

#### <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

**To:** Mayor and City Council

From: Steve Dush, AICP

**Date:** 5/29/12

**Subject: SLUP 11-121:** Congregation Ariel seeks to change the conditions

of a prior special land use permit for a place of worship.

#### ITEM DESCRIPTION

This application is made on behalf of Congregation Ariel, located at 5227 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody, Georgia 30338. The request is to expand an existing place of worship through renovation, remodeling and addition, which pursuant to §27-185, requires approval from the Mayor and City Council. The use has been previously enabled through an act of the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, and because that approval was conditioned to an earlier site plan, the proposal before you this evening requires a change of those conditions from the prior approval. The applicant requests this Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to perform a phased project that will ultimately expand the structures and increase parking on the site. The height of the existing structures is not indicated to change, nor a part of this application.

When considering the proposal as submitted, the Mayor & City Council have three action options:

- 1. Approve the SLUP as presented; or
- 2. Approve the SLUP with additional conditions; or
- 3. Deny the request outright (this leaves the existing entitlement in place with no proposed changes as presented).

The first and third options are: approve the use consistent with the submittal documents, after finding they comply and are congruent with the terms found in the above analysis, or deny the application, for not being appropriate.

When creating conditions of approval, the choices may seem endless, but in fact are limited to those conditions which are found to have a rational nexus between the uses proposed and the conditions assigned, and those conditions which do not derivate from the established policies and procedures found in the City Code. The conditions of approval must only apply directly to the initiation of the new use as submitted.

#### **BACKGROUND**

On December 28, 1999, the applicant originally obtained a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP-99025) with conditions from the DeKalb County Commission to initiate the use as it currently exits—a place of worship. The applicant's request is to change those conditions of

the existing SLUP to allow additions not considered in the original site plan. Pursuant to the following, the applicant may request a change to the conditions specified in the original approval:

#### Sec. 27-185. - Special permits.

The following uses and structures shall be authorized only by permits of the type indicated:

- (1) Special administrative permit from city manager or his designee: Home occupation involving no customer contact and no employee other than a person residing on the premises.
- (2) Special exception permit from the zoning board of appeals: Utility structure necessary for the transmission or distribution of service.
- (3) Special land use permit from city council:
  - a. Adult day care facility.
  - b. Amateur radio service antenna exceeding 70 feet.
  - c. Cemetery, columbarium, or mausoleum.
  - d. Child day care facility.
  - e. Convent or monastery.
  - f. Home occupation involving any customer contact.
  - g. Home stay bed and breakfast residence.
  - h. Neighborhood recreation club.
  - i. Place of worship.
  - j. Private elementary, middle and high school.
  - k. Congregate personal care home if located on a campus of no less than 25 acres.

(Comp. Ords. 2008, ch. 27, § 2C-5)

#### Conditions of the Zoning Ordinance

Section 27-1491 of the City of Dunwoody Zoning Ordinance identifies the following criteria for evaluation that should be examined when determining the appropriateness of a special land use permit:

(a) Adequacy of the size of the site for the use contemplated and whether or not adequate land area is available for the proposed use including provision of all required yards, open space, off-street parking, and all other applicable requirements of the zoning district in which the use is proposed to be located;

The size of the site is acceptable for the proposed use—the applicant proposes to construct additions on the existing house of worship to accommodate (1) additional educational classrooms, (2) a sanctuary



expansion, (3) administration space, and (4) a kitchen facility. Additionally, there is indicated an expansion of the parking lot to facilitate the additional building square footage, pursuant to the requirements for off-street parking the Dunwoody zoning ordinance. No expansion will encroach into the previously agreed upon landscape buffer that currently surrounds the property. The proposed building development is entirely contained within the buildable area, which would serve to indicate the proposed structure is appropriate for the site as proposed. Also, the use currently exists on the site—the applicant would like to enhance the services provided as well as almost double the parking capacity in an attempt to reduce on-street parking in surrounding neighborhoods.

- (b) Compatibility of the proposed use with adjacent properties and land uses and with other properties and land uses in the district;

  Houses of worship are often located within residential districts to remain in close proximity to members of the congregation and to be a part of and contribute to the community which they serve.
- (c) Adequacy of public services, public facilities, and utilities to serve the use contemplated;

  The approval of the change of conditions for a special land use permit should not appreciably increase the demand on water, sewer, gas or any other utility. It is not expected that the use will increase demand for public services, or utilize any public facility, as the use currently exists.
- (d) Adequacy of the public street on which the use is proposed to be located and whether or not there is sufficient traffic-carrying capacity for the use proposed so as not to unduly increase traffic and create congestion in the area; It may be expected that traffic is increased as a function of the development the increase would be nominal and inconsequential; therefore, traffic congestion would not be unduly increased. Additionally, a considerable portion of the congregation walks to services, and this is expected to continue after construction.
- (e) Whether or not existing land uses located along access routes to the site will be adversely affected by the character of the vehicles or the volume of traffic generated by the proposed use;

  Adjacent land uses may benefit from the existing use since some of the uses are members of the congregation or may attend community events.

