

LARAMIE COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Laramie County Planning Commission

FROM: Paul Whalen, AICP, Senior Planner

DATE: October 22, 2020

TITLE: PUBLIC HEARING regarding a Subdivision Permit and Plat for Niobrara

Energy Park, 4th Filing, a replat of Lot 2, Block 4, Niobrara Energy Park,

Laramie County, WY.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AVI, PC on behalf of 4G Properties LLC, has submitted a Subdivision Permit and Plat application for Niobrara Energy Park, 4th Filing, located southwest of E. Allison Road and S. College Drive. The application has been submitted to subdivide the subject property into four industrial use lots.

BACKGROUND

The site located in the SW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 9, Township 13North, Range 66West of the 6th P.M. Laramie County, WY totals 4.65-acres, and is zoned (LI) Light Industrial. The applicant proposes subdividing the vacant site into (4) lots averaging 1.1625 acres each.

Pertinent Regulations

Section 2-1-101 (a-e) of the Laramie County Land Use Regulations governing the criteria for a subdivision permit and plat.

Section 4-2-108 of the Laramie County Land Uses Regulations governing the LI – Light Industrial zone district.

DISCUSSION

The Laramie County Comprehensive Plan identifies the area as Urban Rural Interface (URI). Higher density residential, intensive commercial, employment centers and industrial uses are

anticipated within this area. These uses generally have access to public water and sewer services, this property is located within the South Cheyenne Water and Sewer District.

PlanCheyenne envisions industrial uses for this region, with a range of employment-concentrated uses. These land uses are often associated with impacts such as noise, outdoor storage, heavy vehicle traffic and freight warehousing, making them incompatible in other areas of the community. Uses such as offices, distribution & warehouses, manufacturing & fabrication are appropriate in this category, as well as supporting retail uses and services, open space and recreation, and other public or civic uses.

As part of the Niobrara Energy Park, (Filing 3 subdivision permit & plat approved April 3rd, 2019) Filing 4 is located in the LI – Light Industrial zone district, and is the next stage in the Niobrara Energy Park development plan. Property to the south owned by the Laramie County Community College Foundation is zoned PUD – Planned Unit Development. Allison Draw and the Cheyenne Greenway traverses east/west between the two developments and serves as a buffer.

This property is located within one mile of the City of Cheyenne's jurisdiction. Per the 2018 amendment to W.S.S. 34-12-103, effective January 1, 2019, comments were solicited from the City Planning and Development Offices. A response from the Cheyenne Planning and Development Director to the Board of County Commissioners was received on September 30, 2020, which outlined City requirements should the property be annexed in the future. The letter stated there were no items of disagreement on the City's part that warranted a response by the Board.

A letter requesting waiver of traffic and drainage studies was submitted by the applicant, a copy of which is attached. At this time the County Engineer has concurred with this request based on the justification provided in the letter. Agency comments pertained to entry-drive access spacing, traffic patterns within Niobrara Energy Park, future road alignment/annexation, and corrections to the plat. A revised plat was submitted on October 6, 2020, in addition a written response from the applicant is attached which has addressed agency comments regarding plat corrections.

Public notice was provided per Section 1-2-104 of the Land Use Regulations. No public comment was received.

RECOMMENDATION and FINDINGS

Based on evidence provided for the *subdivision permit & plat*, staff recommends the Planning Commission find that:

- **a.** This application meets the criteria for a subdivision permit and plat pursuant to Section 2-1-101 (a-e) of the Laramie County Land Use Regulations.
- **b.** This application is in conformance with Section 4-2-108 governing the LI Light Industrial zone district;

and that the Planning Commission recommend approval of the Subdivision Permit and Plat for Niobrara Energy Park, 4th Filing to the Laramie County Board of Commissioners with one condition:

1. All clerical errors, and other minor plat corrections shall be resolved prior to recordation of the final plat.

PROPOSED MOTION

I move to recommend approval of the Subdivision Permit and Plat for Niobrara Energy Park, 4th Filing to the Board of County Commissioners with one condition, and adopt the findings of facts a and b of the staff report.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Location Map Attachment 2: Aerial Map

