.com
To: momeof2c@msn.com

Hi Melissa, We plan on filing an appeal once the design permits are issued, the cost will be \$800 per citizen. I had asked that all appeal fee's be waived for every citizen who wish to file a appeal, we are going to hire a lawyer, Melissa I clearly have already been working with one, but to keep cost down I have taken on this huge task of doing the paralegal work.

Tony has the authority to waive the fee, he claims that only the 11 at the CUP hearing can file an appeal, not true, any citizen of Des Moines can file an appeal against "Essential Public Facility" for the upcoming design permits.

If you read the Design Review on SEPA that I submitted, we do know our legal rights, Bob is way off base, the City keeps trying to spin this under the original SEPA, which is protected under LUPA, we got that, but Ms. Coleman did not chose that path, so we have the law on our side.

I believe with all my heart, this is not what you signed up for, and I am truly sorry for the insults you took personally, but this pause period is already taken a very ugly turn and I believe that this is just the start. Please do not take these words as any threat, I just don't want you to feel the brunt of the upset, since you have been nothing but sincere.

Thank you so much for reaching out, we gotta start somewhere,

Sheila

On Tue, Oct 20, 2015 at 7:57 PM, Melissa Musser <momeof2c@msn.com> wrote:

Sheila,
How much in fees were paid?? What is the refund request?
Thanks,
Melissa

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On Oct 19, 2015, at 10:16 AM, Sheila Brush <shebrush@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning Tony, et al.,

I'm writing amend request a waiver of appeal filing fees for the Woodmont Recovery Campus for any and all persons who want to file an appeal. Since this is deemed an 'Essential Public Facility' and affects the whole community, then imposing fees on those who want to appeal it would be discriminatory against populations that can't afford it. You have the ability to waive the fees and your precedence would only apply to Essential Public Facilities should you need to declare a reason to waive them.

It seems silly to state the obvious, but I will since it seems that it needs to be reminded. You work for the citizens of Des Moines, not Valley Cities.

Kind Regards,

Sheila Brush

On Fri, Oct 16, 2015 at 3:21 PM, Tony Piasecki <TPiasecki@desmoineswa.gov> wrote:

Sheila,

Thanks for your email. As I said last night, I will consider your request. I am looking into how I can

waive a fee without setting a precedent for future requests. I should be in a position to give you a response early next week.

Have a great weekend.

Tony Piasecki

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From: Sheila Brush [mailto:shebrush@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2015 11:23 AM
To: Tony Piasecki <TPiasecki@desmoineswa.gov>; Vic Pennington <VPennington@desmoineswa.gov>; Dave Kaplan <DKaplan@desmoineswa.gov>; Matt Pina <mpina@desmoineswa.gov>; Melissa Musser <mmusser@desmoineswa.gov>; Luisa Bangs <LBangs@desmoineswa.gov>; Jeremy Nutting <JNutting@desmoineswa.gov>; tina.orwall@leg.wa.gov
Subject: Woodmont Recovery Design Appeal Waiver

Tony - I did see the press release, but we still would like an official waiver on the appeal filing fee for all 11 who are on record at the CUP hearing. We do not want to take a chance of January 1st 2016 coming around and having to once more represent our request or wait for an answer.

At the very first meeting held at Woodmont Elementary, I asked you directly if you were for or against Valley Cities Woodmont Recovery Campus, you were against it. I then asked if you would help us fight to block it from being built, you stated you would within the law. Legally you can waive the appeal fee, it's a simple yes or no.

I sincerely hope that there will be no need to file an appeal, but again we would rather have our information now than in a few months. The cost of an attorney is already going to set us back, any relief financially would be viewed as a good will gesture from the City of Des Moines.

Kind Regards,

Sheila Brush

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RE: Recreational Marijuana Zoning

From: **Melissa Musser** (momeof2c@msn.com)

Sent: Thu 11/12/15 8:59 AM

To: Tony Piasecki (tpiasecki@desmoineswa.gov); Denise Lathrop (dlathrop@desmoineswa.gov)

Cc: Dave Kaplan (dkaplan@desmoineswa.gov); Matt Pina (mpina@desmoineswa.gov); Michael Matthias (mmatthias@desmoineswa.gov)

Thank you Tony! :-)

Melissa

From: TPiasecki@desmoineswa.gov

To: momeof2c@msn.com; DLathrop@desmoineswa.gov

CC: DKaplan@desmoineswa.gov; mpina@desmoineswa.gov; MMatthias@desmoineswa.gov

Subject: RE: Recreational Marijuana Zoning

Date: Thu, 12 Nov 2015 16:48:51 +0000

I'll be prepared to discuss this tonight during Administration Report.