  Additionally, the existing use causes a higher traffic volume during peak hours of worship. It is not likely that this development will significantly alter those existing traffic patterns.
- (f) Ingress and egress to the subject property and to all proposed buildings, structures, and uses thereon, with particular reference to pedestrian and automotive safety and convenience, traffic flow and control, and access in the event of fire or other emergency;
  - The proposed use will maintain the two existing full-access curb cuts on either side of the lot fronting Tilly Mill Road. There is over 300 feet of separation between the curb cuts, which is accepted in accordance with city requirements as a safe distance between driveways. Traffic is able to flow in two directions around the lot, and there is adequate access for emergency vehicles. A sidewalk currently exists for pedestrian access in the right-of



way, and driveway crosswalks are proposed to be added across each entrance. Additional sidewalks are proposed to be added in the interior of the site that will integrate with the existing pedestrian access network.

- (g) Whether or not the proposed use will create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of noise, smoke, odor, dust, or vibration generated by the proposed use;
  - It is not anticipated that granting the change of conditions would create any adverse impacts on the site. Smoke, odor, dust and vibration are not relevant to this application except for the temporary construction condition.
- (h) Whether or not the proposed use will create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of the hours of operation of the proposed use;

  The existing hours of operation are not proposed to be changed as a result of the application. Additionally, the hours of operation are primarily comparable to the activity in a residential district and will not be concentrated during peak travel hours.
- (i) Whether or not the proposed use will create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of the manner of operation of the proposed use.

  The use will not be substantially different from what is currently performed on the lot, so it should not create adverse impacts on neighboring land uses.
- (j) Whether or not the proposed plan is otherwise consistent with the requirements of the zoning district classification in which the use is proposed to be located;
  - The plan appears to be substantially compliant with the zoning district classification. It appears the impervious surface ratio of the lot exceeds the maximum 35% for a lot located in R-100. The applicant has indicated in the submittal that they will work with staff to identify locations to utilize pervious pavers to reduce the lot coverage. Additionally, the parking requirement is not met, which is also addressed by the applicant. The applicant will need to resolve these issues by obtaining a variance and special exception from the Zoning Board of Appeals prior to obtaining a building permit for construction.
- (k) Whether or not the proposed use is consistent with the policies of the comprehensive plan;
  - The proposed use is consistent with the current Comprehensive Plan. The subject property is located in the Suburban Neighborhood Character Area that prescribes a traditional neighborhood pattern of development inclusive of places of worship.
- (I) Whether or not the proposed plan provides for all required buffer zones and transitional buffer zones where required by the regulations of the district in which the use is proposed to be located;
  - Pursuant to Section 27-1338, the supplemental regulations require that all building be setback 75 feet from property lines adjoining residential property. There are existing 20 foot landscaping buffers required from property lines for parking and driveways.
- (m) Whether or not there is adequate provision of refuse and service areas;



Since the use already exists, there are already adequate refuse and service areas. It is not anticipated that the use will generate more refuse than the existing house of worship use.

- (n) Whether the length of time for which the special land use permit is granted should be limited in duration;
  - There should be no limit to the special land use permit because the use, if found to be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood, should run with the land, not with the operator. There has not been found any demonstrable benefit to creating an arbitrary time frame for when an approved use is appropriate, and when the use is no longer appropriate, in the absence of a major land use change in the neighborhood or surrounding region. Expirations for a SLUP only force the applicant to again apply, which necessitates a nearly four months long process, only to re-initiate a use already found to be appropriate at an earlier date.
- (o) Whether or not the size, scale and massing of proposed buildings are appropriate in relation to the size of the subject property and in relation to the size, scale and massing of adjacent and nearby lots and buildings; Additional structures are proposed on the rear of the building where there is a 20 foot landscaping buffer and approximately an additional 40 feet free of structures at the closest to neighboring properties and as far away as 100+ feet in others. The height of the building will not exceed the 35 foot height limit of the district.
- (p) Whether the proposed plan will adversely affect historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources;
  - There are no known historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources in any proximity to the site, nor would any such resources be impacted by the proposed use.
- (q) Whether the proposed use satisfies the requirements contained within the supplemental regulations for such special land use permit.

  The proposed use satisfies the requirements of the supplemental regulations (§27-1338).
- (r) Whether or not the proposed building as a result of its proposed height will create a negative shadow impact on any adjoining lot or building.
  - The proposed height is not proposed to create a negative shadow impact, as all structures are far from all property lines and the height will not exceed 35 feet.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Community Council voted 5-0 in favor of the application at the March 8, 2012 meeting. Planning Commission voted 5-0-1, Paul Player abstaining, in favor of the application with the condition that the parking is installed during the first phase of building at the April 10, 2012 meeting.

Staff recommends approval of the application to change the conditions of the special land use permit to allow the expansion of the structures for a house of worship in an R-100 zoning district.

