

132d-Center Okayed for Shopping Center

The Planning Board recommended Wednesday that a 40-acre tract located northeast of One Hundred Thirty-second and Center Streets be zoned for a future shopping center.

The board approved rezoning from second suburban to first commercial and P-1 (parking).

Attorney Tyler Gaines said that a large commercial development is planned as Omaha homes push westward. It will be known as Highland Hills Shopping Center.

The board also looked ahead to the establishment of a major trafficway on One Hundred Thirty-second Street.

The shopping center rezoning was recommended subject to the dedication by the owners of a 42-foot strip for future street purposes along One Hundred Thirty-second Street.

The planners said they will ask developers to dedicate a 42-foot strip along both sides of the street between Center and Dodge Streets.

There is now a 66-foot street dedication. The addition of 42 feet on each side would provide a 150-foot right-of-way.

Chairman John Latenser pointed out One Hundred Thirty-second is a "section-line" road and will one day become a heavily traveled north-south artery.

'Haste' Requested on Playground Plans

The board passed a resolution asking Mayor Rosenblatt to "make haste" in establishing a program providing playgrounds in new additions.

Andrew Majors said the Planning Board is being "flooded" with new plats and that in order to "clarify the thinking of the board we request a prompt report from the Mayor's playground committee."

The Mayor has asked Planning Director Alden F. Aust, City Attorney Herbert M. Fittle and Public Property Director Charles Warren to make a recommendation on playground policy.

Pending receipt of the Mayor's report, Mr. Latenser said he will vote "no" on all new plats submitted.

Mr. Latenser voted against three tentative plats up for action Wednesday. But the other three members—Jesse Schroeder, Hayden Ahmanson and Mr. Majors—voted for them and they were approved.

The fifth member, Paul Garrotto, was absent.

Plats, Rezoning Proposals Okayed

The board approved:

Final plat of Eighty-first Avenue Addition at Eighty-first Avenue and Keystone Drive and rezoning to third residence.

Final plat of Jizha Heights south of Bauman Street between Forty-fifth and Forty-eighth Streets.

Tentative plat of Highland Orchard at One Hundred Twenty-sixth and Pacific Streets and rezoning to third residence.

Tentative plat of Cresthill Addition west of Forty-eighth Street between Curtis and Kansas Avenues and rezoning to fifth residence.

Tentative plat of Rolling Hills Addition bounded by Ninety-third, Ninety-sixth, Harney and Leavenworth Streets and rezoning to second residence, provided that covenants be filed requiring front setbacks of 50 feet and side-yards of 15 feet.

Vacation of Valley Street between Forty-third and Forty-fifth Streets and a tentative plat of Lloyd's Addition in that vicinity.

Rezoning north side of Grand Avenue at Fifty-seventh Street to fourth residence.

Rezoning three lots on the south side of Old Dodge Road west of Eighty-first Street to seventh residence.

Good People

Millard, Neb.

During the recent deluge in the Millard area my family, along with others, was left without household and personal belongings.

To the "Tourist" who referred to this community as a weed patch I reply that I am mighty happy to be associated with this patch where the citizens, merchants and others hold the welfare of their neighbor and fellowman above material gain.

I thank these people for the time and equipment they so generously gave which put my family back in business.

Nebraska could use a few more such "weed-patch boroughs." James P. Rakes.

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This Is What 'Gully-Washing Rain' Means

Western Electric Company officials had hoped for a broad expanse of green lawn in front of the administra-

tion building of the new Omaha plant. But the recent heavy rains did more than promote the growth of grass.

These gullies, some of them 3½ feet deep, were gouged out of the lawn. The dirt and grass will be replaced.