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Briefs

Continental Farms request approved

A rezoning request for Continental Farms property slated for an eventual mix of residential, light commercial/retail and recreational open space won a Green Valley group's approval Wednesday.

Following a 90-minute review, Green Valley Council's Planning & Architectural Review Committee endorsed the request and will recommend approval by Pima County Board of Supervisors. It is part of a "Specific Plan" submitted by Farmers Investment Company and its overall master plan for the area to guide growth over the next 40 years, gradual retire-

ment of commercial farm production and preservation of the Santa Cruz River system.

Of the 1,100 acres at issue, the request stipulates for new zoning to include mixed/commercial office retail/shopping, with 90 percent of development clustered along Continental Road, 150 acres of Community Activity Center, 100 acres of Medium Intensity Urban (3-6 dwellings/acre, similar to existing development), 26 acres of Medium-High Intensity Urban, and 16 acres of Neighborhood Activity Center. Most of the remaining 793 acres would keep its existing land-use designation including about 32 acres of Low-Intensity Rural (one residential lot/4

acres) and 761 acres of open space.

While some of the plan requires river improvements not expected for several years, some acreage outside the pecan groves could be developed much sooner, driven by the market, said FICO spokesman Tim Campbell.