STATE OF GEORGIA CITY OF DUNWOODY

#### **ORDINANCE 2012-XX-XX**

# AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF DUNWOODY ZONING MAP FOR ZONING CONDITIONS OF LOT PARCEL NUMBER 18 369 03 008 IN CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT 11-121 (5237 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody, Georgia 30338)

**WHEREAS:** Notice to the public regarding said modification to conditions of zoning has been duly published in The Dunwoody Crier, the Official News Organ of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Special Land Use Permit 11-121 is requested pursuant to Section 27-185 of the City of Dunwoody Zoning Ordinance to allow an expansion of existing place of worship to perform a phased project that expands the structures and parking at the address of 5237 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody, Georgia 30338; and

**WHEREAS:** First Read of this Ordinance was held by the Mayor and City Council on May 14, 2012, and a public hearing has been set for May 29, 2012 during Second Read of this Ordinance.

**NOW THEREFORE,** The Mayor and City Council of the City of Dunwoody while in Regular Session on May 29, 2012 hereby ordains and approves the Special Land Use Permit 11-121 of this said property in order to allow a phased expansion of the building(s) and parking lot on the property at 5237 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody, Georgia, 30338, subject to the following condition(s):

• The Parking is installed during the first phase of building, consistent with the site plan submitted January 9, 2012.

SO ORDAINED AND EFFECTIVE, thi	is day of, 2012.
	Approved by:
	Michael G. Davis, Mayor
Attest:	Approved as to Form and Content
Sharon Lowery, City Clerk	Brian Anderson, City Attorney
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#### CITY OF DUNWOODY March 8, 2012 COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The Community Council of the City of Dunwoody held a Meeting on March 8, 2012 at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held in the City of Dunwoody City Hall, 41 Perimeter Center East, Dunwoody, Georgia 30346. Present for the meeting were the following:

Voting Members:

Clayton Coley, Community Council Member Claire Botsch, Community Council Member Tony Delmichi, Community Council Member Stephen Barton, Community Council Member Susan Harper, Community Council Member

Also Present:

Steve Dush, Community Development Director

Howard Koontz, City Planner

A. CALL TO ORDER

Clayton Coley called the meeting to order.

B. ROLL CALL

All members were present except for Norb Leahy and Rick Callihan.

- C. MINUTES
- D. ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL ITEMS
  - 1. <u>Discussion of Community Council Procedures.</u>

Howard Koontz gave an overview of the rules and procedures for the Community Council.

2. Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair.

The Council deferred this item until all members are able to attend the meeting the night of the vote.

3. Zoning Code Rewrite Update.

Steve Dush introduced the Code Rewrite project to the Community Council.

#### E. <u>UNFINISHED BUSI</u>NESS

1. <u>SLUP 11-121</u>: Congregation Ariel, located at 5227 Tilly Mill Road, seeks to change the conditions of a prior special land use permit for a place of worship.

Howard Koontz introduced the item.

Laurel David, counsel on behalf of the applicant, presented the item and spoke in favor of the application. A representative of Congregation Ariel also spoke in favor of the application.

Members of the public spoke in favor of the application.

Judy Margo, Ann Ahern, Bob Tagley, and other members of the public spoke in opposition of the SLUP.

Laurel responded to the concerns from those opposed.

Members of the Council asked questions of the applicant.

Tony Delmichi motioned to approve. Susan Harper seconded. The motion was voted and Passed (5 - 0)

- F. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>
- G. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>

**Howard discussed Community Council documents.** 

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public commented on the application.

I. COMMUNITY COUNCIL COMMENT

Susan Harper thanked the public.

J. ADJOURN

Approved by:

Chairma

Attest:

Secretary

#### CITY OF DUNWOODY April 10, 2012 PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

The Planning Commission of the City of Dunwoody held a Meeting on April 10, 2012 at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held in the City of Dunwoody City Hall, 41 Perimeter Center East, Dunwoody, Georgia 30346. Present for the meeting were the following:

Voting Members:

Bob Dallas, Chairman

Paul Player, Vice Chairman

Don Converse, Commission Member Tom Dwyer, Commission Member Bill Grossman, Commission Member Renate Herod, Commission Member

Also Present:

. Steve Dush, Community Development Director

Howard Koontz, City Planner

Rebecca Keefer, Planning Coordinator

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL

All members were present except Kirk Anders.

- C. MINUTES
  - 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 14, 2012 Planning Commission Meeting.

Commission Member Paul Player motioned to approve. Commission Member Bill Grossman seconded.

The motion was voted and Passed (6 - 0)

- D. ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL ITEMS
  - 1. Zoning Code Rewrite Update.

Steve gave an update on the Zoning Code Rewrite and Project Renaissance.

- E. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>
- F. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>
  - 1. SLUP 11-121: Laurel David, representative on behalf of the applicant, Steve Mendel of Congregation Ariel, requests the following Special Land Use Permit: Pursuant to the City of Dunwoody Zoning Ordinance §27-185, Congregation Ariel seeks permission to change the conditions of a special land use permit for a place of worship in an R-100 Zoning District. The subject property is located at 5227 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody, Georgia 30338. The tax parcel number is 18 369 03 008.

Howard introduced the item and gave the recommendation of staff and Community Council. Staff recommended approval, and Community Council voted to approve the item (5-0).

Bob Dallas opened the Public Hearing.

Laurel David spoke in favor of the application.

