

Vineland clears more warehouse development at park

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VINELAND – Local development firm B.D.G.S. Inc. has banked a city approval to put up another cold storage facility in its growing niche in Vineland Industrial Park North, but a company official said Wednesday that the construction timetable is not set.



Joseph P. Smith Location map inside Vineland Industrial Park North on North Mill Road.

President Ethan Byler said the warehouse, as well as a separate office building, will be built for lease by RLS Logistics. The company already is a B.D.G.S. warehouse tenant at that property, located off Freddy Lane near West Grove Road.

Specifically, the Planning Board unanimously approved after a public hearing the proposed construction of a 41,866-square-foot warehouse and a 5,156-square-foot office building. It also gave preliminary approval, though not final approval, for a third warehouse of equal size.

"It's just a matter of when both parties would be ready to actually do the project," Byler said of a timeline. "The approvals are the first step.

"They would basically double their current warehouse," he said. "And then, the final phase, they'd be basically tripling. They're around 40,000 (square feet) now."

City Engineer David Maillet said a specific positive of the plan was it provision of on-site parking for tractor-trailers.

"There's been a lot of tractor-trailers along the side of the road on Freddy Lane that are stacking up and waiting to get into these sites," Maillet said. "This is a welcome improvement."

The 9.3-acre site is inside the hazard zone for a small airport nearby, but the city review noted the buildings are below the 40-foot height maximum.

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