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## MEMORANDUM

To: $\quad$ Mayor \& City Council

From: Steve Foote, AICP
Date: March 23, 2015
Subject: SLUP 15-021: Andrew Halloran, representative of Cornerstone Site Consultants, LLC, on behalf of Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop, Roman Catholic Diocese of Atlanta, owner of 2443 Mount Vernon Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338, seeks a Special Land Use Permit for the expansion of an existing place of worship and accessory uses. The tax parcel number is 18 37302002.


## ITEM DESCRIPTION

This application is made on behalf of All Saints Catholic Church, located at 2443 Mount Vernon Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338. The site, zoned R-100 (Single-Dwelling Residential) District, is located on the south side of Mount Vernon Road at its intersection with Jett Ferry Road. The site abuts single family residential uses in the Kingsley Subdivision to the south and the east, and the Cedar Chase Subdivision to the west.

The existing uses of the property include a place of worship and accessory uses, columbarium, and bell tower/cell tower. The use as a place of worship includes the following: a place of worship, religious education, social gathering, food service facilities, recreation facilities, and existing rectory.

In 1999, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners approved the Church's application (SLUP 99-021) for a SLUP to construct a rectory in the R-100 (Single-Family Residential) Zoning District. In 2010, the City of Dunwoody Mayor and Council approved the Church's application (SLUP 09-101) to construct a columbarium and memory garden. Through the present application, the applicant requests a SLUP to perform a phased project that will ultimately expand the existing worship and accessory uses, include the bell tower/ cell tower and memory garden uses, and increase parking beyond the conditions of the existing SLUPs which includes the addition of a parking deck.

## BACKGROUND

The site, zoned R-100, comprises the campus of All Saints Catholic Church on an approximately 11.22 acre lot. The applicant applied on November 20, 2014, citing the need to replace aging and inadequate infrastructure and re-invest in its forty (40) year-old campus. The applicant reports soil subgrade issues as well as issues with the HVAC duct system that are causing problems with the existing church structure, the westernmost of the two central structures; and reports issues of inadequate church space and classroom space based on applicant's current worship and program needs. As such, the applicant proposes a master plan to be carried out in phases as funding becomes available.

The applicant proposes to construct a new church of up to 1000 seats to replace the existing approximately 800 seat church. The applicant proposes to build a two (2)-story administration and religious education building with basement and new playground to replace the existing education building, and a two (2)-story administration building with basement to replace an existing building that will be removed to construct a parking deck. The parking deck will increase the parking count by approximately 130 spaces, from 300 spaces to 430 spaces.

The parking deck the applicant proposes to build will be three (3)-stories, consisting of an upper, lower, and middle level. The columns and walls will be faced with brick that will match the brick on the proposed church and religious education buildings, and will incorporate appropriate screening, including vegetative screening with plants located around the edges on all levels, as indicated on the Landscape Plan. As a part of the first phase of construction, the church has proposed to plant evergreen and hardwoods in the location of the existing detention pond in the Southwest corner after the pond is relocated underground. They also proposed to plant additional evergreen and hardwood trees (minimum 10 to 12 feet initial planting height) where there are gaps between existing trees in the yard outside the existing wood fence along the rear property line in the Southwestern corner of the campus. This is requested as an alternative to the recommendation of the Planning Commission to install plantings adjacent to the parking deck with the first phase of construction, for the purpose of initiating a buffer for the neighbors. The applicant is requesting this because landscape as requested by the Planning Commission would require the removal of 24 parking spaces which are critical to the church's capacity to provide parking.

The plan proposes to build primarily on existing lot coverage, and preserve open space, particularly around the lot's perimeter which provides buffer and screening from adjacent properties. The current lot coverage on the site is $46 \%$. The applicant proposes to increase to approximately $52 \%$, which will primarily come from the new building footprints of the church and administration and religious education building. The maximum permitted lot coverage is $60 \%$. The applicant had applied for a lot coverage variance, but withdrew it as a result of changes to the zoning code in January. The applicant had applied for a stream buffer variance to build a detention pond on the western edge of the campus, but that request has been withdrawn and that detention facility is now proposed to be installed
underground, beneath existing surface parking, which will be removed and re-installed for the installation of the detention facility. The applicant was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance for wing wall height for the proposed church building, and a variance for driveway spacing to retain an existing driveway lane that will become right-turn exit only within 145 feet of the driveway that will be realigned with Jett Ferry road.

## ANALYSIS

## Review and Approval Criteria

Chapter 27, Section 27-359 identifies the following criteria to be applied by the department of planning, the planning commission, and the city council in evaluating and deciding any application for a special land use permit. No application for a special land use permit shall be granted by the city council unless satisfactory provisions and arrangements have been made concerning each of the following factors, all of which are applicable to each application:

1. Whether the proposed use is consistent with the policies of the comprehensive plan; The proposed use is consistent with the current Comprehensive Plan, which identifies the lot as an "intensive institutional" use, and located in the Suburban Neighborhood Character Area in the Future Development Map, across Mount Vernon Road from the Jett Ferry Character Area.
2. Whether the proposed use complies with the requirements of this zoning ordinance; The proposed use complies with the requirements of the zoning ordinance in all areas. The applicant's original site plan proposed to encroach into the city's 75 foot stream buffer and to exceed the maximum permitted lot coverage, and the applicant requested variances for such. Since the original application, the site plan has been amended not to encroach the stream buffer, and that variance request has been withdrawn without prejudice. The applicant has also withdrawn the variance request for lot coverage as a result of recent amendments to the Zoning Code, rendering a variance unnecessary. The Zoning Board of Appeals approved variance requests to increase the maximum height of wing walls and to reduce the minimum driveway spacing.
3. Whether the proposed site provides adequate land area for the proposed use, including provision of all required open space, off-street parking and all other applicable requirements of the subject zoning district;
The church sits on an approximately 11.22 acre lot, which is adequate land area for the proposed uses.
4. Whether the proposed use is compatible with adjacent properties and land uses, including consideration of:
a. Whether 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 proposed use as a religious facility will not generate adverse impacts from excessive noise, smoke, odor, dust, or vibration towards adjoining land uses. Lights within the parking deck are proposed to be shielded and screening walls will be provided for aesthetic reasons and to shield headlights.
b. Whether the proposed use will create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of the hours of operation of the proposed use;
The proposed use should not create adverse impacts on any adjoining land use by reason of the hours of operation.
c. Whether 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.
d. Whether the proposed use will create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of the character of vehicles or the volume of traffic generated by the proposed use;
The existing use currently causes a higher traffic volume during peak hours of worship. It is not likely that this development will exacerbate the current traffic volumes generated during hours of worship. Relocation of the site's driveway with a traffic light at Jett Ferry Road, and the existence of a right-out only lane slightly to the east of that intersection, is expected to improve traffic flow during peak hours of worship; however, the changes to the entrance do not necessarily call for the elimination of an officer to direct traffic during peak hours of operation. The applicant has agreed to close off the driveway past the rectory on Sundays.
e. Whether 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; and
The size, scale and massing of proposed buildings are appropriate as an institutional use. The height of the buildings will not exceed the 35 foot height limit of the district, and trees and landscaping create adequate buffering between the buildings and surrounding properties. Staff has recommended the applicant take into consideration additional landscaping for screening along the shadow box fence along southern property line.
f. Whether the proposed plan will adversely affect historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources.
The proposed use will have no impact on historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources.
5. Whether public services, public facilities and utilities-including motorized and nonmotorized transportation facilities-are adequate to serve the proposed use;
The current and proposed public infrastructure is deemed adequate to serve the proposed use. The movement of the driveway and stoplight changes will improve the safety of the ingress/egress of the site. The proposed development will include investment into the site's stormwater detention facilities, whereby the post-development condition will be far improved over the current site's stormwater runoff with the upgrades in collection and capacity.
6. Whether adequate means of ingress and egress are proposed, with particular reference to non-motorized and motorized traffic safety and convenience, traffic flow and control and emergency vehicle access;