Anne Ahern who lives on Dunwoody Glen spoke in opposition to the application.

Andy Margo of 2160 Dunwoody Glen spoke in opposition to the application.

Bob Dallas closed the Public Hearing.

The Commission asked questions and discussed the SLUP.

Tom Dwyer motioned to approve with the condition that the parking is installed concurrent with the first phase of building. Renate Herod seconded.

The motion was voted and Passed 5 - 0 - 1) with Paul Player abstaining.

#### G. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>

The Commission discussed text amendments being heard at the Mayor and Council.

#### H. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Lundsten discussed the proposed stream buffer ordinance.

#### I. <u>COMMISSION COMMENT</u>

Bob Dallas discussed a possible meeting with hydrology experts regarding the stream buffer ordinance.

J. ADJOURN

Approved by:

Chairman

Attest:

Secretary





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#### 5227 Tilly Mill Road

Aerial

April, 2012

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Street Centerlines

Tax Parcels



Scale: 1" = 150' (1:1800)

Map Notes:









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## **Special Land Use Application**

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Applicant	Address: 3500 Lenox Road, Suit	te 760, Atlanta GA 30326		
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## Property Owner(s) Notarized Certification

The owner and petitioner acknowledge that this Land Use Petition application form is correct and complete. If additional materials are determined to be necessary, they understand that they are responsible for filing additional materials as specified by the City of Dunwoody Zoning Ordinances.

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#### **Campaign Disclosure Statement**

Have you, within the two years immediately preceding the filing of this application, made campaign contributions aggregating \$250.00 or U YES ANO more to a member of the City of Dunwoody City Council or a member of the City of Dunwoody Planning Commission?

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#### LETTER OF INTENT



#### APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT

The Applicant and Owner, Congregation Ariel, Inc. (the "Applicant"), requests a modification to an existing Special Land Use Permit for approximately 3.114 acres of land located at 5227 Tilly Mill Road, in the City of Dunwoody in Land Lot 369 of the 18th District of DeKalb County, Georgia (the "Subject Property"). There currently exists one primary building and three accessory buildings on the site. The primary building has approximately 9,565 square feet in heated floor area and includes the sanctuary. The first one-story brick accessory building is being used as Congregation Ariel's administrative office building. A second one-story brick accessory building is being used for religious studies by the youth of the congregation. The third one-story brick accessory building is being used as a mikveh, which is a ritual bath.

The Applicant requests this modification to remove the first and second accessory buildings and to renovate and expand the existing building. The ritual bath would remain its current size at its current location. The Applicant wishes to consolidate the administrative offices and classrooms into the main building and expand the kitchen area. A later phase will include building a dedicated sanctuary. Currently the congregation uses a portion of its event space for worship. At such time as the new sanctuary is built, the Applicant will also expand the parking area. The Applicant is not proposing to increase the height of the existing building.

The Applicant is requesting this SLUP from the Mayor and City Council pursuant to Section 27-185 of the City of Dunwoody Zoning Ordinance ("Zoning Ordinance") in order to modify an existing Special Land Use Permit for a place of worship.

With respect to the criteria contained in Section 27-1491 of the Zoning Ordinance, the Applicant responds to the following criteria:

A. Adequacy of the size of the site for use contemplated and whether or not adequate land area is available for the proposed use including provision of all required yards, open space, off-street parking, and all other applicable requirements of the zoning district in which the use is proposed to be located.

The Subject Property consists of 3.114 acres with existing buildings as outlined above. The Subject Property fronts Tilly Mill Road. The synagogue consists of rooms and accessory buildings normally associated with a place of worship, such as, a sanctuary for worship, classrooms, small offices, and a social hall with kitchen for gathering for meals associated with religious ceremonies and services.

When the Applicant is ready to construct the dedicated sanctuary it will apply for a special exception to reduce the required parking. Section 27-190 requires one (1) space for each three (3) seats in the largest assembly room used for public worship, or, where fixed seats are not utilized, one (1) space for each twenty-five (25) square feet of floor space in the largest assembly room used for public worship. The Applicant plans to construct a dedicated sanctuary with 374 fixed seats, which would require 125 parking spaces. The Applicant proposes to construct 103 spaces. However, due to the nature of orthodox Jewish religious practice, which discourages riding in or operating automobiles on the Sabbath or holy days, most members of the congregation walk to the main religious services held on Friday night and Saturday, and to the services held on holy days. In addition, since many of the congregants live in very close proximity to the proposed site because of these religious requirements, congregants usually walk to the synagogue for non-worship activities, such as religious study classes. Thus, the proposed number of parking spaces (103) is more than adequate to accommodate the regular activities of the congregation.

In order to provide additional parking for the infrequent occasions when a larger number of parking spaces may be needed, the Applicant has parking agreements with the Jewish Community Center and Georgia Perimeter College. The Applicant can qualify for the special exception because it can show that the character of the use of the synagogue is such as to make unnecessary the full provision of parking spaces and overflow parking will be reliably available close by when needed.

In addition, the Subject Property will require a variance to the lot coverage requirement. When the proposed plan is fully constructed, the proposal will have a lot coverage of 51%. However, the Applicant will work with City of Dunwoody officials to identify areas where pervious paving materials can be used to reduce this percentage of lot coverage.