Attachment 3: Comprehensive Plan Map

Attachment 4: PlanCheyenne Map

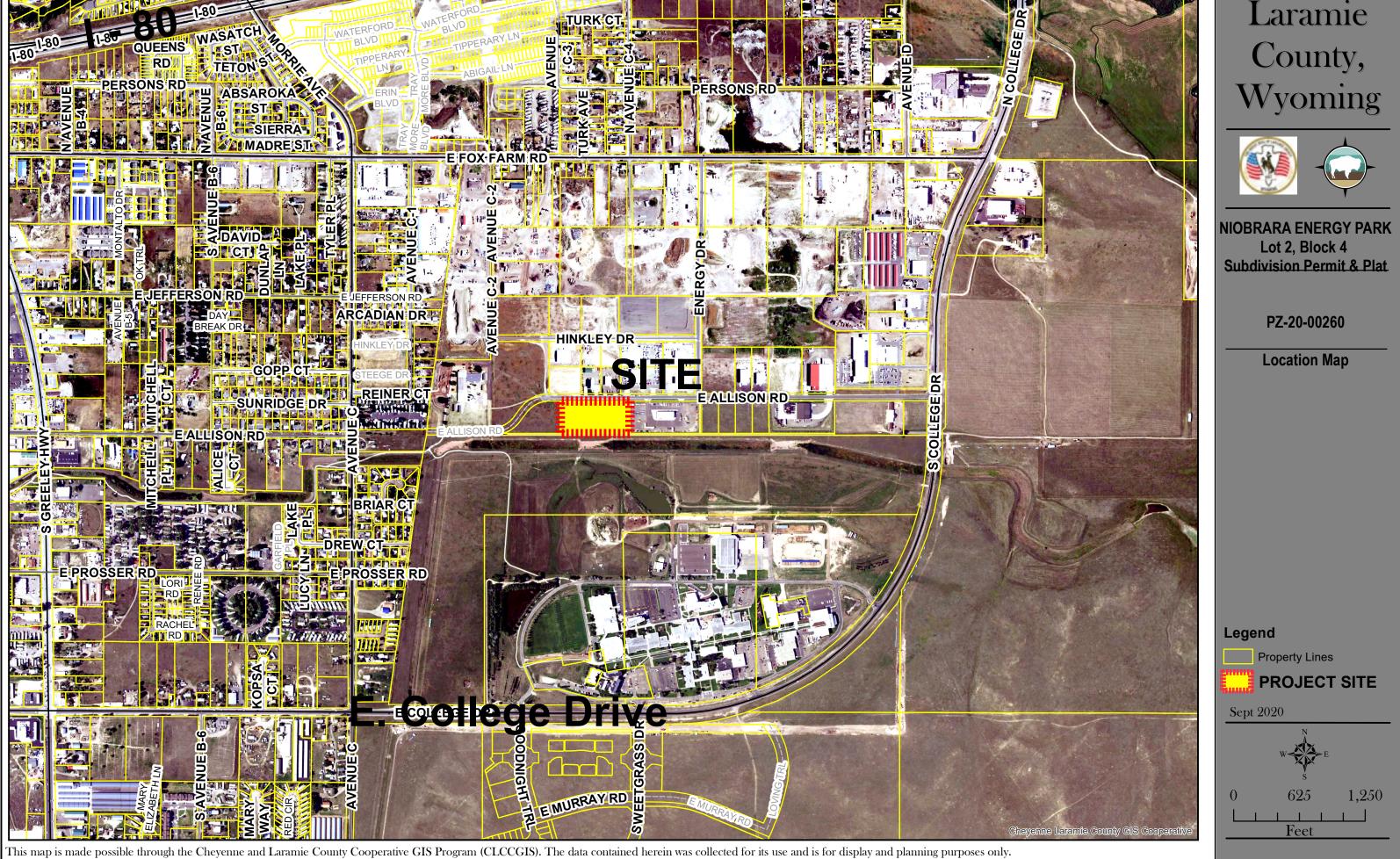
Attachment 5: Zoning Map

Attachment 6: Applicant