The plan proposes to relocate the church's entrance to align with the traffic light at Jett Ferry Road, and to convert the existing exit lane to a right-outonly lane. These changes to the driveway are expected to improve the current ingress and egress from the site. The existing crosswalk will be relocated from mid-block to the eastern side of the traffic signal where pedestrians can utilize the pedestrian signals to cross Mount Vernon Road. The plan provides for an adequate sidewalk from the street to the building entrance for pedestrians. Bicycle racks are provided for as well.
7. Whether adequate provision has been made for refuse and service areas; and The site plan proposes a service drive and dumpster enclosure. The applicant has satisfactorily addressed staff's concerns over adequate provisions for circulation of service vehicles on the site.
8. Whether the proposed building as a result of its proposed height will create a negative shadow impact on any adjoining lot or building.
Due to the size of the lot and the location of the proposed buildings toward the center of the lot, the proposed buildings will not create any shadow that will have an adverse impact on any adjoining lot.

## RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Commission heard the applicant's request to expand the existing use as a place of worship and accessory uses at their regular February meeting. After much discussion with the applicant and staff, the Commission recommended approval of the request ( $7-0$ ) with the following conditions:

- Pre-planting of trees is to be established before the parking deck is built within the 35' area greenspace proposed just south of the parking deck, as a pre-emptive effort to protect the neighbors on adjacent property.
- Planters will be installed on the top level of the parking deck.

The applicant and staff have discussed at length the pre-planting of trees in the 35' area behind the parking deck. To plant evergreens in that space now would eliminate approximately 24 parking spaces that are in use today and needed to support the church's existing parking needs until the parking deck is built. To meet the goal of the condition, the applicant and staff have agreed that the pre-planting of trees on the outside of the wooden fence in the southwest corner behind the parking deck will be sufficient. There are presently evergreens on the outside of the fence, along the rear property line to the southeast. Once the $35^{\prime}$ greenspace area is installed within the fence, evergreens will be planted there to add to the screening already in place on the outside of the fence. Planters on the top level of the parking deck are currently included in the site plan that is tied to staff's recommendation of approval as a condition.

Staff recommends approval of the application for a special land use permit to allow the expansion and reconstruction of the structures for a place of worship, a parking deck, and accessory uses in an R-100 zoning district with the following conditions:

- The site is developed in substantial compliance with the Special Land Use Permit Site Plan (Sheet C-1) dated 01-29-2015, to be identified as Exhibit A.
- The site is developed in substantial compliance with the Conceptual Landscape plan (Sheet L-1) dated 03-12-2015, to be identified as Exhibit B.
- The site is developed in substantial compliance with the Architectural SLUP Site Plan - Building Height Calculation plan (Sheet ASO2), to be identified as Exhibit C.
- The site is developed in substantial compliance with the Architectural SLUP Site Plan - Parking Deck plan (Sheet AS03), to be identified as Exhibit D.
- Traffic signal will be upgraded, as required, as a result of the driveway re-alignment at the expense of the property owner.
- Access to the driveway that connects the church directly to Cedar Chase to the west of the rectory will be closed on Sundays.


## Attachments

- Ordinance
- Planning Commission Meeting Minutes 2-10-15
- Location Map, Zoning Districts Map, Future Land Use Map
- Comprehensive Plan Excerpt
- Application Packet


## AN ORDI NANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF DUNWOODY ZONI NG MAP FOR ZONING CONDITIONS OF LOT PARCEL NUMBER 18 373 02002 IN CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT 15-021 (2443 Mount Vernon 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, All Saints Catholic Church, located on the south side of Mount Vernon Road at its intersection with Jett Ferry Road, has requested an SLUP to expand its existing uses and increase parking beyond the conditions of their previous SLUPs granted by DeKalb County (for construction of a Rectory) as well as the City of Dunwoody (for construction of a Columbarium), composed of a new sanctuary, a new administration and education building, a 2-story administration building and a parking deck to expand the number of parking spaces; and

WHEREAS: the Mayor and City Council find that the plans of the property will increase and ingress and egress to and from the property and alleviate traffic conditions on Mount Vernon Road, thus improving the health, safety and welfare of the City; and

WHEREAS: the Mayor and City Council have conducted a public hearing as required by the Zoning Procedures Act prior to adoption of this Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, The Mayor and City Council of the City of Dunwoody hereby ORDAINES and APPROVES the Special Land Use Permit 15-021 to expand the structures of the currently-existing place of worship and accessory uses subject to the following conditions:

1. The site is developed in substantial compliance with the Special Land Use Permit Site Plan (Sheet C1) dated 1-29-2015, to be identified as Exhibit A.
2. The site is developed in substantial compliance with the Conceptual Landscape Plan (Sheet L-1) dated 3-12-2015, to be identified as Exhibit B.
3. The site is developed in substantial compliance with the Architectural SLUP Site Plan - Building Height Calculation Plan (Sheet AS02), to be identified as Exhibit C.
4. The site is developed in substantial compliance with the Architectural SLUP Site Plan - Parking Deck plan (Sheet AS03), to be identified as Exhibit D.
5. Traffic signal will be upgraded, as required, as a result of the driveway realignment at the expense of the property owner.
6. Access to the driveway that connects the church directly to Cedar Chase to the west of the rectory will be closed on Sundays.

SO ORDAI NED AND EFFECTIVE, this $\qquad$ day of $\qquad$ , 2015.

