

Whitney Plaza gets final OK

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A massive Whitney Benefits project that creates 36 lots for residential and commercial development near Grinnell Avenue and Connor Street received final plat approval from the City Council on Monday.

The project, called Whitney Plaza, encompasses more than 11 acres and could accommodate multifamily and single-family residences.

Whitney Benefits, which has demolished several buildings on the site to make way for the development, does not plan to build anything there but rather provide a plat for developers.

The city's Planning Department has not yet received any plans for the area, other than the School District 2 administration building that is



Tom Kinnison
Whitney Board President

going up now on the east end of Grinnell Avenue.

The plat approved by the council had been modified by taking out one-half acre originally intended for lease parking that could have been rented by neighboring businesses.

Whitney Benefits Board President Tom Kinnison said the one-half acre was removed because Whitney Benefits does not own it. He said Whitney Benefits is working on a contract to purchase the one-half acre.

Whitney Benefits has said its project is an attempt to revitalize downtown.

The council also approved vacating alleys between Connor and Custer streets and Custer and Brundage streets for Whitney Plaza.

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