

Shari Ahrens, Senior Project Engineer with Westwood and Patrick Brama, Developer with Enclave answered questions of the Commission.

The Commission had the following questions, comments, and recommendations:

- Where does the stormwater runoff go once it leaves the site? Assistant City Engineer stated the runoff flows to the northwest to Willow Lake in Vadnais Heights.
- What is the timeline for the future road? Planner Hammond explained that is uncertain. One-half of the right-of-way will be dedicated with the development of the Enclave apartments. The other one-half of the right-of-way would be dedicated with future redevelopment of the Becker Furniture site to the east.
- Will the mesic prairie mix hold up to fluctuations in the water level? Senior Project Engineer Ahrens explained the only area of the wetland buffer that will have fluctuating water is near the basin. Plugs are proposed in that area.
- The wetland buffer mitigation is an improvement to the existing buffer.
- The applicants should try to plant more trees on the site.
- The public will likely ride bikes on the trail, and may cut through from Southlawn Drive to the Becker Furniture site. For that reason, the applicants should consider extending the sidewalk on the east side of the site up to Becker Furniture's property.

Commissioner Redmond made a motion to recommend approval of the wetland buffer variance.

Seconded by Commissioner Guell

Ayes - All

The motion passed.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

None

8. COMMISSIONER PRESENTATIONS

None

9. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Environmental Planner Finwall updated the Commission on the following:

- a. Reschedule the January, February, and March ENR Commission Meetings Due to Holidays and Spring Break.

Environmental Planner indicated she would e-mail the Commissioners with suggested dates for the January/February/March 2023 meetings. Additionally, she would offer suggestions for moving the Commission meetings permanently to an alternative day of the month so they do not overlap with holidays.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Guell made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Commissioner Redmond Ayes – All

The motion passed.

Acting Chair Bryan adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.