## B. <u>Compatibility of the proposed use with adjacent properties and land uses and with other properties and land uses in the district.</u>

The Applicant's place of worship is consistent with the neighboring and nearby properties. Surrounding properties are zoned for residential uses, the Jewish Community Center and Georgia Perimeter College's Dunwoody campus. The use is a synagogue to serve the religious needs of the local community. Places of worship are allowed either as a permitted use or by special land use permit in most zoning districts in the City of Dunwoody, including all residential classifications. Therefore, the use is compatible with adjacent properties.

In addition, denial of this application will impede the religious exercise of the members of its congregation. Congregation Ariel has maintained a congregation on the Subject Property in this

community since 1995. A denial of this application would coerce the Applicant to operate in inadequate facilities in a different area and with additional expense. Additionally, locating the synagogue near to the residences of its congregation is integral to the religious exercise of the orthodox Jewish faith as its members may not drive to services on Friday nights, Saturdays or holy days. Accordingly, the Applicant would suffer a substantial burden if it were not allowed to accommodate its congregation on the Subject Property close to the residences of its members.

C. <u>Adequacy of public services</u>, <u>public facilities</u>, <u>and utilities to serve the use contemplated</u>.

There are adequate public services, facilities and utilities to serve the Property.

D. Adequacy of the public street on which the use is proposed to be located and whether or not there is sufficient traffic-carrying capacity for the use proposed so as not to unduly increase traffic and create congestion in the area.

The Applicant will utilize the two existing driveway curb cuts on Tilly Mill Road. The proposed use is a service to families in the community. Most will walk to services. Families are likely to travel together to other religious gatherings, thereby minimizing automobile traffic. Therefore, the public street has sufficient carrying capacity for the use proposed.

E. Whether or not existing land uses located along access routes to the sites will be adversely affected by the character of the vehicles or the volume of traffic generated by the proposed use.

As stated above, members of the congregation usually walk to services on Friday night, Saturday and holy days. Families usually drive together to other occasions, which should result in an overall decrease in the number of automobile trips that could be generated by a use of this size. Therefore the volume of traffic generated by the synagogue will not adversely affect existing adjacent land uses.

Occasional events are held at the synagogue that are attended by a larger number of people than usual. Every effort will be made to ensure that guests arriving for these events do not park on adjacent streets and cause congestion.

F. <u>Ingress and egress to the Subject Property and to all proposed buildings, structures, and uses thereon, with particular references to pedestrian and automotive safety and convenience, traffic flow and control, and access in event of fire or other emergency.</u>

The Applicant intends to provide adequate access to the Subject Property and the proposed use, including adequate access in the event of fire or other emergency.

G. Whether or not the proposed use will create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of noise, smoke, odor, dust, or vibration generated by the proposed use.

The use is an existing use on the Subject Property and does not create smoke, odors, dust or vibrations.

H. Whether or not the proposed use will create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of hours of operation of the proposed use.

The proposed use will not create any significant adverse impacts upon any adjoining land uses by reason of the hours of operation of the proposed use.

I. Whether or not the proposed use will create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of the manner of operation of the proposed use.

The proposed use will not create any adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of the manner of operation of the proposed use. As stated above, members of the congregation usually walk to services on Friday night, Saturday and holy days. Occasional events are held at the synagogue that are attended by a larger number of people than usual. Every effort will be made to ensure that guests to these events do not park on adjacent streets and cause congestion.

J. Whether or not the proposed plan is otherwise consistent with the requirements of the zoning district classification in which the use is proposed to be located.

The proposed plan is consistent with the intent of the R-100 District. Section 27-182 states the purpose and intent of R-100 is to assure that authorized uses are those "designed to serve the housing, recreational, educational, religious, and social needs of the neighborhood."

K. Whether or not the proposed use is consistent with the policies of the comprehensive plan.

The Applicant's proposal is in conformity with the recommendations of Dunwoody's 2010 Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The Comprehensive Plan designates the Subject Property as Suburban Neighborhood. The vision and intent of the Suburban Neighborhood Character Area is "Stable, owner-occupied single-family residential area that is characterized by a traditional suburban pattern of development with accessible sidewalks, extensive landscaping, and access to parks and functional greenspace, places of worship and schools."

Property across the street is designated as Institutional/Campus. The Applicant's proposal is compatible as it is a public and institutional use.

L. Whether or not the proposed plan provides for all required buffer zones and transitional buffer zones where required by the regulations of the district in which the use is proposed to be located.

In a residential district, Section 27-768 requires any building or structure established in connection with places of worship to be located at least seventy-five (75) feet from any property line. The Applicant provides for this setback. No other transitional buffer zones are required.

M. Whether or not there is adequate provision of refuse and service areas.

Yes. There exists adequate provision of refuse and service areas to serve the existing and proposed uses.

N. Whether the length of time to which the Special Land Use Permit is granted should be limited in duration.

No. The SLUP should be permanent.

O. Whether or not the size, scale and massing of proposed buildings are appropriate in relation to the size of the subject property and in relation to the size, scale and massing of the adjacent and nearby lots and buildings.

