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Tom,

Your take is very good. I've suggested some edits. Frankly, I wouldn't go into the condition specifics unless the reporters bring it up. The Commission was basically saying that their recommendation on specialized building signage should be closer to the City's current sign code. Since I suspect that will get re-raised and discussed with the Council before it's done, making too big a deal of it now could make it look like the Council gave in to the developer if they permit something in between. Here you go:

The Eagan Advisory Planning Commission reviewed the Minnesota Vikings' development application submittal for almost two hours, forwarding a recommendation to the City Council with a recommendation for preliminary approval of the nearly 200 acre site, which in phase one will include the Vikings team headquarters, indoor practice facility, four outdoor practice fields and a small 6,000 person stadium. The City Council has scheduled a special meeting on Monday, May 23 to hold a public hearing on the project and review consider the Planning Commission recommendations.

The public comment was minimal and very localized. Even the comments that raised questions or concerns were positive about the project itself, except for one neighbor who expressed concern about the large development disturbing the tranquility of her yard and gardens. By way of context, hers is one of three single family homes that remain in the area that are zoned for business park use someday. Between that property's location adjacent to 494 and 149 under the primary flight tracks, the residential use is the anachronism, not an integrated, mixed-use development.

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