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## **Planning and Zoning Recommends Walmart Rezoning Request**

Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission tonight recommended approval for a Walmart Neighborhood Market near the intersection of Campbell and Grand in a 5-2 vote Thursday night.

The measure will go to the City Council for a vote next month.

After the Commission failed to support the original proposal last month, Walmart returned to P&Z with amendments to the plan which address concerns regarding access to Normal Street. Three options were provided.

The preferred option (A) would add a raised concrete island in the center of Normal, west of the proposed Walmart entrance onto the street. The concrete island would be placed on top of the existing concrete pavement on Normal. It would be six inches tall and be constructed of stamped red concrete. A mountable curb on the east and west side of the island would allow emergency vehicles to traverse over the island if necessary. The proposal also includes three pipe bollards placed on the west side of the island to prevent non-emergency vehicles from driving over the island. At least one of the pipe bollards will be on a locked hinge. Other elements included providing the Fire Department with a key to the lock so they will be able to drop the bollard if necessary. The concrete island would be constructed three feet away from the curb, with gutter on each side of Normal to permit bicycle traffic to access each side of street.

Existing Walmart market locations include stores at 3150 W. Republic Rd.; 1320 S. Glenstone Ave.; and 3536 W. Mount Vernon St. A fourth market is located on El Camino Alto Drive, near the intersection of James River Expressway and Campbell Avenue.

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