

The Albertville City Council heard an update on the proposed Mall of Entertainment [MOE] project from Casey Darkenwald of Black Forest LLC and Darren Lazan of Landform Professional Services.

Mr. Darkenwald explained to the Council that his visit has been a long time coming and that he is looking for council support as he requests to update the AUAR [Alternative Urban Areawide Review]. The AUAR would look at the following various factors: environment, traffic, utilities, storm water and vegetation. Once completed all of the applicable parties would be able to give their feedback and a comprehensive plan would be put into place.

Some of the updates the developers would like to look at would include space for multifamily housing, medical/office space, as well as the much discussed retail and entertainment.

The cost of this project and city staff time will be covered by the Darkenwalds. The council gave unanimous approval to the Darkenwalds and put an agreement in place regarding escrow and fees so that there will not be any additional city expense to the project.

The developer's proposed open date for phase one is currently late 2018.