

DESCRIPTION: Norbert Repka proposes to divide an existing residential lot into three residential lots. Two of the lots, one for the existing house and a vacant lot, will not have public road frontage. Frontage for these lots will be gained through a joint driveway easement as provided for under Dane County Land Division Ordinance Section 75.19(8). The easement area act as a "public road" for the lots without frontage. The applicant has provided a driveway easement agreement that includes the special provisions found for creating lots without frontage.

OBSERVATIONS: Mr. Repka previously submitted a proposal to create 4 lots on this property under Rezoning Petition 11854 in 2022. The petition was denied by the County Board based on the proposal not meeting Town Plan density policies. Mr. Repka appealed the decision. Dane County Circuit Court found that the Town and the County had the discretion to determine housing density for the development of this property.

The configuration of Lot 1 is concerning. The building envelope area was shown in the application has been misrepresented. If access to Lot 1 is gained along the shared access easement area, in essence, the easement acts as the front "street" per the definition in the zoning ordinance. This configuration would require a 50-foot rear setback along the north property line, thus leaving a 40-foot building envelope depth. See sketch below.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The proposal is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan designation as 'urban residential.' Residential development is supported up to a density of one unit per 1.5 acres, provided design and other criteria are met. The plan encourages shared driveways, and states that the Town will ensure that all new requests for land divisions along existing Town roads include public road right-of-way dedication to the current standard of sixty-six (66) foot

roadway width. For questions about the Plan, contact Senior Planner Bridgit Van Belleghem vanbelleghem.bridgit@danecounty.gov.

RESOURCE PROTECTION: There are no mapped resource protection corridors within 300 feet of the site.

TOWN ACTION: Town Board recommended approval subject to approval by the Joint City/Town Planning Committee. The Joint City/Town Planning Committee recommended approval as well.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Pending any comments at the public hearing, Staff recommends approval subject to the following conditions:

- 1. A deed restriction shall be recorded on the Lot 1 stating the following:
 - a. A 50-foot rear yard setback shall be required along the north property line of Lot 1 if access is gained along the joint driveway easement area.
- 2. A share driveway access agreement shall be recorded the meets the provisions found under Dane County Land Division Ordinance Section 75.19(8).

Please contact Roger Lane at (608) 266-9078 or *lane.roger@danecounty.gov* if you have questions about this petition or staff report.

