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## City Council Agenda

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**April 19, 2023**  
**9:00 AM**

48. 22-0701 - ABEYANCE ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: FOUNDERS CLASSICAL ACADEMY OF LAS VEGAS - For possible action on the following Land Use Entitlement project requests on 7.45 acres at 5730 West Alexander Road (APN 138-01-401-005), U (Undeveloped) Zone, [ML (Medium Low Density Residential) General Plan Designation], Ward 5 (Crear). The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) and Staff recommend APPROVAL on the entire Land Use Entitlement project.

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open for Items 48-48d.

BARRETT POWLEY, architect; RAMIR HERNANDEZ, President of the Governing Board; GILBERT DONATELLI, Assistant Principal at Founders Classical Academy of Las Vegas (Founders); and MACK McKNIGHT were present.

PETER LOWENSTEIN, Deputy Planning Director, reported that staff found the proposed building and classroom addition to the existing primary and secondary school campus to be compatible with the existing and future surrounding uses; therefore, they recommended approval of the Site Development Plan Review and associated Special Use Permits.

LEX ANDERSON, Historian for NARA (Las Vegas Northwest Area Residents Association), said a lot has gone into this project. He spoke of being involved in the original project but noted it fell through because of interest rates. He acknowledged that NARA has made concessions in support of this project and looked forward to a two-bell queue system, which will help to mitigate present traffic and parking concerns. He felt that Alexander Road is problematic and does not conform to the urban profile for traditional traffic interventions, noting multiple vehicle collisions have occurred in the area. MR. ANDERSON said NARA asked Planning to consider three conditions: 1) For the Founders crash gates to remain as a crash gate only; 2) For rural preservation to be included in the special areas and overlay district section of the Staff Report; and 3) For NARA to be involved in future Founders' traffic studies. He submitted additional comments and a letter for the record.

COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE asked if the applicants have to return to the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority to request or keep them apprised of the expansion. MR. HERNANDEZ said this project was approved by the Authority at their December meeting. COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN thanked MR. McKNIGHT for everything he does in volunteering.

COUNCILMAN CREAR appreciated meeting with the applicants and their explanation of the challenges of the project.

Subsequent to the vote, MR. McKNIGHT thanked the Mayor for all that she does.

See Items 48a-48d for related backup.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed for Items 48-48d.