The proposed synagogue is appropriate in relation to the size of the Subject Property and in relation to the size, scale and massing of adjacent and nearby lots in the area. The proposed building will conform to the thirty-five (35) foot height limit in the R-100 district.

P. Whether the proposed plan will adversely affect historic buildings, sites, districts or archeological resources.

The Applicant is not aware of any historic buildings, sites, districts, or archeological resources located on or adjacent to the Subject Property.

Q. Whether the proposed use satisfies the requirements contained within the supplemental regulations for such special land use permit.

The proposed use satisfies the supplemental regulations contained in Section 27-1338 of Dunwoody's Zoning Code. That is, the proposed building shall be located at least seventy-five (75) feet from any property line and will have the required front-yard setback from each property line that adjoins a street right-of-way; parking areas and driveways will be located at least twenty (20) feet from the boundaries of any property line with a visual screen; the Subject Property is a minimum area of three (3) acres and has public street frontage of at least one hundred (100) feet.

As mentioned above, the Applicant anticipates the need to apply for a special exception to reduce parking and a variance to increase lot coverage on the Subject Property. The proposal

otherwise conforms to the R-100 zoning district regulations and applicable supplemental regulations found in Sections 27-1338 and 27-1303.

## R. Whether or not the proposed building as a result of its proposed height will create a negative shadow impact on any adjoining lot or building.

The building will not create a negative shadow on any adjoining lot or building.

Georgia Law requires us to raise Federal and State Constitutional objections during the application process. While the Applicant anticipates a smooth application process, failure to raise constitutional objections at this stage may mean that the Applicant will be barred from raising important legal claims later in the process. Accordingly, we are required to raise the following constitutional objections at this time:

A denial of the requested SLUP would be unconstitutional in that it would destroy the Applicant's property rights without first paying fair, adequate and just compensation for such rights, in violation of Article I, Section I, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983 and the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Any application of the Code of the City of Dunwoody, or the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Dunwoody to the Property that prohibits the Applicant from developing the Property as proposed is unconstitutional, illegal, null and void because such an application constitutes a taking of the Applicant's property in violation of the Just Compensation Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, Article I, Section I, Paragraph I, and Article I, Section III, Paragraph I, of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983 and a violation of the Equal Protection and Due Process Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States because such an application denies the Applicant an economically viable use of its land while not substantially advancing legitimate state interests.

A denial of this application would also constitute an arbitrary and capricious act by the City of Dunwoody Mayor and City Council without any rational basis therefore, thereby constituting an abuse of discretion in violation of Article I, Section I, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983 and the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

A refusal by the City of Dunwoody Mayor and City Council to grant the Applicant's SLUP would be unconstitutional and discriminate in an arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable manner between the Applicant and owners of similarly situated property in violation of Article I, Section I,

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Paragraph II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983 and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Any approval of the SLUP that subjects the Property to conditions that are different from the conditions requested by the Applicant, to the extent such different conditions would have the effect of further restricting the Applicant's utilization of the Property, would also constitute an arbitrary, capricious and discriminatory act in zoning the Property to an unconstitutional category and would likewise violate each of the provisions of the State and Federal Constitutions set forth hereinabove.

A denial of this Application or approval subject to conditions which differ from those proposed by the Applicant, would also violate the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act by imposing a substantial burden on the exercise of religion without a compelling government interest or without using the least restrictive means possible of furthering a compelling governmental interest.

In addition, this Letter of Intent constitutes formal written notice to the City of Dunwoody Mayor and City Council, Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-33-5 that the Applicant plans to seek to recover all damages that they sustain or suffer as a result of the denial of this application and/or the unconstitutional zoning of the Property from the City of Dunwoody, Georgia. Such damages may include, but are not necessarily limited to, damages related to the diminution in the value of the Property, attorneys' fees and expenses of litigation.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the City of Dunwoody Mayor and City Council grant the Applicant the modification to existing SLUP requested above.

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## Attached are the following:

- 1. List of addressees who were sent letters via US Mail inviting them to community meeting
- 2. Sign-in sheet from community meeting, held on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at Congregation Ariel

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Noam and Amanda Bunder 2231 Dartford Dr. Atlanta, GA 30338-5336	Amir or Jacob Khalili 2107 Dunwoody Glen Dunwoody, GA 30338-4438	William Boyd Sr or Barbara Bolen Florence 2108 Stephens Walk Dunwoody, GA 30338-4466
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2221 Dartford Dr.	2115 Dunwoody Glen	2116 Stephens Walk
Atlanta, GA 30338-5336	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4438	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4466
Andrew Joseph or Judith A. Morgo	Victoria Sisian or Joshua B. Ahlzadeh	Samuel or Judith E. Appel
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Dunwoody, GA 30338-4438	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4437	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4466
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2148 Dunwoody Glen	2133 Dunwoody Glen	2132 Stephens Walk
Dunwoody, GA 30338-4438	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4438	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4466

