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New plans for Fan Fare area in the works

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AURORA | City officials are working on a plan to redevelop a chunk of the North Havana Street corridor, including the infamous and dilapidated Fan Fare building.

While any redevelopment in the area would be a few years away — little if any development would happen in the next one to five years — the area could become a hub of activity similar to the Gardens on Havana development, officials said.

City Council was scheduled to hear a presentation Monday night of a recently completed study about the prospects for redeveloping the area. But because of time constraints, council delayed the presentation until a meeting later this month.

Redevelopment of the corridor could include some mix of residential property and commercial property, said Bob Watkins, the city's director of planning.

"It would provide more energy, more activity, more people and more jobs," he said.

According to the study that council was scheduled to hear Monday night, redevelopment would likely be light on retail shops because there is already a booming retail area a few blocks south at the Gardens on Havana shopping center.

Also, because much of the office space in the area and around the city is already going unused — 30 percent of the city's office space is vacant, higher than anywhere else in the metro area, according to the report — large offices likely wouldn't be a major element of any redevelopment.

But, the report said, the area could attract large offices and tenants who can't afford the pricier Lowry development nearby.

The odd and dilapidated Fan Fare building with the bulbous roof near Havana and East 4th Avenue has been an eyesore for business owners along the busy drive and an ongoing challenge for local politicians for years.

Business owners in the Havana Business Improvement District have been working with city officials in recent months on how to replace the building.

There have been myriad plans in recent years for the Fan Fare building, but nothing has ever come of them.

The owners of the property planned a few years ago to raze the building and build two condominium towers on the property, along with another plan to spruce it up a bit and use the massive building as a storage facility.

But both those plans fell through.



FAN FARE PLANS The Fan Fare building is shown July 10 on Havana Street in Aurora. City Council was scheduled to hear a presentation Monday night of a recently completed study about the prospects for redeveloping the area. (Heather A. Longway/The Aurora Sentinel)

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