Traffic/Drainage Study Waiver Request

Attachment 7: Agency Comments Report w/Written Response- October 6, 2020

Attachment 8: Plat – Revised October 6, 2020

Attachment 9: Resolution

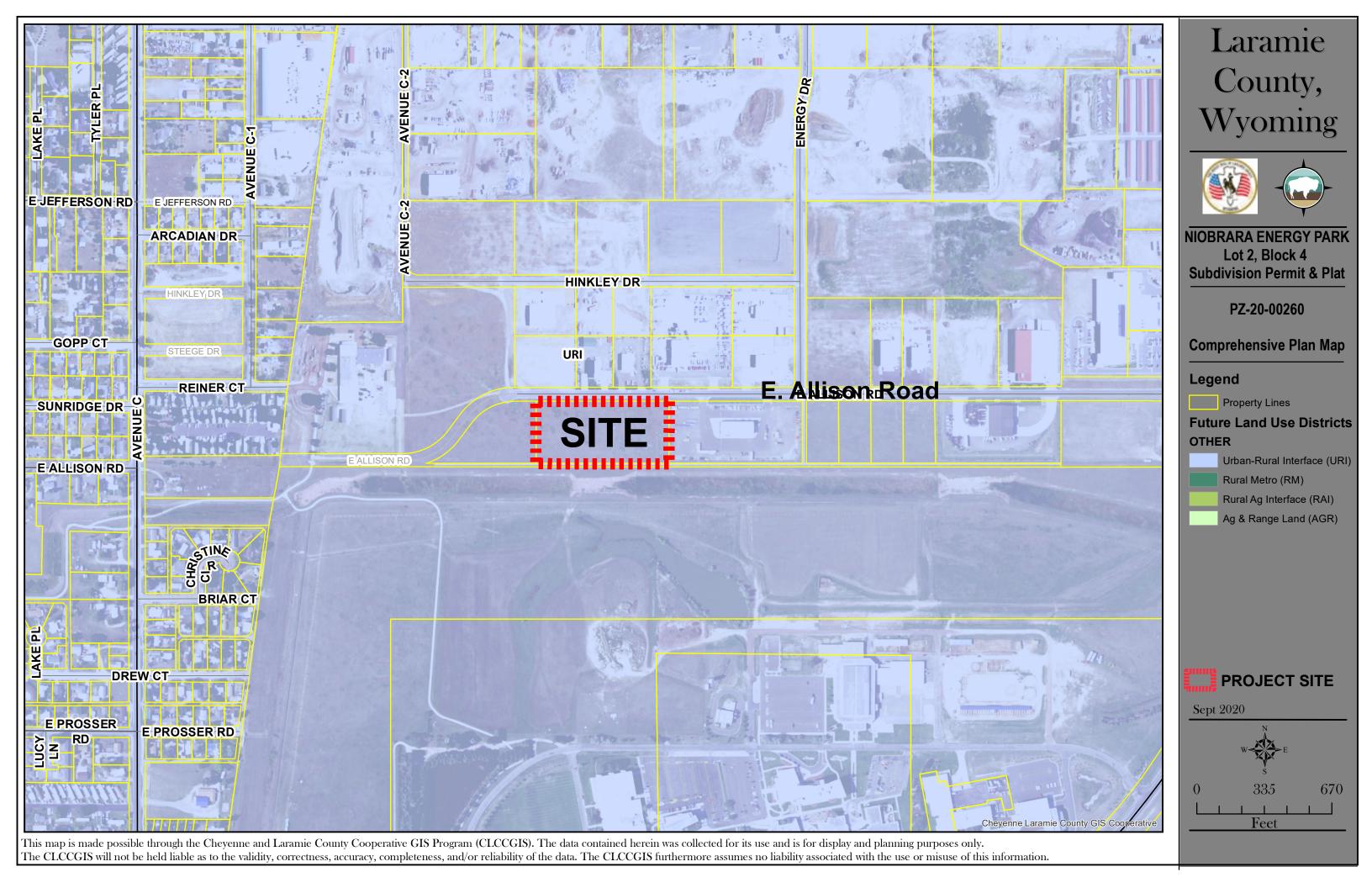


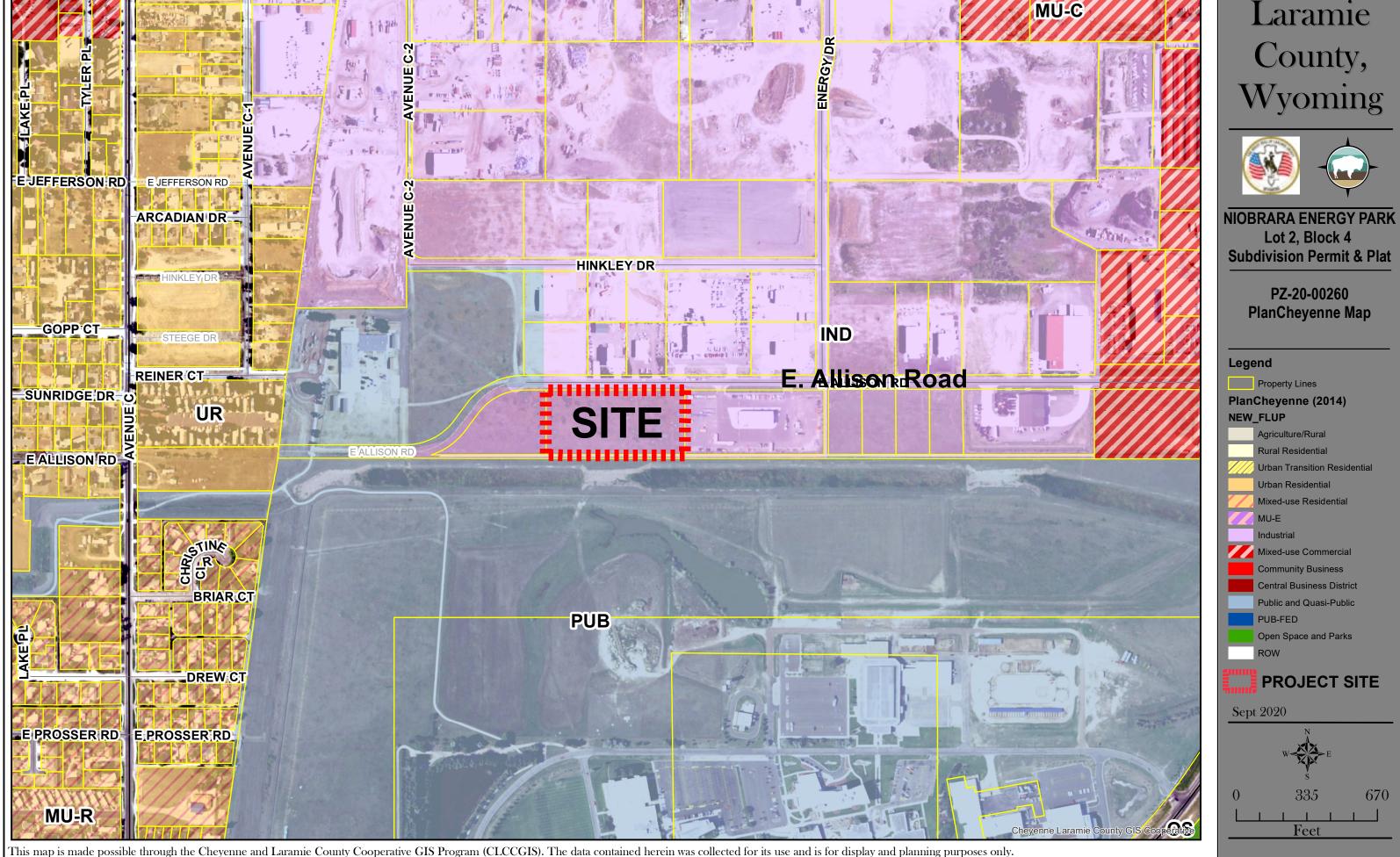
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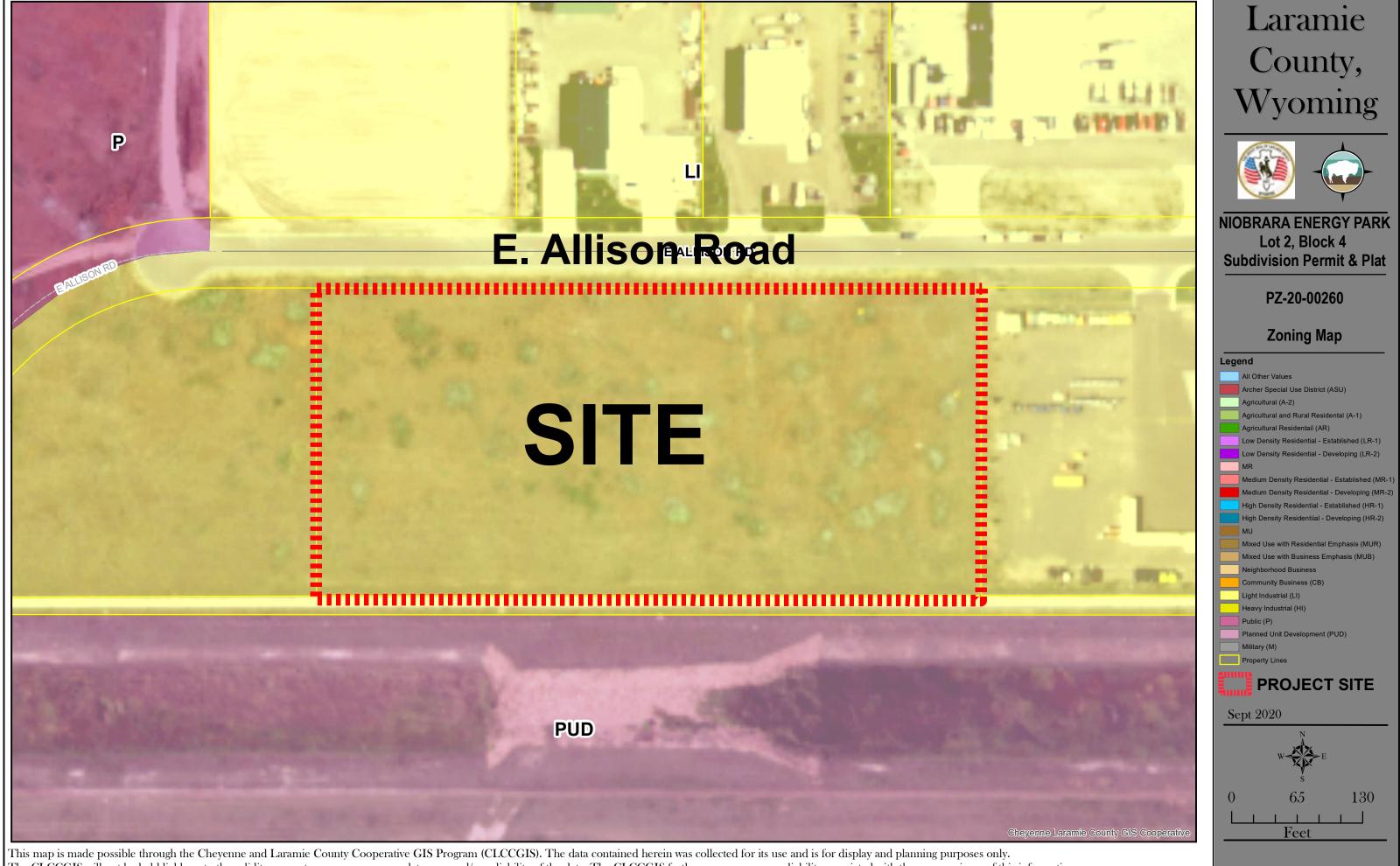
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Niobrara Energy Park, 4th Filing Subdivision Permit and Plat Friday, September 11, 2020 Page 1 of 1