William R or Catherine C. Schmitz	Frank or Gay Baldasare	Nancy R. Simon
2140 Stephens Walk	2160 Stephens Walk	2212 Stephens Walk
Dunwoody, GA 30338-4466	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4467	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4464
Joseph P. or Charlotte R. Theissin	Lurene S. or Donald G. Sr. Braswell	Joan K. Goldman
2148 Stephens Walk	2221 Stephens Walk	2220 Stephens Walk
Dunwoody, GA 30338-4466	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4467	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4464
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2152 Stephens Walk	2213 Stephens Walk	5342 Tilly Mill Road
Dunwoody, GA 30338-4466	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4467	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4499
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2156 Stephens Walk	2164 Stephens Walk	5237 Tilly Mill Road
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C. Kenneth or Janie W. Lester	Richard M. or Marilyn H. McCraney	Tony C. Mitchell
2133 Stephens Walk	2168 Stephens Walk	5207 Tilly Mill Road
Dunwoody, GA 30338-4467	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4467	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4423
Chadd Rosenberg	William Loventhal III	David G. Jr. or Traci T. Goodchild
2125 Stephens Walk	2172 Stephens Walk	5164 Tilly Mill Road
Dunwoody, GA 30338-4467	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4467	Dunwoody, GA 30338-5206
D. Campbell Mabel	Pierre M. Kimball	Daniel C. Cleveland
2117 Stephens Walk	2180 Stephens Walk	5148 Tilly Mill Road
Dunwoody, GA 30338-4467	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4466	Dunwoody, GA 30338-5206
Leonetta B. Vidal	Betty C. or William J. Long	Dorothy Chambers Peterson
2109 Stephens Walk	2188 Stephens Walk	5140 Tilly Mill Road
Dunwoody, GA 30338-4467	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4466	Dunwoody, GA 30338-5206
Robert or Charlotte Goldstein	Diane Shulman	Frances E Fuchs
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Dunwoody, GA 30338-4467	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4466	Doraville, GA 30360-1646
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Dunwoody, GA 30338-4467	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4464	Dunwoody, GA 30338-5206

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Dunwoody, GA 30338-5207	Dunwoody Ga 30338-5329	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4546
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Dunwoody GA, 30338-4534	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4546	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4503
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Dunwoody GA, 30338-4534	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4547	Dunwoody, GA 30338-4503

