# Planning Commission Staff Report 

| Project Type: | Amended Site Development Concept Plan |
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| Meeting Date: | June 14, 2021 |
| From: | Natalie Nye, Planner |
| Location: | North of Chesterfield Airport Rd. and east of Spirit of St. Louis Blvd. |

Description: Spirit of St. Louis Corporate Center (Gateway Studios): An Amended Site Development Concept Plan, Landscape Concept Plan, and Lighting Concept Plan for a 30.8 -acre vacant tract of land zoned "PC" Planned Commercial located on the north side of Chesterfield Airport Road east of Spirit of St. Louis Boulevard (17V420168, 17V410103, 17V430046, 17V440111).

## PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Stock and Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc. has submitted an Amended Site Development Concept Plan for Planning Commission review. This request depicts a phased development of two lots that totals 30.8 acres. The subject site is zoned "PC" Planned Commercial District and is currently governed under the terms and conditions of City of Chesterfield Ordinance 2342. An Amended Site Development Concept Plan, Landscape Concept Plan, and Lighting Concept Plan have all been submitted for review and approval in accordance with the governing ordinance.


Figure 1: Aerial of Subject Site

## HISTORY OF SUBJECT SITE

The subject property was originally zoned "M3" Planned Industrial District by St. Louis County. On March 19, 2007 Ordinance 2342 was approved which rezoned the property to "PC" Planned Commercial District. In 2008 a Site Development Concept Plan was approved. This plan called for a
mixture of retail and office buildings on nine lots. The proposed development depicted on the 2008 Site Development Concept Plan was never built and the site remains vacant.

In 2021 applications for a Boundary Adjustment Plat, Amended Site Development Concept Plan, and Site Development Section Plans for Lots 1 and 2, and an Architectural Specialty Lighting Plan were submitted for the development known as Gateway Studios, a campus containing recording and film studios, office space and a hotel. The site is currently vacant awaiting development.


Figure 2: Future Land Use Map

## STAFF ANALYSIS

The subject site is located on the north side of Chesterfield Airport Road, east of Spirit of St. Louis Blvd., and south of Highway 40/Interstate 64. The area is designated "Regional Commercial" within the City of Chesterfield Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and the subject site comprises a total of 30.8 acres.

The Amended Site Development Concept Plan complies with approved site-specific Ordinance 2342. The proposed uses of art studio, office and hotel are listed as permitted uses in the governing ordinance. The proposed development is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan designation of "Regional Commercial". The Comprehensive Plan defines this designation as areas that serve regional commercial needs and draw visitors from both Chesterfield and the surrounding areas. The designation calls for uses that emphasize retail, dining, entertaining, hotel and leisure components. The proposed uses follow the intent of the designation as described in the Land Use Plan.

## Amended Site Development Concept Plan

The Concept Plan depicts the proposed lots, the existing internal drive, proposed building footprints, and parking areas. The subject site is composed of two lots as seen in Figure 3, all of which is currently undeveloped. Site Development Section Plans for Lot 1 and Lot 2 have been submitted. The building footprints on the Concept Plan include Lot 2's hotel building and Lot 1's Main Building, Studio 2 and additional future studio space that will be developed at a later phase.


Figure 3: Site Development Concept Plan
Vehicular access is provided via three access points off of Chesterfield Airport Road and Spirit of St. Louis Blvd. Two of the access points currently exist, as the internal drive depicted on the plan has already been constructed. The final access point is a right-in right-out drive servicing Lot 1 of the development from Chesterfield Airport Road. The proposed lots will have a total of seven access points off of the internal drive. A sidewalk network is proposed throughout the plan connecting the two lots as well as along the perimeter of the site.

## Landscape Concept Plan

The Landscape Concept Plan outlines the required buffer areas along Chesterfield Airport Road and Spirit of St. Louis Blvd. Both require a 30' landscape buffer per the Unified Development Code (UDC). The site does not include any tree stands and therefore there are no tree preservation requirements. Adequate landscaping is proposed throughout the site.

## Lighting Concept Plan

The applicant has submitted the required Lighting Concept Plan. The primary purpose of the Lighting Concept Plan is to provide streetlighting along Chesterfield Airport Road, Spirit of St. Louis Blvd. as well as the internal roadway. All entrance drives are illuminated for safety. All streetlight fixtures are flat lensed, fully enclosed, and directed downward as required by the UDC.

## DEPARTMENTAL INPUT

Staff has reviewed the submittal and has found the application to be in conformance with the City of Chesterfield Unified Development Code and Ordinance 2342. Staff recommends approval of the Amended Site Development Concept Plan for the Spirit of St. Louis Corporate Center (Gateway Studios).

## MOTION

The following options are provided to the Planning Commission for consideration relative to this application:

1) "I move to approve (or deny) the Amended Site Development Concept Plan, Landscape Concept Plan, and Lighting Concept Plan for Spirit of St. Louis Corporate Center (Gateway Studios)."
2) "I move to approve the Amended Site Development Concept Plan, Landscape Concept Plan, and Lighting Concept Plan for Spirit of St. Louis Corporate Center (Gateway Studios) with the following conditions..." (conditions may be added, eliminated, altered or modified)

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