Approved by:

Michael G. Davis, Mayor
Attest:
Approved as to Form and Content

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk
Office of City Attorney
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CITY OF DUNWOODY
FEBRUARY 10, 2015
PLANNI NG COMMISSI ON MI NUTES
The Planning Commission of the City of Dunwoody held a Meeting on February 10, 2015 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, Chair<br>Bill Grossman, Vice-Chair<br>Kirk Anders, Commission Member<br>Claire Botsch, Commission Member<br>Renate Herod, Commission Member<br>Paul Player, Commission Member<br>Heyward Wescott, Commission Member<br>Also Present: Steve Foote, Community Development Director<br>Rebecca Keefer, City Planner<br>Andrew Russell, Planning Coordinator

A. CALL TO ORDER
B. ROLL CALL
C. MINUTES

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting

Paul Player motioned to approve. Bill Grossman seconded.
The motion was voted and Passed (7-0)
D. ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Rebecca Keefer announced that staff will be holding iPad training for Planning s tomorrow morning at City Hall at 11 AM, as part of the plan to transition from use of paper packets to an all electronic format.

Rebecca Keefer introduced the new "motion recommendation sheets" that staff will be providing to the Commission, which will be used in all meetings going forward.

Bob Dallas discussed the current zoning initiatives for the Perimeter Center Improvement District, and announced that there will be a public meeting on March 19 to discuss those initiatives.
E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. SLUP 15-021: Andrew Halloran, representative of Cornerstone Site Consultants, LLC, on behalf of Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop, Roman Catholic Diocese of Atlanta, owner of 2443 Mount Vernon Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338, seeks a Special Land Use Permit for the expansion of an existing place of worship and accessory

Bob Dallas opened the public hearing
Rebecca Keefer presented on behalf of staff and recommended approval with conditions.

Bob Dallas said that he is a member of Knights of Columbus, a group closely affiliated with Catholicism, but that he is not a member of All Saints Catholic Church.

Andrew Halloran, representative of Cornerstone Site Consultants, LLC, spoke and introduced Tom Boland, representative of Smith Boland Architects, who presented on behalf of the applicant. Tom and Andrew responded to the Commission's questions, explaining the reasoning behind the site selection for the parking deck, project phasing, and stormwater runoff. Andrew stated that the applicant does have a plan to put planters on top of the parking deck, and that the driveway realignment would be part of the first phase of the project.

Evan Black, resident, who lives at the intersection of Sandell Drive and Sandell Way spoke, and recommended that the tree buffer behind the parking deck be planted as part of phase one of the project.

Lyle Spencer, resident who lives directly behind the gymnasium, on Sandell Way, spoke and voiced concerns over the proposed project. He spoke in opposition of the proposed parking deck, and said he could support the plan without the parking deck. He responded to questions from the Commission.

Arthur Goodelman, resident, 5382 Seton Drive, spoke in opposition to the proposed project, due to erosion of his property.

Patsy Newton, resident, 2420 Sandell Drive, spoke in opposition to the project due to the parking deck and concerns that it will diminish property values.

The Commission asked questions of the applicant.
Bob Dallas asked staff to include "sea-level height" comparisons when these types of sight issues come up in the future.

Heyward Wescott motioned to approve with the conditions as presented by staff, in addition to the following. Claire Botsch seconded.

1. Pre-planting of trees is to be established before the parking deck is built, as a preemptive effort by the developer to protect the neighbors on the adjacent property.

Kirk Anders motioned to Amend the previous motion to include the following condition. Heyward Wescott seconded:

1. That planters be installed on the top level of the parking deck.

The motion was voted and Passed (7-0)
F. NEW BUSINESS
G. OTHER BUSINESS
H. PUBLIC COMMENT
I. COMMISSION COMMENT

Heyward Wescott acknowledged and thanked the three City Council Members, Denny Shortal, Jim Riticher and Terry Nall, who came out for the meeting.
J. ADJOURN

Heyward Wescott motioned to Adjourn. Bill Grossman seconded.

The motion was voted and Passed (7-0)







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Community Development

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2443 Mt. Vernon Road

Site Location

January 2015

## Legend

_- Street Centerlines



Suburban Neighborhood


## Vision/Intent

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.

## Future Development

- Height: Up to 2 story typical although high quality, 3 story attached residential units (townhomes) may be appropriate if and only if featuring high quality architectural treatment and only where existing townhomes currently allowed by past zoning
- Form: Traditional homes with quality building materials, high quality design, streetscaping, and pedestrian and bicycle amenities
- Uses: Single-family residential, public gathering spaces, places of worship, officeresidential or neighborhood scale commercial at key intersections (less than 10,000 square feet); townhomes only where existing townhomes currently allowed by zoning
- Density: Maximum residential density up to 4 units to the acre


## Goals

- Encourage paths, connectivity, and sidewalks
- Identify potential trail easements


SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION

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41 Perimeter Center East | Dunwoody, GA 30346
Phone: (678) 382-6800 | Fax: (770) 396-4828

* Applicant Information:

* Owner Information: $\square$ Check here if same as applicant

Owner's Name: Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta Owner's Address: 2401 Lake Park Drive, S.E., Smyrna, Georgia 30080
Phone: 404-920-7300 Fax: 404-920-7301 Email: $\qquad$
Property Information:
Property Address: 2443 Mount Vernon Road, Dunwoody, Georgia 30338 Parcel ID: 1837302002
Zoning Classification: R-100
Requested Use of the Property: All Saints Catholic Church (Religious institution)
Applicant Affidavit:
I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, this special land use application form is correct and complete. If additional materials are determined to be necessary, I understand that I am responsible for filing additional materials as specified by the City of Dunwoody Zoning Ordinance. I certify that I, the applicant (if different), am authorized to act on the owner's behalf, pursuant to this application and associated actions.
Applicant's Name: Andrew M. Halloran - Cornerstone Site Consultants, LLC
Applicant's signature: Curhuiff事derelur $\qquad$ $10 / 24 / 14$

Notary:


I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, this special land use application form is correct and complete. If additional materials are determined to be necessary, I understand that I am responsible for filing additional materials as specified by the City of Dunwoody Zoning Ordinance. I certify that the applicants) (if different) are authorized to act on my behalf, pursuant to this application and associated actions.


## Campaign Disclosure Ordinance <br> Please read the law and complete the Campaign Disclosure Statement on the following page if you are requesting a Rezoning, Concurrent Variance, or Conditional Use.

GA Citation/Title
GA Code 36-67A-3, Disclosure of campaign contributions
*38069 Code, 36-67A-3

## CODE OF GEORGIA TITLE 36. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS CHAPTER 67A. CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN ZONING ACTIONS (Current through 2000 General Assembly)

36-67A-3 Disclosure of campaign contributions.
a) When any applicant for rezoning action has made, within two years immediately preceding the filing of that applicant's application for the rezoning action, campaign contributions aggregating $\$ 250.00$ or more to a local government official who will consider the application, it shall be the duty of the applicant to file a disclosure report with the governing authority of the respective local government showing:

1) The name and official position of the local government official to whom the campaign contribution was made; and
2) The dollar amount and description of each campaign contribution made by the applicant to the local government official during the two years immediately preceding the filing of the application for the rezoning action and the date of each such contribution.
b) The disclosures required by subsection (a) of this Code section shall be filed within ten days after the application for the rezoning action is first filed.
c) When any opponent of a rezoning action has made, within two years immediately preceding the filing of the rezoning action being opposed, campaign contributions aggregating $\$ 250.00$ or more to a local government official of the local government which will consider the application, it shall be the duty of the opponent to file a disclosure with the governing authority respective local government showing:
3) The name and official position of the local government official to whom the campaign contribution was made; and
4) The dollar amount and description of each campaign contribution made by the opponent to the local government official during the two years immediately preceding the filing of the application for the rezoning action and the date of each such contribution.
d) The disclosure required by subsection (c) of this Code section shall be filed at least five calendar days prior to the
first hearing by the local government of any of its agencies on the rezoning application.
(Code 1981, 36-67A-3, enacted by Ga. L. 1986, p. 1269, 1; Ga. L. 1991, p. 1365, 1; Ga. L. 1993, p. 91, 36.)

