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Hoopeston, motel owner agree 'in concept' on local motel

Hoopeston officials and a Danville motel owner have agreed in concept on a motel for the city.

Bhupendra Naik, owner of two Best Western motels in Danville, plans to build a 22-room motel on the site of the former Baer's Trailer Park on Rtes. 1 and 9.

The Hoopeston City Council, at a special meeting Monday night, unanimously approved purchasing the roughly 6.24 acres of the former trailer park and giving approximately two acres to Naik to build the independent motel. The city will pay \$125,000 for the land, which was appraised at \$250,000, said Mayor Chalmers Flint.

Naik estimated the motel, which will include a lobby and offer continental breakfasts, will cost approximately \$500,000 to build. An outdoor swimming pool may be added at a later time, depending on demand, he said.

Since the property is in Hoopeston's Tax Increment Financing district, Naik will be eligible for 70 percent reimbursement of eligible costs. That amount will be paid back in eight or 10 years, depending on how much income is generated by the motel.

Getting a motel for Hoopeston is a dream come true for Flint, who has spent much of his four years working to bring a motel to the city. "I think we're very fortunate to have this gentleman," he said. "We really, desperately need a motel."

Flint has worked with Naik "on and off" for three years. "Things didn't work out the first time or two but they have this time," Flint said.

Flint had hoped to have the motel sewn up earlier



NAIK

in his term but Naik backed out. Flint said then that Naik's son, who is expected to manage the motel, thought his father should build in a larger area.

Financing for the project will come from First National Bank of Danville. Jeff Fauvre, representing the bank, said "we're very excited about the project," saying it "fills a niche in a small market."

Naik, born in India, came to the United States 35 years ago and started his career in motels in

1974. "I made my dream true here," he said at the meeting. He said he plans to run a "small, clean, nice hotel with high standards" and will use current industry standards as his guideline. His other motels are on Gilbert St. and Lynch Rd. in Danville.

A construction date has not been set but Naik estimated it will take 12-15 months to build the motel and an additional three months if a pool is added. He indicated he would use local contractors as much as possible.

Some details must still be worked out. Fauvre said the results of a couple core samples on the property have not come in but that a "no further remediation" letter is expected from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Not everyone at the meeting agreed with the city's actions. "I think it would be neat to have a motel but I don't think the city ought to be in the real estate business," said Leon Polson, adding "other areas in the city need development."

Flint agreed. "Maybe once we get this developed, the other areas will be developed, too," he said.

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Bowling Scores



Thursday Afternoon Ladies League		
3/10/05		
1.	Pla-Mor	
	46.5	
34.5		
2.	Unger's	
	45.5	

3.	H&R Block	35.5
	43	
	38	
4.	Knuth's	
	41.5	
	39.5	
5.	Rich's Babes	
	34	
	47	
6.	Carolynn's	
	32.5	
	48.5	

High Team Handicap Game: H&R Block 862, Knuth's 820, Unger's 802; **High Team Handicap Series:** H&R Block 2,441, Pla-Mor 2,351, Unger's 2,306; **High Indi-**

Free household hazardous waste collection set for Saturday

The Illinois EPA, Vermilion County Recycling Program and Keep Vermilion County Beautiful are sponsoring a free household hazardous waste collection from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 30. The collection will be held at the Vermilion County Health Department, 200 S. College, Danville.

Materials accepted at the collection include oil-based paints, paint thinner, herbicides, insecticides, pool chemicals, aerosol paints automotive batteries, household batteries, drain cleaners, solvents, hobby chemicals, cleaning products, pesticides, cell phones, eye glasses, used motor oil, lawn chemicals, antifreeze, gasoline, fluorescent tubes, mercury thermometers and mercury switches.

Latex paint will not be accepted. Nor will agricultural waste, medical waste, farm machinery oil, business and commercial waste, propane tanks, fire extinguishers, explosives and fireworks, smoke detectors and institutional waste.

For information on handling latex paint for other aspects of the collection, call Recycling Coordinator Lynn Wolgamot at (217) 431-2662, ext. 249.

vidual Scratch Game: Darlene Musk 179, Leona York 168, Ellen Dobkins 167; **Individual Scratch Series:** Darlene Musk 477, Leona York 453, Rhonda Gilbert 443.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies League		
3/24/05		
1.	Pla-Mor	
	49.5	
	34.5	
2.	Unger's	
	48.5	
	35.5	
3.	H&R Block	
	46	
	38	
4.	Knuth's	
	42.5	
	39.5	
5.	Rich's Babes	
	38	

6.	Carolynn's	47
	36.5	
	48.5	
High Team Handicap Game: Unger's 861, Pla-Mor 858, Rich's Babes 810; High Team Handicap Series: Unger's 2,507, Pla-Mor 2,413, H&R Block 2,361 High Individual Scratch Game: Darlene Musk 203, JoAnne Gress 193, Tammy Bertram 187; Individual Scratch Series: Darlene Musk 551, JoAnne Gress 488, Judy Clark 485.		

Thursday Night City Men's League		
3/31/05		
1.	Tax Service Plus	
	111	
	85	
2.	Lawson Products	
	111	
	85	
3.	Noble House Construction	102
		94
4.	ConAgra Foods	
	97	
	99	
5.	Team America	
		97
		99
6.	Pla-Mor Lanes	

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