

City of Columbus
Public Hearing – MN Columbia Sales (9541 152nd Avenue NE) IUP Application (PC-16-125)
(MN Columbia Sales LLC c/o Leadership Circle LLC – applicant)
October 5, 2016

The October 5, 2016 Public Hearing to receive testimony regarding a request for an interim use permit to allow the sales and service of utility and cargo trailers at 9541 152nd Avenue NE, Columbus, Minnesota was called to order at 8:21 p.m. by Chair Garth Sternberg at the City Hall. Present were Commission members Jim Watson, Pam Wolowski, Jesse Preiner, and Jody Krebs; City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko, Planner Dean Johnson, and Recording Secretary Karen Boland.

Also in attendance were City Council members Denny Peterson, Bill Krebs, and Jeff Duraine; Pete Neumann, Nick Neumann, Kris King, Paul Peskar, Mary Preiner, and Pat Preiner.

Sternberg: We have another Public Hearing and discussion for 9541 152nd Avenue Northeast IUP request. Minnesota Columbia Sales LLC, pages 22 through 31 and enclosures. And, at this time, I'd like to ask the recording secretary to read the notice as published.

Notice was read at this time.

Sternberg: Thank you. And, at this time, if the applicant could please come forward. And state your name and address for the record, please.

Neumann: Yes, sir. I'm Pete Neumann – N-E-U-M-A-N-N, 3382 Mahogany Drive, Montrose, Colorado 81401.

Sternberg: Thank you. And if you could just give us a little background on what it is you're asking this evening.

Neumann: Um, so I'm, I'm, my company represents, is a preferred developer for the current tenant that has now just recently opened in the location. Um, this was a location that they, we found was for sale. They wanted to be in this, they wanted to be here, in greater Minnesota or Minneapolis area. The location fit perfectly, since it was already a trailer sales area, or location. So we acquired the property, signed a new lease with the tenant, and they're there now. So, that's sort of the brief history.

Mursko: I just have some more background for the Planning Commission, This, the uh, property that is cited in this, um, permit is the, um, Brinkman Trailer site, so it is on, just as you exit on, it is the first building that you see, but--although it's on 152nd Avenue--and, prior to this, that was the Brinkman Trailer site. And, if you notice today, if you go out there today, the sign has been changed to Trailers Plus. One of the things that's a little unique in this particular case is, this particular property does not have a conditional use permit; it has an interim use permit. And the current interim use permit was due to expire in February. So they're here before you tonight, knowing that it's going to be expiring soon, asking for a new interim use permit for a period of

time –I believe they’ve asked for 12 years—um, which was the term prior, that Brinkman’s had on the property. So, I’ll leave that to you if you have any other questions.

Sternberg: Okay. Thank you. So, any questions for the applicant?

Neumann: So, I can just add a couple comments here, based on your letter or your memo.

Sternberg: Sure.

Neumann: Um, we have, we have hooked up sewer and water. Um, that was, I believe, a previous condition of Brinkman’s that never—I mean, in the 12 years they never did hook up to the water and sewer system.

Sternberg: Well, thank you for doing so.

Neumann: So we’ve already done that. So we have spent the money on doing that. Um, the other, I would ask for ten years. Even though, if you want to give me 12 –ten years is the current term of the lease that we’ve signed with the tenant, so that would be nice, to match that . . .

Sternberg: Okay.

Neumann: . . . so we don’t have to do anything differently. Um, and that was really all, based on the recommendations that, that the, that I saw on this memo. I just wanted to comment on them.

Sternberg: Any other questions? Any questions? I’m gonna, at this time I’m going to open the hearing to the public. Is there anyone here from the public that would like to speak? Okay, I’m going to close the hearing with the right to reopen.

Hearing closed at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen Boland, Recording Secretary