Official Code of Georgia Annotated Copyright 1982-2000 State of Georgia.

## Campaign Disclosure Statement

Have you, within the two years immediately preceding the filing of this application, made campaign contributions aggregating $\$ 250.00$ or more to a member of the City of Dunwoody City Council or a - YES X NO member of the City of Dunwoody Planning Commission?

* Applicant / Owner:MostReverend Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta Signature:
 Date:


Address: 2401 Lake Park Drive, S.E., Smyrna, Georgia 30080

If the answer above is yes, please complete the following section:

| Date | Government Official | Official Position | Description | Amount |
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Have you, within the two years immediately preceding the filing of this application, made campaign contributions aggregating $\$ 250.00$ or more to a member of the City of Dunwoody City Council or a member of the City of Dunwoody Planning Commission?

* Applicant/ Owner: Andrew M. Halloran - Cornerstone Site Consultants, LLC signature: Cuturfintedu
- YES 【 NO

Address: 2985 Gordy Parkway, Suite 119, Marietta, Georgia 30066

If the answer above is yes, please complete the following section:

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## SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Wilton D. Gregory, S.L.D., as Archbishop and administrator of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta, and/or His Successors In Office, of 2401 Lake Park Drive, Smyrna, the County of Cobb, the State of Georgia, do hereby appoint Mr. John Schiavone of 2401 Lake Park Drive, the County of Cobb, the State of Georgia, my true and lawful attorney in fact, for me and in my name, place and stead, and for my use and benefit to:
make, seal, and deliver, to bargain, contract, agree for, purchase, receive, and take lands, tenements, hereditaments, and accept the possession of all lands, and all deeds and other assurances, in the law therefore, and to lease, let demise, bargain, sell, remise, release, convey, mortgage, and hypothecate lands, tenements, and hereditaments upon such terms and conditions and under such covenants as he shall think fit;

Also to bargain and agree for, buy, sell, mortgage, hypothecate, and in any and every way and manner deal in and with goods, wares, and merchandise, chooses in action, and other property in possession or in action, and to make, do, and transact all and every kind of business of whatsoever nature and kind; and also for me and in my name, and as my act and deed, to sign, seal, execute, deliver, and acknowledge such deeds, leases, mortgages, hypothecations, charter parties, bills of releases and satisfaction of mortgage, judgments, and other debts, and such other instruments in writing of whatsoever kind and nature as may be necessary or proper in the premises;
I further give and grant unto the attorney in fact full power and authority to do everything necessary and proper to be done in the exercise of any of the foregoing powers as fully as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.
This Special Power of Attorney is effective from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
Executed this 1st day of July, 2014, at Smyrna, the State of Georgia.


On July $1^{\text {st }}, 2014$, before me, a notary public for the State of Georgia, personally appeared Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, known to me or proved to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within power of attorney, and acknowledged to me thatife or she executed the same.


Special Land Use Permit Criteria response:
a. The existing use of this property is a religious facility and cell phone tower. Maintaining the use with this redevelopment project is consistent with the comprehensive plan which identifies this tract as an "intensive institutional" use.
b. The existing use of the property complies with all but a few sections of the zoning ordinance and the church has applied for variances to address those two items
c. The existing site has adequate land area to support the use, but a variance was needed to address the open space requirement. Off street parking spaces are provided on site and all other applicable zoning requirements are met except as noted in item (b).
d. The existing use is compatible with the adjacent single family residential as religious facilities are typically located close to residential areas.
e. The existing use is not anticipated to create any adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of noise, smoke, odor, dust or vibration.
f. The existing use is not anticipated to create any adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of the hours of operation, which will be consistent with current hours of operation.
g. The existing use is not anticipated to create any adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of manner of operation of the use.
h. Although the seating capacity of the church is proposed to increase and the on-site parking is scheduled to increase as the master plan is built out, the church is making significant traffic improvements by aligning the main driveway with Jett Ferry Road.
i. The buildings for the church campus are located in the center of the property. The size, scale and massing of the church and other new buildings are compatible with the city's zoning ordinance. The amount of trees between the church buildings and the adjacent property helps to screen and buffer the church from the neighbors.
j. The redevelopment project is not anticipated to adversely affect historic buildings, sites, districts and/or archaeological resources;
k. Pubic services, facilities and utilities appear to be adequate e to serve the existing use.
I. The existing church entrance is offset from the traffic signal with Jett Ferry Road. Therefore, the church will relocate the entrance to line up with Jett Ferry Road and convert the existing exit lane from church to a right out only exit. This will improve ingress and egress from the site. Regarding non-motorized traffic, the existing crosswalk will be moved from a mid-block condition to the eastern side of the traffic signal where pedestrians can utilize the pedestrian signals to cross Mount Vernon Road. A sidewalk from the street right of way to the building entrance will be provided. Bicycle racks are provide at the lower level of church
$m$. A service drive and a dumpster enclosure are both proposed on the site plan.
n . The proposed building is positioned well enough in the center of the site that there are no anticipated negative shadow impacts on the adjacent lots. The perimeter and adjacent residential properties are covered with tall trees.

November 6, 2014
Mr. Steve Foote
City of Dunwoody Planning Director
41 Perimeter Center East
Dunwoody, GA 30346

## RE: Variance \& Special Land Use Permit Application - Project Explanation Statement: All Saints Catholic Church

Dear Mr. Foote:
Cornerstone Site Consultants, LLC has provided this Project Explanation statement in conjunction with the conceptual architectural and site plans as well as supporting materials for your review.