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Des Moines City Manager

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Subject: Recreational Marijuana Zoning

Tony,

I wanted to reach out to you again regarding the email below. On the Facebook page for the Woodmont community members opposed to the Valley Cities plan, there is a thread regarding the placement of recreational Marijuana retail outlets; specifically in the South end of town.

A few things:

<http://www.desmoineswa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1242>

The document that follows this link has a Scribner's error and states it's for "Initiative 522 Locations" it also details an I-522 Restrictive buffer. The initiative that began in July of 2014 is I-502 http://www.liq.wa.gov/mj2015/faqs_i-502

I have posted the following to the group-

"Okay– I've taken a look at both the map, the initiative and Google Maps to try to verify if a recreational marijuana store could be placed near either the Valley Cities campus if it were to move forward or any schools. While the map DOES site the wrong initiative number (And a spelling error), there is not a chance that a new store would be placed nearby. Anything in the gray lined areas on the map is restricted. That means that neither producers nor retailers would be allowed. NEXT- an area has to be zoned to allow for this type of use. In Des Moines, the first parcel that is zoned for I-502 use is NORTH of South 260th Street by a few blocks. However, to be conservative, on Google Maps, I used the address of the Mexican restaurant on 259th and Pacific Hwy South. According to Google Maps- that is nearly a mile away from the school, and even further north from the campus, so it is further than the 1000' foot buffer instituted by the state law. Finally, no new stores can even be sited until the state allows for more licenses to be issued. HOWEVER, the law does state that no retail locations can be opened 1000' feet from a transit center, either. I have made staff aware, as well as Mayor Pro Tem Matt Pina that we will need to revisit this allowance periodically as the Light Rail project moves forward. Depending on where the train stations/ stops are located, the restricted buffer (gray lined area) may have to be adjusted to stay in compliance with the code"

For now, I think the group was a bit off on the distance issues, but if we could make the corrections to the document up on the City Web site, it would appreciated. Also, you may already be doing this, but as Light Rail moves forward, we may want to be aware of the definition of a "transit center" to make sure that we maintain the 1000' buffer.

Thanks,

Melissa

From: momeof2c@msn.com
To: tpiasecki@desmoineswa.gov; citycouncil_internal@desmoineswa.gov
Subject: RE: Media Request

Date: Wed, 11 Nov 2015 12:52:51 -0800

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Date: November 11, 2015 at 10:10:37 AM PST
To: Barry Sellers <BSellers@desmoineswa.gov>
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[Des Moines Police Department](#) Not sure Carol. CSO Seaberry manages all of our block watch programs. You can call the station at 206-878-3301 and ask for her voicemail, or email her at tseaberry@desmoineswa.gov.

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Elizabeth Harrell Thank you very much for the information, [Des Moines Police Department](#).

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Re: Letter Regarding Woodmont

From: **Melissa Musser** (momeof2c@msn.com)
Sent: Mon 3/14/16 2:56 PM
To: Doreen Harper (doreen@harperstudios.com)

Hmmm,
Let me see what I can find out.

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On Mar 14, 2016, at 2:21 PM, Doreen Harper <doreen@harperstudios.com> wrote:

Thanks for the quick response. I was hoping the attachment that Ken Taylor referenced was to be found somewhere. Bummer.

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Subject: Fwd: Letter Regarding Woodmont
Date: Sat, 12 Mar 2016 00:21:31 +0000

FYI. Dale, please post this on our website.

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Sarah

Sarah Eckert
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Sent: Fri 3/11/16 4:29 PM
To: doreen@harperstudios.com
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Happy Friday!!

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Fwd: Valley Cities investigates sale of Woodmont Recovery Center site in Des Moines - media release

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Valley Cities Woodmont - Potential buyer 2.18.16.docx (19.7 KB),

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From: Tony Piasecki <TPiasecki@desmoineswa.gov>
Date: February 19, 2016 at 10:57:42 AM PST
To: _CityCouncil_Internal <CityCouncil_Internal@desmoineswa.gov>, _Directors <Directors@desmoineswa.gov>, Bonnie Wilkins <BWilkins@desmoineswa.gov>, Dale Southwick <DSouthwick@desmoineswa.gov>
Subject: FW: Valley Cities investigates sale of Woodmont Recovery Center site in Des Moines - media release

FYI. We will post this on our website.