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September 11, 2020

Paul Whalen, Laramie County Planning 3931 Archer Parkway Cheyenne, WY 82009

RE: Niobrara Energy Park, 4th Filing Subdivision Permit and Plat

Traffic & Drainage Study Waiver Request

Dear Mr. Whalen,

We would like to request a waiver for the requirement of providing a Traffic & Drainage Study at this time.

Future development will possibly encompass three buildings with industrial character. One of the buildings will be built structurally as one, with an internal fire wall internally dividing the structure in half. All four buildings will be leased by various operations. It is our intent to submit an overall Site and Landscape Plan that will encompass all four Lots, once approved. At which time and if necessary, drainage and traffic will be addressed. East Allison Road, designated and built as a Collector will provide access.

The ITE (International Traffic Engineer) Trip Generator Manual, 9th Edition, estimates that 6.97 trips per 1,000 square feet of building could be generated. At an estimated 32,000 square feet of total building space, 223 daily trips are possible.

An overall Drainage Plan has been built for the entire Niobrara Energy Park area. The existing ponds were sized for full build-out, which includes this proposed development. A supporting Drainage Report will be provided with any Site Plan application, providing calculated run-off volumes, and the remaining regional detention pond volume capacity.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this project in greater detail, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

Bryan Nicholas

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<u>County Real Estate Office:</u> County Real Estate Office, Laura Pate Comments Attached 09/18/2020

4G Properties LLC AND Sarne Family LLC own this lot. Both companies will need to sign the dedication and have their signatures notarized.

County Engineer: County Engineer, Scott Larson Comments Attached 09/17/2020

- 1. The 90' Joint Access Easement shown doesn't go to the right-of-way line so it is unclear where the joint access that ties to East Allison Road is. Is it located on a lot adjacent to the platted area?
- 2. What is the 15' easement shown in the northeast and northwest corners of the plat for? It should be labeled (i.e., Utility Easement, drainage easement, etc.).
- 3. I concur with the request for a waiver of a detailed Traffic Study and Drainage study at this time. A drainage summary/analysis/addendum will need to be submitted with any site plan applications describing how the proposed development fits with the original Drainage Study previously submitted for Niobrara Park.

<u>County Public Works Department:</u> County Public Works Department, David Bumann Comments Attached 09/17/2020

Flood Plain considerations will have to be accounted for at the site plane phase.

WYDOT: WYDOT, Randy Griesbach Comments Attached 09/18/2020 At time of site plan development, the scope of a traffic impact study will need to be determined. At a minimum, a review of the new estimated trip generation as compared to the original TIS trip generation assumptions should be completed.

<u>Wyoming Game & Fish Dept:</u> Wyoming Game & Fish, Wyoming Game and Fish Dept No Response 10/01/2020

WGFD comment letter sent via email.

Dear Mr. Whalen,

The staff of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (Department) has reviewed the proposed Niobrara Energy Park subdivision located in Laramie County. We have no terrestrial wildlife or aquatic concerns pertaining to the proposed project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Anika Mahoney, Habitat Protection Biologist, at 307-335-2623.

Sincerely,

Amanda Losch Habitat Protection Supervisor AL/am/ct

cc: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Chris Wichmann, Wyoming Department of Agriculture

<u>Chevenne Planning:</u> Cheyenne Development Services, Seth Lloyd Comments Attached 09/30/2020

The 90' access easement should be called out as going all the way to the north edge of the property (instead of the edge of the utility easement).

Allison is intended to connect to the west and become a major street in the future. Number of total allowed accesses onto Allison should be limited by a plat note.

Official comment letter emailed. (See below)

September 30, 2020

Board of County Commissioners 310 W 19th St #320 Cheyenne, WY 82001

RE: Niobrara Energy Park, 4th Filing City Comments

Board of County Commissioners,

In compliance with W.S. 34-12-103 (b) the City hereby submits the following comments regarding the Niobrara Energy Park, 4th Filing Plat:

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- 2. Future annexation of the property will prompt review by the City. Concurrent with annexation by petition, public improvements to streets may be required; driveway accesses will be reviewed for conformance with City standards and may require modification; and Community Facility Fees will be required to be paid to the City. The City defers timing of design and construction of public improvements to the County.