1. All Saints Catholic Church is located at 2443 Mt. Vernon Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338
2. The church provided a conceptual plan for the city to review on August $19^{\text {th }}$. The church addressed city comments and resubmitted a revised plan on October $1^{\text {st }}$. The church as addressed those comments and presented that plan for the variance and SLUP applications. (Attached responses for where comments were addressed on $2^{\text {nd }}$ concept review).
3. The church held a neighborhood meeting on Thursday, October $30^{\text {th }}$ for the neighbors in the immediate area and the Dunwoody Homeowner Association to attend to present the concept plan, explain the variance requests and SLUP process and gather feedback from the neighbors about the project. The church is continuing dialogue and meetings with the neighbors to answer their questions and respond to their concerns.
4. Total acreage of lot is 11.22 acres, Tax parcel ID \# 18-373-02-002
5. Only 1 lot being redeveloped. It is zoned $\mathrm{R}-100$ and is 11.22 acres

## Background:

The campus for All Saints Catholic Church was established in the late 1970's. The property was incorporated into the City of Dunwoody with the city's inception in 2008. The most recent project was the installation of a columbarium in the center of the campus in 2010 and a Special Land Use Permit is on file for that project. The previous project was construction of a new rectory on the campus in 1999. The church has observed some soil subgrade issues that are causing some problems with the existing church structure. The church was built with the air conditioning duct work in the ground below the slab and those ducts are causing issues in the building and the church would like to rebuild and reinvest in the campus with a new church building and basement. In addition, the existing administrative and Sunday school classroom space is in-adequate and outdated based on the church's current program needs and the church would like to eventually remove that building and replace it with a new 2 story building with a basement. The existing campus has approximately 300 parking spaces to serve a church that has approximately $800+/$-seats. The masterplan study also identified an area for a parking deck to help provide additional parking and a location for the relocated administrative offices.

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## Proposed Project:

The proposed project may be phased as the church is able to raise funds and build out the master plan and consists of 4 main components: (1) New Church with capacity to provide up to 1,000 seats or as much as allowed by parking codes with available parking at the time and it will have a fellowship hall in the basement. This building will replace the existing $800+/$ - seat church, (2) New 2 story with basement administration and religious education building to replace the existing administration and education building, (3) New parking deck and (4) new 2 story administration building with basement to replace the existing building that will need to be removed in order to build the parking deck. The parking deck will increase the parking count on the campus by approximately 130 spaces to an approximate total of 430 spaces $+/$ - on the campus. As shown on the elevations, the deck will have minimal facing material so as to appear open and softened with planters along the parking deck edge to provide greenery. The existing church entrance will be re-aligned with Jett Ferry Road and the existing exit lane will be retained for improved traffic flow out of the site. Please note that although Sandell Way dead ends into the church's southern boundary, NO ACCESS is considered with this plan, and the existing screening fence will be maintained along that boundary.

The proposed project is a re-investment in a 40 year old campus to provide modern facilities for the congregation and Dunwoody citizens for the years to come. The church is located in a stable growth area and is not forecasted to significantly increase membership. The new church building will have more seats than the existing building, but that is in an effort to be able to reduce the number of services by being able to have more seats available at fewer services. The redevelopment of the church campus is almost entirely constructed within the existing parking lot curb line of the existing campus and therefore maintains most of the existing natural buffer area that separates the campus from the adjacent neighborhood.

## Drainage:

The concept plan proposes a detention pond systems for each of the improvement areas to provide stormwater management for the proposed redevelopment project. The detention pond on the west side is proposed as a wall detention pond that will go in a location where an existing chiller pad is located and will be removed. The detention pond on the east side is an underground storm pipe system that will be installed as that parking lot is regarded and re-paved. The detention pond in the southwest corner will replace an existing earth berm detention pond with a wall pond in its place if a hydrology study determines it is necessary to increase the storage volume with the parking deck project. Installation of these systems will provide a significant improvement to the stormwater detention of the redevelopment area on the campus and improve the drainage to the immediate offsite drainage paths.

## Variances needed:

1. Lot Coverage: The existing campus lot coverage is approximately $46 \%+/-$. The proposed master plan shows a lot coverage of $55 \%$. The increase in lot coverage is almost entirely within the center of the already developed campus. The R100 zoning ordinance for a single lot requires a 25\% maximum coverage.
2. Increase in height of wing walls to allow a transition from the church basement wall height of 16 feet down to the finished grade.

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3. Decrease in the distance between driveways. This is needed in order to align a new driveway to the signal at Jett Ferry Road and keep the existing entrance as a "right out only"
4. Slight encroachment into the city's 75 foot stream buffer.

Special Land Use Permit requested for the following uses: Place of Worship, Religious Education, Social Gathering Rooms, Food service facilities, Existing Indoor/Outdoor Recreation Facilities, Existing preschool/kindergarten, Existing Rectory (Parsonage), Existing Columbarium, Existing Cell Tower with bells.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need more information.
Sincerely,


Andrew M. Halloran, P.E.
Cornerstone Site Consultants, LLC

## 2443 Mt. Vernon Rd. / Conceptual Review Comments

## Rebecca Keefer - Rebecca.Keefer@dunwoodyga.gov

Planning: Denied with Comments
The following represents the remaining comments that are unclear whether they are addressed, need additional information to verify compliance, or have enough information to indicate non-compliance. Additional notes may also be provided. Some comments that were previously provided for information or the permitting stage have been removed but are still required at the appropriate time during the process.

Monument sign shall be a minimum of 1 ' off property line; design and dimensions to be reviewed during sign permit application process

Bulk Standards (Section 27-58) - Added note to sign label
o Lot coverage: $25 \%$ Notes in upper right corner, variance applied for
o Maximum building height: $35^{\prime}$ (primary); 20' (accessory)--label all the proposed average heights on the site plan to show compliance Added height labels to the 4 new structures. All are primary structures: Primary church, primary religious education building, primary parking deck and primary administration building.
Parking required (Section 27-202):Notes in upper right corner
o Accommodate bicycle parking where possible (Section 27-205) Added note to northeast corner of religious education building at the drop off canopy for bicycle parking..
o Minimum off-street loading to be met (Section 27-212) - calculation shown in upper right corner of site plan
Parking lot landscaping (Section 27-228) - Landscape plan included
o New surface parking lots or spaces shall comply--show which spaces are new and existing on a diagrammatic plan - Color diagram provided
Retaining walls (Section 27-269) Variance applied for wing walls
o Limited to 4 ' in height
o Administrative permit 4-8' (application required-approval only when criteria is met)
o Special exception 8-12' (application required-approval only when criteria is met)
SLUP required for expansion of use - SLUP application prepared
o For SLUP application, explicitly summarize existing and proposed uses on the site, including cell tower, etc
Variances may be required if proposed development exceeds the aforementioned codes (there may be others, but the variances required based on the submitted information are:
o Lot coverage exceeds maximum - variance applied for

## James Bassett - James.Bassett@dunwoodyga.gov

## Engineering: Approved with Comments

Attached - noted and will address those if plans proceed to the next stage of design.

## Howard Koontz - Howard.Koontz@dunwoodyga.gov

Arborist: Denied

- Critical root zones must be indicated on the plans. Any instance of the intersection of a trees' critical root zone and the project limits of disturbance, in excess of $30 \%$, will result in that tree as being considered lost, irrespective of physical removal. Noted and part of landscape architect's calculation
- Critical root zone is one (1) foot of radial distance for every inch of DBH. Noted on Landscape architect's plan.


