

## *Articles regarding the Downtown Project - The Venue (6-story Apartment)/Aldi - Chanhassen Villager*

\*November 30, 2017

[https://www.swnewsmedia.com/chanhassen\\_villager/news/local/short-and-sweet/article\\_c8e925bc-df78-5803-a964-9eea5faa172c.html](https://www.swnewsmedia.com/chanhassen_villager/news/local/short-and-sweet/article_c8e925bc-df78-5803-a964-9eea5faa172c.html)

“I thought it was a really valuable report, really great content, great feedback,” said Councilor Elise Ryan. “I wish we would have had this before we moved forward on the other project because this is just really good information, and getting feedback on what people would like our downtown to be,” Ryan said.

Ryan and Councilor Dan Campion were critics of the recently approved Venue apartment complex and Aldi grocery store redevelopment in downtown Chanhassen. Ryan had asked for the project to be delayed until the downtown plan was completed.

\*September 12, 2017

[https://www.swnewsmedia.com/chanhassen\\_villager/news/local/tax-subsidy-ok-ed-for-redevelopment/article\\_5fa08461-c70c-59d7-83fb-d14de5587221.html](https://www.swnewsmedia.com/chanhassen_villager/news/local/tax-subsidy-ok-ed-for-redevelopment/article_5fa08461-c70c-59d7-83fb-d14de5587221.html)

“I haven’t received one email of support,” said Ryan, who also criticized how the project was moving through at “lightning speed.”

\*July 25, 2017

[https://www.swnewsmedia.com/chanhassen\\_villager/news/local/tax-subsidy-moves-ahead-on-apartment-project/article\\_15fae765-6466-50d1-aa98-b838ce7564c8.html](https://www.swnewsmedia.com/chanhassen_villager/news/local/tax-subsidy-moves-ahead-on-apartment-project/article_15fae765-6466-50d1-aa98-b838ce7564c8.html)

“We are talking about enticing business to move here,” said Councilor Ryan. “We are doing this for one apartment building ... for 134 units. “I’m not so sure that’s encouraging maximum growth.”

3-2 vote approved (1. Ryan 2. Campion)

\*July 10, 2017

[https://www.swnewsmedia.com/chanhassen\\_villager/news/local/chanhassen-city-council-approves-large-downtown-redevelopment/article\\_1478a232-c0b8-54b0-a007-1080cef2a674.html](https://www.swnewsmedia.com/chanhassen_villager/news/local/chanhassen-city-council-approves-large-downtown-redevelopment/article_1478a232-c0b8-54b0-a007-1080cef2a674.html)

Ryan had earlier proposed a downtown redevelopment moratorium until a consultant finishes a downtown vision study in a few months. The motion failed 3-2 along the same council split.

“It’s our downtown. It’s the center of our city and I think it’s important for us to be really thoughtful and careful and intentional with what we choose to have go into this piece of property or any other property in downtown,” Ryan said.

\*June 28, 2017

[https://www.swnewsmedia.com/chanhassen\\_villager/news/local/council-splits-on-aldi-development-grant/article\\_fbd5bae9-3b41-5cb5-8731-69f95dfb86b9.html](https://www.swnewsmedia.com/chanhassen_villager/news/local/council-splits-on-aldi-development-grant/article_fbd5bae9-3b41-5cb5-8731-69f95dfb86b9.html)

Ryan was concerned that developers were asking for a “significant amount of money for this project” and noted that developers had also applied for a \$60,000 grant through the Carver County Community Development Agency. She also said that the city has been asked to create a (\$1.3 million) tax increment financing district for the development. “I just am very concerned about the amount of money that is going to this particular project,” Ryan said.

Ryan said she also was concerned about the impact of using resources for the redevelopment project, when the council recently started a long-term planning process for downtown.

\*December 14, 2016

[https://www.swnewsmedia.com/chanhassen\\_villager/news/local/aldi-apartment-proposal-will-get-formal-review/article\\_8c8c3efa-d112-531a-b590-816e614049d1.html](https://www.swnewsmedia.com/chanhassen_villager/news/local/aldi-apartment-proposal-will-get-formal-review/article_8c8c3efa-d112-531a-b590-816e614049d1.html)

All five members of the council agreed to recommend that a formal proposal be submitted to the city even though councilors Dan Campion and Elise Ryan have said they’ve heard from residents who question the need for another grocery store downtown.

\*December 8, 2016

[https://www.swnewsmedia.com/chanhassen\\_villager/news/local/grocery-apartment-proposal-on-agenda/article\\_6d1408e9-1b5d-59c1-a06d-289132721a38.html](https://www.swnewsmedia.com/chanhassen_villager/news/local/grocery-apartment-proposal-on-agenda/article_6d1408e9-1b5d-59c1-a06d-289132721a38.html)

While Mayor Denny Laufenburger and Councilor Bethany Tjornhom were in favor of moving ahead, councilors Dan Campion, Jerry McDonald and Elise Ryan wanted additional time for review.