I do not believe that there are any items of disagreement that warrant a response by the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to W.S. 34-12-103-(b). Thank you,

Charles W. Bloom, AICP Planning and Development Director

<u>Intraoffice:</u> Planners, Paul Whalen Comments Attached 09/25/2020 PLANNER COMMENTS:

- 1. Please add the 16-foot utility easement adjacent to East Allison Road and north of the 90-ft joint access easement (if it is to remain on this plat);
- 2. Also on each end of the 90-ft joint access easement there is a 15-ft area designated but there is no identification for what this area/easement is proposed for;

NO COMMENT:

Cheyenne MPO, Christopher Yaney, 09/17/2020; Cheyenne Development Services, Seth Lloyd, 09/30/2020; County Assessor, Kaycee Eisele, 09/16/2020; Combined Communications Center, Chuck Trimble; 09/21/2020; Sheriff's Office, Rae Morgan, 09/16/2020; GIS Planners, Cambia McCollom, 09/16/2020; Laramie Co School Dist. No. 1, Chris Hout, 09/17/2020; Environmental Health Department, Roy Kroeger, 09/18/2020;

NO RESPONSE:

County Attorney, Mark Voss;
US Post Office, Denise Null;
Emergency Management, Matt Butler;
Black Hills Energy, Eric Underhill;
CenturyLink, Darrin Klawon;
Fire District No. 1, Darrick Mittlestadt;
Laramie County Weed & Pest, Brett Nelson;
County Conservation District, Shaun Kirkwood;
Wyoming DEQ, Colin McKee;



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Sincerely,

Amanda Losch

Habitat Protection Supervisor

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cc: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Chris Wichmann, Wyoming Department of Agriculture

Niobrara Energy Park, 4th Filing Tuesday, October 06, 2020 Page **1** of **2**



October 6, 2020 20,4423

Mr. Paul Whalen 3966 Archer Parkway Cheyenne, WY 82009

RE: Niobrara Energy Park, 4th Filing

Dear Mr. Whalen,

Attached for your review is the second resubmittal of the Subdivision Permit and Plat for the above referenced project. This letter is in response to the County's comments (sent 10/1/2020) on the first Subdivision Permit and Plat submittal. The County's related comments are listed below with AVI's response or solution in red.

County Real Estate Office

4G Properties LLC AND Sarne Family LLC own this lot. Both companies will need to sign the dedication and have their signatures notarized.

Noted. Signatures have been added to the Plat.

County Engineer

1. The 90' Joint Access Easement shown doesn't go to the right-of-way line so it is unclear where the joint access that ties to East Allison Road is. Is it located on a lot adjacent to the platted area?

The 90' Access Easement is now shown to the Right of Way line. Ties have been added from the property corners.

2. What is the 15' easement shown in the northeast and northwest corners of the plat for? It should be labeled (i.e., Utility Easement, drainage easement, etc.).

15' dimensions were to show the distance of the 90' Access Easement from the East and West property lines. These have been removed, and distance and bearings have been annotated from the property corners to the start of the 90' Access Easement.

3. I concur with the request for a waiver of a detailed Traffic Study and Drainage study at this time. A drainage summary/analysis/addendum will need to be submitted with any site plan applications describing how the proposed development fits with the original Drainage Study previously submitted for Niobrara Park.

Noted.

County Public Works Department

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Noted.

Niobrara Energy Park, 4th Filing Tuesday, October 06, 2020 Page **2** of **2**



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Cheyenne Planning

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Intraoffice

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Noted, revisions have been made.