## Michael Smith - Michael.Smith@dunwoodyga.gov

Public Works: Denied with Comments

- Public Works does not object to the additional exit driveway as long as it is restricted to right turns only. A variance will be required because the driveway does not meet the minimum driveway spacing required in Chapter 16. A variance application is being submitted for this item.
- Required right of way dedication and road improvements as shown in Section 16-222 j and $k$ (bike lane and sidewalk with landscape buffer) are required for the full frontage of the property. Survey indicates a right of way was possibly already dedicated. Will research that further. Site plan is updated to show the bike lane and sidewalk along full frontage.

November 6, 2014
Mr. Steve Foote
City of Dunwoody Planning Director
41 Perimeter Center East
Dunwoody, GA 30346

RE: Variance \& Special Land Use Permit Application - Neighbor Communications Documentation: All Saints Catholic Church

Dear Mr. Foote:
Cornerstone Site Consultants, LLC has provided this letter of Neighbor Communications Documentation as part of the Variance and SLUP application process.

1. The attached letter was sent by All Saints Catholic Church to the neighbors listed on the attached list provided by the city of Dunwoody.
2. In addition, the Dunwoody Homeowner Association was invited.
3. The meeting was held at the church on Thursday, October $30^{\text {th }}$ at 7 pm and neighbors as well as the president of the DHA attended. An attendance list is attached from that meeting which lasted from 7 pm until 8:30.
4. The architect and civil engineer presented the project, explained the SLUP process and the variances that will be requested for the project. The neighbors brought up questions/comments that are attached with this letter. Some of those were answered at the meeting, some required further study and a response back to those in attendance in the next few weeks.
5. Since the meeting, Cornerstone Site Consultants has met with the homeowners on November $2^{\text {nd }}$ and November $3^{\text {rd }}$ who wanted to discuss the drainage questions in more detail at their properties. We are currently evaluating the drainage conditions and studying options and will respond back to the homeowners in a few weeks.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need more information.
Sincerely,

Andrew M. Halloran, P.E.
Cornerstone Site Consultants, LLC




October 8. 2014

Dear Neighbors of All Saints Cathdic Church:

All Saints Catholic Church is seeking you input as we collaborate on our Master Plan that will be phased to re-invest in our campus as we continue serving the Dunwoody community. Our existing church and religious education buildings are in need of major structural repair resulting from settlement of the sols below the foundation. Rather than repair the builings we would like to replace them with new, attractive structures and increase the amount of parking spaoes. These improvements will be complimented by preserving the existing trees along the church property lines, adding new parking lot landscapeny and installing new storm water detention ponds. The plan also shows a re-alignment of the church entrance with Jett Ferry Road

The building codes have changed since the church was buit in 1979, so we dicussed our needs and the concept master plan with the sity of Dunwocdy. We incorporated some minor revisions to the plan and have invited you to an osen house meeting. In order to proceed with the project, we will need or request a fow site plan wanances and a Special Land Use Permit that will involve public hearings before the Zoning Board ct Appeals. Planning Commission and City Council

If you would like to learn more details of the plan, the variances and process, please attend our open mouse meeting held in our Social Hall in the Administration Building on Thursday, October $30^{\text {th }}$, 7PM.

Thank you for your participation in this exciting opportunity for the Dunwoody Community?


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# All Saints Catholic Church <br> Agenda for Neighborhood Meeting 

October $30^{\text {th }}, 2014$

- Welcome
- Background of existing campus (Tom Smith)
- Discussion of problems with existing buildings (Tom Smith)
- Explanation of variances and special land use permit required (Andrew Halloran)
- Demonstration of architect's building elevations (Tom Smith)
- Questions (Team)
Neighborhood Meeting Sign-in Sheet
All Saints Catholic Church

October 30, 2014


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Neighborhood Meeting Minutes from October 30, 2014 meeting at All Saints Catholic Church

1. Three homeowners brought up concerns about stormwater runoff. They requested a meeting with the church's civil engineer to visit the downstream area and discuss the issue on-site.
2. One homeowner who lives off of North Peachtree Road expressed concerns about whether there will be increased traffic volume on Tilly Mill and North Peachtree Road.
3. One homeowner asked if the police officer who directs traffic out of the church can be nicer to the other drivers passing through on Mount Vernon and asked if the police officer can allow more cars on the main road to pass through.
4. A homeowner asked what is the length of the new left turn lane into the church?
5. Another homeowner asked a question about the utilities that were being marked in their yard.
6. A homeowner asked whether the church members would still park in the retail shopping center on the north side of Mount Vernon Road.
7. A homeowner asked whether the church plans any large programs or events at the church.
8. A homeowner indicated that there is a local rodent problem, and suggested that the church's dumpster is a source of those rodents.
9. A homeowner asked what guidelines were being followed to get the trees removed.
10. A homeowner asked about the proposed church steeple height relative to the church bells
11. A homeowner asked about the building height of the new buildings.
12. A homeowner asked if the design team had reviewed the drainage effects through the neighborhood.
13. A homeowner asked about the parking deck height
14. A couple homeowners asked if construction traffic will access from Sandell Way.
15. A homeowner asked if construction traffic will be going through the rectory driveway.
16. A suggestion from a homeowner was made to phase the construction such that the detention ponds are installed before the rest of the construction project begins.
17. A homeowner asked if the church plans to build a driveway to connect to Sandell way.
18. A homeowner asked if there were any plans to renovate the Gym building.
19. A couple homeowners asked about the parking deck elevation and what it would look like from Sandell Way.
20. A homeowner asked what kind of materials will be used in the new building.
21. A homeowner asked if the rectory would be renovated.
22. A homeowner asked how many parking spaces would be added and how many are in the deck.
23. A homeowner asked about the timeline of the variance and SLUP process.
24. Two homeowners asked about the construction time line, when would the project start and how long would it last?
25. A homeowner mentioned that the church is a staging area for the city's $4^{\text {th }}$ of July Parade, and that once the construction phasing is known, to try to phase construction around that date if it is convenient, or coordinate with them on an action plan if other arrangements are needed.

Note: Some responses were provided at the meeting, some required some additional research. We will provide updated answers shortly.

Mr. Steve Foote<br>City of Dunwoody Planning Director<br>41 Perimeter Center East<br>Dunwoody, GA 30346

RE: ZBA 15-012 Variance Application - Updated information: All Saints Catholic Church

Dear Mr. Foote:

On behalf of the All Saints Catholic Church, we appreciate the time you, Rebecca and Andrew have taken to assist the church and their Dunwoody citizens through the process for this application. The City of Dunwoody Zoning Board of Appeals deferred variance items " a " and " d " to the February hearing. That was to allow time for additional meetings with the homeowners in the area and to provide additional documentation for the city stream buffer variance.