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2191 Spring Mill Cove	2220 Spring Mill Cove	2156 Tillingham Court
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Dunwoody GA 30338-5339	Atlanta GA 30338-5342	Atlanta, GA 30338-5337
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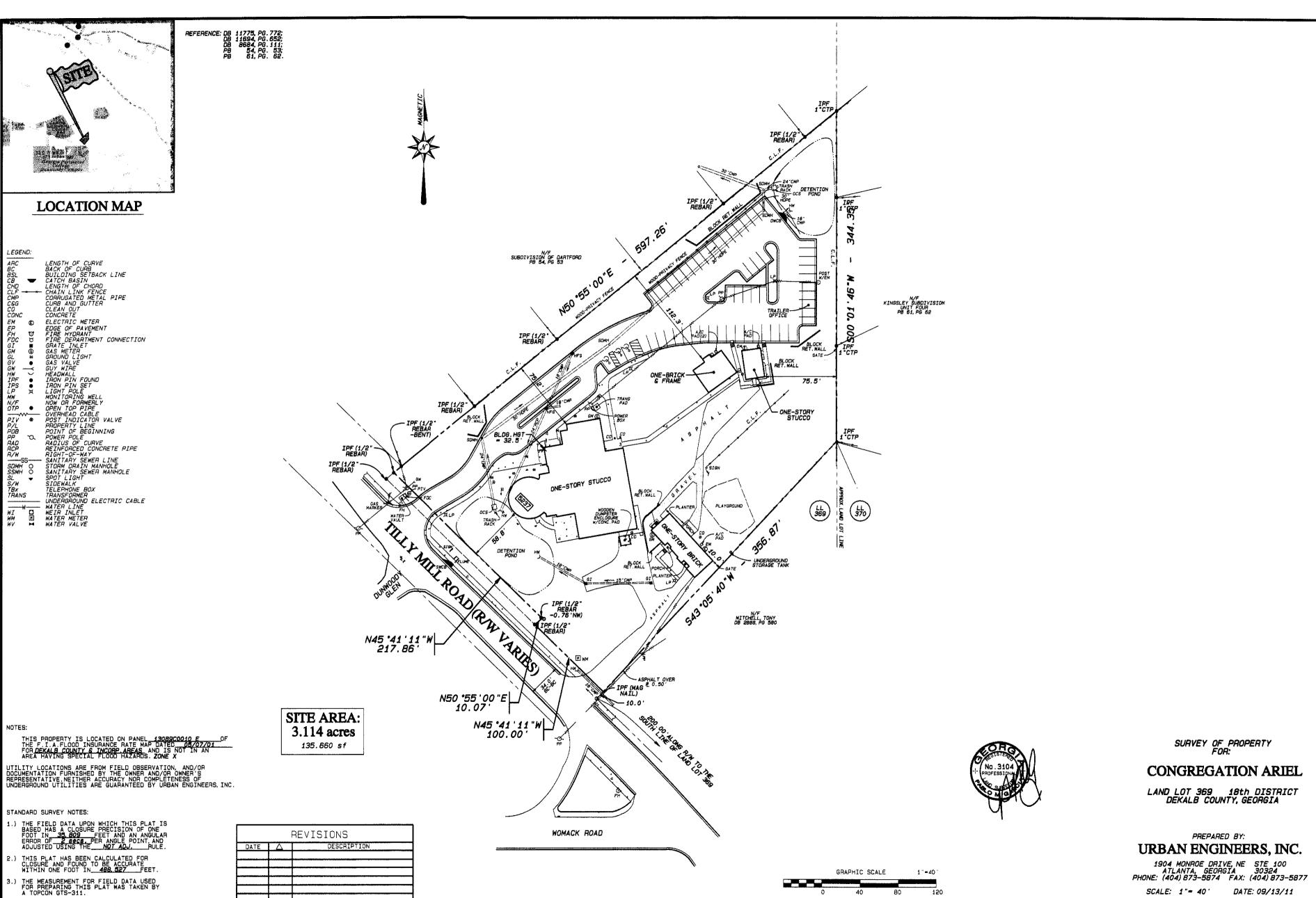
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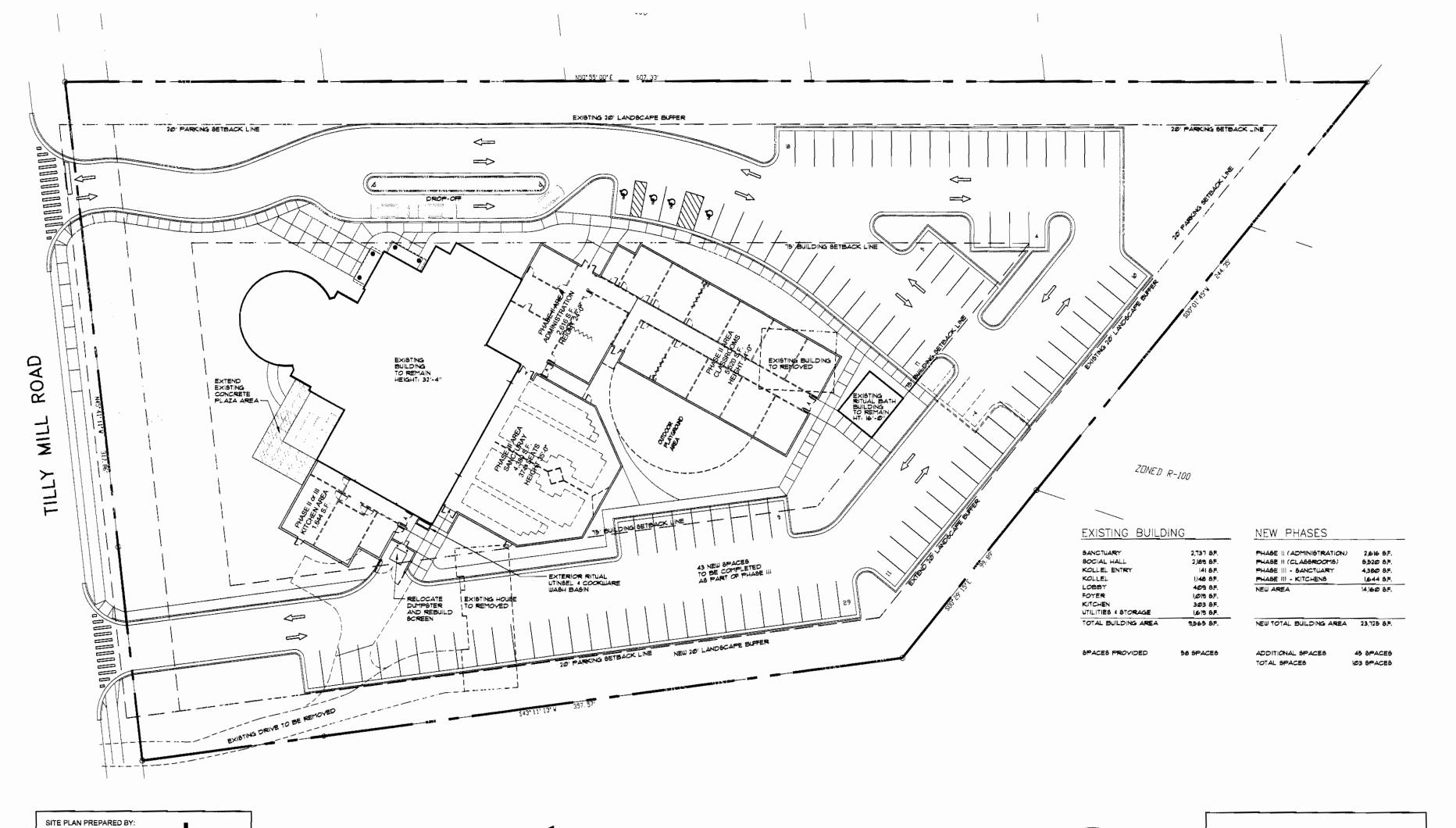
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