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City Council Gives Preliminary Approval to The Pillars Project

Hermantown, Minn. – Hermantown’s City Council approved a preliminary Planned Unit Development (PUD) for a senior living community featuring 110 total units by a 5-0 vote at Monday’s meeting.

The project – dubbed “The Pillars” – will feature a mix of independent, assisted, and memory care units within the three-story building. The Pillars differs from a recently proposed project on the same site that featured a taller senior building, 20+ single-family homes, and several fourplexes. The site itself is 10 acres located on the corner of Maple Grove Road and Lavaque Road in the center of Hermantown.

That initial project – called “The Arbours” – was voted down by a 3-2 mark by the City Council primarily because of concerns about density and building height. Oppidan, the developer for The Pillars, visited with community members in advance of tonight’s meeting to help understand their initial concerns and answer any remaining questions.

The project is now scheduled for final approval from Hermantown’s Planning and Zoning Commission at its March 17 meeting. The final step would be approval of the final PUD at Hermantown’s April 6 meeting.

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