## Variance "a":

We were sorry to hear that not all of the adjacent homeowners received the letter the church sent to them in October of 2014 to discuss the project. The church held an open house meeting for the neighbors on October $30^{\text {th }}, 2014$. I have attached that documentation since it was not submitted in the previous variance submittal to convey the church's positive intent. Throughout the process, the church has been interested in working with their neighbors in the neighborhood, and I wanted to report that we reached out to the specific individuals who spoke at the January $6^{\text {th }}$ ZBA meeting. They were all able to attend a meeting on Monday, January $19^{\text {th }}$ at the church. I have included a copy of the sign in sheet with this letter. In addition, the church has sent out letters for another open house meeting that will be held at the church on January $29^{\text {th }}$ to reach out again to the neighborhood so that we can share the plan revisions made as a result of the collaboration at the January $19^{\text {th }}$ meeting and solicit input from anyone else who may not have been able to attend previous meetings. With respect to the original variance request for an increase of lot coverage to $55 \%$, we have modified the site plan that enabled the request to be reduced to $52 \%$. The changes to the site plan are summarized further down in this letter. The lot coverage increase of $6 \%$ (existing $46 \%+6 \%$ increase $=52 \%$ ) is attributed to the increase in the new church and new religious education building areas. The parking deck does not increase lot coverage.

## Variance " d ":

During the homeowner meetings, we discussed the stream buffer variance. The variance was originally submitted in order to place the new stormwater detention pond in a natural low point. At the time the church applied for this variance, it seemed to be minor request since the pond would be placed in the low of the property in an area that was already disturbed due to the existing chiller units. Based on further discussions with the homeowners, the church agreed to move the pond to an underground location under the existing parking lot. Although this will require a great expense to remove and replace the existing parking lot to build the underground system, it will help to preserve more open space. Therefore, we request that the stream buffer variance be withdrawn without prejudice.

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## Site Plan Revisions:

## Drainage:

1. The detention pond in the northwest corner of the property previously shown in the stream buffer has been deleted. Instead, this pond is now located under an existing parking lot.
2. An additional underground detention pond has been added to the parking lot behind the gym.
3. The detention pond that was shown as a wall detention pond beside the parking deck in the southwest corner has been deleted. Instead, this pond is under the existing lower parking lot. This will provide more room for evergreens to be planted to screen the parking deck.

## Parking Deck:

1. The stairwell that was previously shown on the west side of the parking deck has been moved away from the adjacent neighborhood to the east side of the parking deck and more internal to the property.
2. The future building beside the parking deck has a slightly revised building footprint but same location as on the previous site plan.
3. The parking deck was originally shown approximately 50 feet from the southern property line. After discussing with homeowners, the church agreed to move the parking deck structure back 25 feet to be even with the back of existing gym. However, some homeowners were still concerned about the room to plant trees to screen the parking deck. Therefore, the church has agreed to move the parking deck structure an additional 18 feet behind the back of the gym to be approximately 93 feet from the southern property line.
4. The southern curb line of the existing lower parking lot is approximately 25 feet from the southern property line. That area has existing hardwood trees. During the January $19^{\text {th }}$ homeowner meetings, the church suggested moving that curb line away from the neighbors to a total distance of 42 feet. Since that meeting the church reviewed and determined they can move that curb line to provide a 60 foot landscape area between the parking deck and the property line as part of the future parking deck construction as shown on the revised site plan. When the parking deck is built, vegetation screening with a mix of evergreens and hard wood trees will be planted around the western, southern and eastern sides of the parking deck.

## Parking Deck Elevations:

1. We have included a photo of the Decatur First Baptist Church Parking deck to provide a comparable deck to help illustrate the intent for the deck on this project as a 3 level parking deck with brick facing walls and columns. The brick color will match the new church buildings.
2. With the reduced parking deck footprint, we provided updated parking deck elevations. We provided elevation views of the parking deck with the evergreen screening and elevations with the vegetation photos removed to show the parking deck will have masonry walls that will be consistent with the new buildings, and open area.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need more information.
Sincerely,


Andrew M. Halloran, P.E.
Cornerstone Site Consultants, LLC

This is a photo of an existing parking deck at Decatur First Baptist Church to help illustrate a comparable concept to the proposed parking deck for All Saints Catholic Church. It would have a lower, middle and upper level and the columns and walls will be faced with brick that would match the brick for the proposed church and religious education buildings and possibly some architectural accents.


## Cornerstone Site Consultants, LLC

January $30^{\text {th }}, 2015$

Mr. Steve Foote
City of Dunwoody Planning Director
41 Perimeter Center East
Dunwoody, GA 30346

RE: Special Land Use Permit Application - Neighbor Communications Documentation:
All Saints Catholic Church

Dear Mr. Foote:
Cornerstone Site Consultants, LLC has provided this letter of Neighbor Communications Documentation as part of the Variance and SLUP application process.

1. On January $19^{\text {th }}$ the church held a workshop meeting with the neighbors adjacent to the project and provided a collaborative environment to work on improvements to the plan to address their concerns to drainage and screening of the parking deck.
2. Then, on January $20^{\text {th }}$, the church prepared a letter and mailed to all homeowners within 500 feet. A copy of that letter and the mailing list is provided in this submittal. That meeting was held on Thursday, January $29^{\text {th }}$ at the church and an attendance list is also included.
3. The revised site plan that is part of this resubmittal was presented to the homeowners to show additional buffering, reduced impervious area and the placement of stormwater detention ponds underground. Although there were questions about the timing and duration of construction, the detention pond system and the height of the parking deck, the general tone of the response was that the church addressed the concerns from the previous meeting.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need more information.
Sincerely,


Andrew M. Halloran, P.E.
Cornerstone Site Consultants, LLC

January 20, 2015

Dear Neighbors of All Saints Catholic Church:

All Saints Catholic Church is seeking your continued input and provide you with updates on our Master Plan that will be phased to re-invest in our campus as we continue serving the Dunwoody Community. Our existing church and administration buildings are in need of major structural repair resulting from the settlement of soils below the building foundation. Rather than repair the buildings, we would like to replace them with new and attractive structures. In order to preserve greenspace the church is proposing a future two level parking deck to provide an opportunity for future additional parking spaces. The church has submitted applications for variances and a Special Land Use Permit in order to obtain city approval for the master plan. These improvements will be complimented by preserving the existing trees along the church property lines, adding new parking lot landscaping and installing new storm water run off systems under the parking areas. The plan also shows a realignment of the church entrance with Set Ferry Road. We have incorporated comments from the city and from neighbors to make improvements to the plan previously presented at our meeting in October. This plan will help to improve traffic flow on Mt. Vernon Road, reduce stormwater runoff rates into nearby creeks and preserves perimeter trees to maintain buffering along the adjacent neighborhoods.

If you would like to learn more details of the plan, the variances, Special Land Use Permit and the process, please attend our open house meeting held in our Social Hall in the Administration Building on Thursday, January $29^{\text {th }}, 2015$ at 7 pm.