Tony Piasecki

Des Moines City Manager

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From: Ken Taylor [<mailto:ktaylor@valleycities.org>]
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 10:13 AM
To: Tony Piasecki <TPiasecki@desmoineswa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Valley Cities investigates sale of Woodmont Recovery Center site in Des Moines - media release

Hi Tony you might want to post this on your site.

Ken Taylor

Kctaylor081@gmail.com

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From: Lind Simonsen <lsimonsen@valleycities.org>
Date: February 19, 2016 at 9:54:06 AM PST
To: Lind Simonsen <lsimonsen@valleycities.org>
Subject: Valley Cities investigates sale of Woodmont Recovery Center site in Des Moines - media release

Valley Cities Board of Directors and staff,

The release below was sent this morning to the Federal Way Mirror, The Kent Reporter, and the Waterland Blog (Des Moines).

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

February 19, 2016

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lind Simonsen – Office 206.408.5189

Cell 253.335.3843

Valley Cities investigates sale of Woodmont Recovery Center site in Des Moines

Ken Taylor, CEO of Valley Cities - Behavioral Health Care, signed an agreement on Thursday, February 18, with a potential buyer of the Woodmont property to enter into a 45-day period to complete a feasibility study and property value appraisal. Also signing the agreement was Michael Lai, CEO and Investing Partner of ML Companies, INC of USASIA Pacific EB5 Investment and SML Seattle Modern Living, LLC. The Valley Cities Board of Directors has agreed to divest of the property if a viable offer is received.

Valley Cities has an agreement with the city of Des Moines through the end of March to identify potential uses for the Woodmont property and explore all options for relocating the services that had been planned there. Conversations about potential sale of the property are part of that mix. Original plans for the 7.9 acres Woodmont Recovery Center in Des Moines on Pacific Highway near 272nd Street included administrative office space for Valley Cities, an outpatient behavioral and physical healthcare clinic, an evaluation and treatment facility, a secure detoxification unit, and a recovery café.

“We have successfully found sites in Kent and Seattle to house inpatient mental health care, substance abuse detoxification, and treatment and recovery services,” said Ken Taylor. “Between those two facilities we will be adding more than 100 desperately-needed acute-care treatment beds.”

Valley Cities is still searching for locations to house outpatient counseling services, administrative offices, and a recovery café. It is expected to take until the end of March to make any decisions about these locations and the sale of the Woodmont site.

About Valley Cities

Valley Cities, a nonprofit agency, has provided treatment services to residents of King County, primarily South King County, for over 50 years. Over 7,500 people were served in 2016. Services include licensed mental health counseling and chemical dependency treatment for people of all ages; domestic violence services; homeless outreach services and housing programs; family support programs; employment services, and specialized services for veterans and their families. Valley Cities operates offices in Auburn, Federal Way, Kent, Midway, Northgate, Rainier Beach, Renton, and soon in Enumclaw.

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Photo caption: Valley Cities – Behavioral Health Care provides counseling and drug use recover services to over 7,500 people at seven locations in King County.

Lind Simonsen

Director of Development and Community Relations

Valley Cities Counseling

O. 206.408.5189 **New number as of Oct. 2**

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Tony Piaseki
City Manager of Des Moines
21630 11th Ave South
Des Moines, WA 98198

Dear Mr. Tony Piaseki,

The purpose of this letter is to formally notify you that Valley Cities is withdrawing the Conditional Use Permit , LUA 2014-0038 and all associated permit applications, including the design review and the building permit, that are pending for the Woodmont Recovery Campus. We have decided not to pursue this project. I also request that the city refund all of the development and permit fees that Valley Cities has paid to date for this project.

In addition, it is our understanding that the city of Des Moines is considering adding allowed uses to the zoning regulations for properties zoned Woodmont Commercial south of south 268th street. As you know, Valley Cities recently announced that we have entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement on our property in Des Moines (See Attached). We would like you to know that we fully support adding uses to the Woodmont Commercial zone, particularly mixed use, and encourage the City Council to approve such additions.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Taylor, CEO