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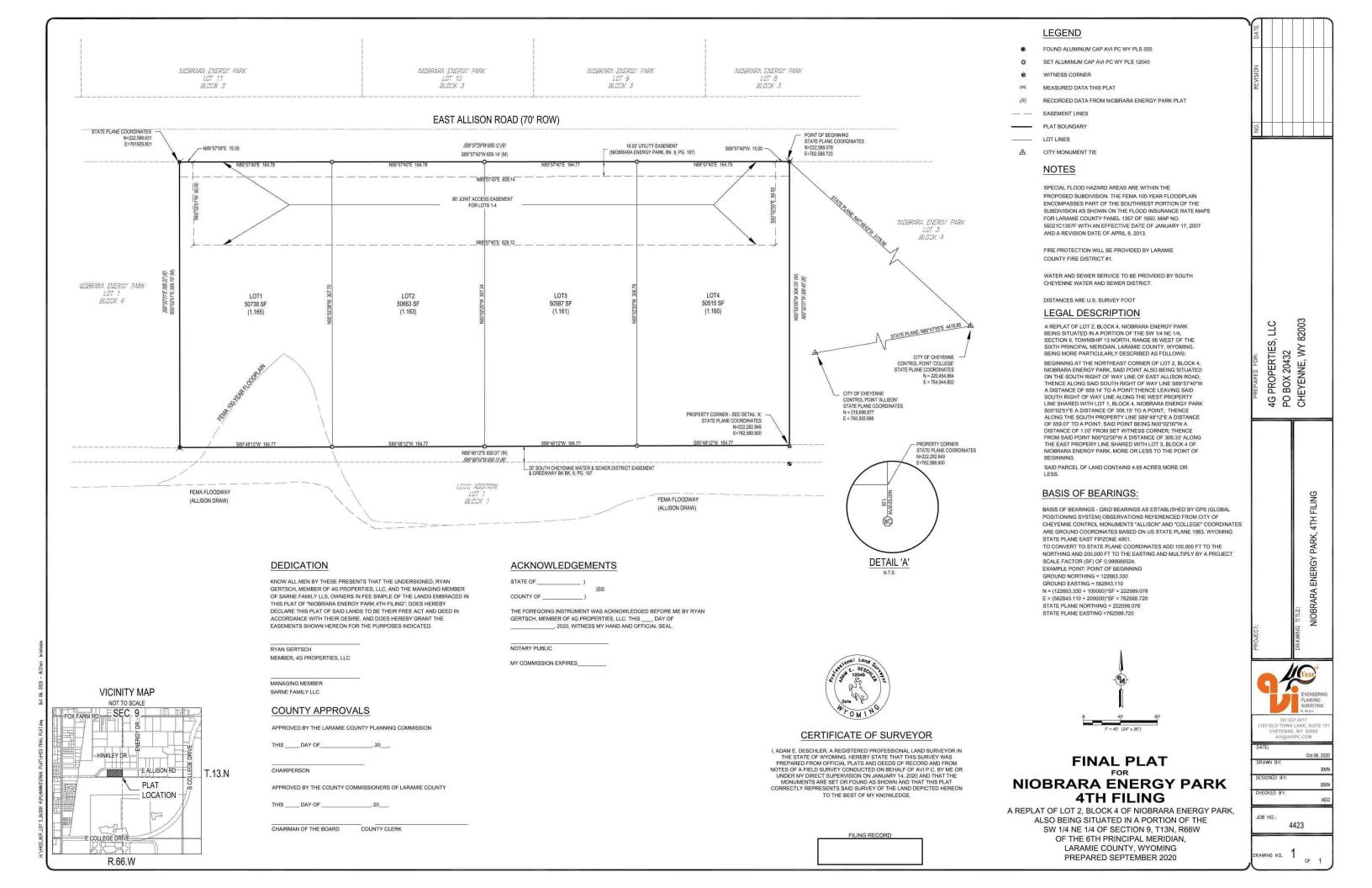
Please feel contact me with any questions or additional information you might need.

Sincerely,

307.637.6017

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A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A SUBDIVISION PERMIT AND PLAT FOR NIOBRARA ENERGY PARK SUBDIVISION, 4TH FILING, A REPLAT OF LOT 2, BLOCK 4, NIOBRARA ENERGY PARK, LARAMIE COUNTY, WY.

WHEREAS, Wyoming State Statutes §18-5-201 to 18-5-208; §18-5-301 to 18-5-315 authorize Laramie County, in promoting the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the county, to regulate the use of land through zoning in unincorporated Laramie County; and

WHEREAS, the Laramie County Board of Commissioners previously adopted the 2011 Laramie County Land Use Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed subdivision and plat is in accordance with section 2-1-101 (a-e) of the 2011 Laramie County Land Use Regulations; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is the subdivision permit for Niobrara Energy Park Subdivision, 4th Filing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING, as follows:

The Laramie County Board of Commissioners finds that:

a. This application is in conformance with section 2-1-101 (a-e) of the Laramie County Land Use Regulations.

And the Board approves the Subdivision Permit and Plat for Niobrara Energy Park Subdivision, 4th Filing.

PRESENTED, READ AND ADOPT	TED THIS DAY OF
	LARAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
	Gunnar Malm, Chairman
ATTEST:	
Debra K. Lee, Laramie County Clerk	
Reviewed and approved as to form:	
Laramie County Attorney	