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## Condominiums, subdivision win approval

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Oldham planners last week approved two developments: 40 condominiums designed to match the historic architecture of its neighborhood in La Grange and 31 homes in Crestwood.

The condo development, known as The Riebel Property, will sit on 6.5 acres off Clifford Lane.

The Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to approve the plan and voted 6-4 to endorse a zoning change allowing a higher-density residential project.



"I think the design is quite good. But I think it's the wrong site at the wrong time," said Commissioner Jan Horton, who voted against the rezoning.

Commissioner Joe McWilliams said Ridge Development & Construction's plan was better than a single-family home development that would be allowed on the site under the current zoning.

Several people spoke against the plans. Neighbor Laurel Tarbis said the area is mostly single-family homes and that condominiums would not fit in. The project "will substantially and permanently alter the character of the area."

Bill Lammlein, a downtown businessman with experience in historic architecture, worked on the design of the condos.

"I took parts and pieces" of the characteristics along nearby Kentucky Avenue.

The commission unanimously approved plans for the Crestwood subdivision, to be called Highgrove.

Plans for the 64 acres call for trails along Floyds Fork, an entrance off Mount Zion Road and more than one acre of green space at the entrance. It also would have 11 acres of open space.

Amanda Dreckman, who lives in the area, said she's concerned about the development's impact on the roads and environment.

The roads are curvy and narrow and have little sight distance at several intersections, she said.

Kevin Young, who worked on the project for developer Lewis Carlisle, said traffic would have a

minimum impact on Mount Zion Road.

Before the vote, Horton said the development "appears to be one of the better-designed plans proposed in Oldham County."

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