

Apartment complex a step closer to being built

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The start of construction of 40 apartments at the former Brodart warehouse site on Memorial Avenue and Oliver Street can begin as soon as demolition, which is expected to begin next week, takes place.

The city planning commission gave a positive recommendation for NRP Group of Cleveland, Ohio, to build the apartment complex following the demolition.

Voting in favor of giving the company its land development and subdivision request were Chairman Marv Staiman, Carolyn Bullock, Chris Keiser, William Rischar and Charles Plankenhorn. Members Harry Sechler, Tom Hunsberger, Sam Washington and Theresa Williams were absent.

There were no dissenting voices on the commission. The issue goes before City Council at its next meeting Aug. 8.

The site plan indicates 70 parking spaces for the apartment dwellers, according to Gary Knarr, city zoning officer.

The housing developers envision areas for walking and bicycling on the drawing.

The 40 apartments are the start of a multi-housing project at the site. The next phase will be construction of 32 townhouses, according to John Grado, city engineer and director of city community and economic development.

Demolition crews are expected to arrive Monday, Knarr said.