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NEIGHBORS MEETING - JANUARY 29, 2015





Cornerstone Site Consultants, LLC
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March 12, 2015

Mr. Steve Foote<br>City of Dunwoody Planning Director<br>41 Perimeter Center East<br>Dunwoody, GA 30346

## RE: Special Land Use Permit Application - Neighbor Communications Documentation: All Saints Catholic Church - SLUP 15-021

Dear Mr. Foote:
Here is a general summary of Neighbor Communications Documentation for the SLUP application.
October $8^{\text {th }} \quad$ All Saints Catholic Church mailed letters to neighbors within 500 feet to invite them to an open house at the church to present the master plan and listen to their comments

October $30^{\text {th }}$ All Saints Catholic Church held open house to present initial master plan to neighbors

1. Neighbors expressed concerns about existing drainage and erosion concerns in neighborhood streams.
2. Neighbors asked about the purpose, type of materials and height of the structures.
3. Neighbors asked about construction during and restricting construction access from Sandell Way and the Rectory driveway.
4. Church offered a sign up list for their engineer to meet with homeowners and presented the schedule of meetings for the Variance and SLUP process.
 property and review the erosion/drainage issues as well as explain the church is only $30 \%$ of the drainage area and that a large part of runoff is from neighboring streets and the neighborhood property. Also presented how the new detention pond systems that will be installed in the first phase of the church's project on the church property will reduce runoff from the church.

December $7^{\text {th }}$ The church presented project to Dunwoody Homeowner Association.
Master plan and drainage improvements as well as need for variances were presented to the DHA. There were some questions asked about the need for the project and parking deck. The church responded with information about the investment to update the campus and that this is a master plan to provide is a long term solution to future parking needs with more ADA and elderly accessible parking on level with the church.

January 6 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ : ZBA Hearing for variances. Two variances were approved and two were deferred. Some neighbors spoke during the public hearing that they did not receive letters back in October from the church. After the hearing, the church initiated efforts with those homeowners so that we could setup a follow up meeting.

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January 13 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ : Planning Commission Hearing: Because the Church needed time to solicit more input and discussion with the neighbors, the Church asked for a deferral until February so that we could have time to meet with all interested homeowners.

January $19^{\text {th }}: \quad$ Church held a meeting at the church with 17 neighbors to discuss their concerns and collaborate on ways to work with the neighbors to meet their concerns, and made 3 significant improvements to the plan. (1) The church moved a proposed detention pond from a location that encroached on a portion of a stream buffer to underground the existing parking lot to preserve green space. (2) The church listened to neighbor concerns about drainage and committed to building all 4 underground detention ponds in the first phase of construction, and (3) The church listened to concerns about greenspace and the impact of the parking deck to neighboring properties, and ultimately agreed to move the parking deck away from the neighbors to increase buffering that will set the parking deck about 20 feet behind the back line of the existing gym an approximately 90 feet away from the rear property line with approximately 60 feet of buffering greenspace to the rear property line. The revised plan also reduced the lot coverage from the initial 55\% shown on the original master plan to 53\%.

January $20^{\text {th }}$ : Church sent out letters to neighbors within 500 feet of the campus to invite them to another open house to present the improvements to the plan.

January $30^{\text {th }}$ : Church held an open house meeting attended by approximately 10 neighbors. The church also met with 4 neighbors individually who could not attend the meeting on the $30^{\text {th }}$ to review the improvements. The church explained that they would withdraw the stream buffer and lot coverage variances at the February $5^{\text {th }}$ meeting.

February $5^{\text {th }}$ : Variance meeting: The church withdrew a city stream buffer variance to protect greenspace and changed the detention pond plan to be underground. The church also withdrew a variance for lot coverage due to a change in the city code. Some additional neighbors spoke with concerns about the erosion and drainage in the area.

February $6^{\text {th }}$ : The church's engineer met with additional homeowners to understand their particular drainage concerns and indicated they would research with the city staff what city resources are available to address those concerns as this appears to be a regional issue.

February $10^{\text {th }}$ : Planning Commission meeting
Although some neighbors were satisfied with the improved underground detention ponds, the increase in greenspace and improvements to screen the parking deck, there were still a few neighbors opposed to the master plan that spoke at the planning commission. Their concerns centered around (1) drainage - which the church as agreed to install all 4 detention ponds in the first phase of construction, and (2) the visual of the parking deck - which the church agreed to provide plantings where possible in the first phase of construction to grow screening trees as a screen for the future parking deck and agreed to provide evergreen planters on the top of the parking deck when the deck is built.


Andrew Halloran








## CITY OF DUNWOODY <br> March 9, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Dunwoody held a Meeting on March 9, 2015 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held in the City of Dunwoody City Hall, 41 Perimeter Center East, Suite 103, Dunwoody, Georgia 30346. Present for the meeting were the following:

Voting Members: Michael Davis, Mayor<br>Lynn Deutsch, Council Member John Heneghan, Council Member<br>Terry Nall, Council Member<br>Jim Riticher, Council Member<br>Denis Shortal, Council Member<br>Doug Thompson, Council Member<br>Also Present: $\quad$ Eric Linton, City Manager<br>Sharon Lowery, City Clerk<br>Cecil McLendon, City Attorney<br>Lenny Felgin, Assistant City Attorney<br>Billy Grogan, Chief of Police<br>Brent Walker, Parks and Recreation Manager<br>Michael Smith, Public Works Director<br>David Elliot, Stormwater Engineer<br>Steve Foote, Community Development Director<br>Rebecca Keefer, City Planner<br>Lillie Read, Assistant to the City Clerk<br>Chris Bellew, Records Clerk<br>\section*{CALL TO ORDER}<br>Mayor Davis called the meeting to order.<br>INVOCATION

Council Member Heneghan provided the Invocation.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Lynn Deutsch led the Pledge of Allegiance
MEETING SCHEDULE

1. Approval of Revised 2015 City Council Meeting Schedule.

Council Member Shortal moved to approve the revised 2015 Council meeting schedule. Council Member Thompson seconded

The motion was voted and passed. For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0.

## REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

2. Presentation of CVBD 2014 Financial Report and 2015 Business Plan. (Katie Bishop)

Katie Bishop presented the 2014 report and 2015 business plan summary. Revenues were up $18 \%$ and hotel occupancy was up $9 \%$. They are starting a new branding roll-out as well as a new website, blog, and monthly e-newsletter. The CVBD will be moving to a new office across from City Hall in July.
3. Feasibility Study on Brook Run Theater. (Danny Ross, President Brook Run Conservancy)

Danny Ross presented a feasibility study on the Brook Run theater on behalf of Dunwoody Brook Run Conservancy. He advocated for a feasibility study regarding preservation and restoration of the building and encouraged the City to use it as part of a focus on the Fine Arts.
4. Stage Door Facilities Today and Future. (Robert Egizio, Artistic Director, Stage Door Theater)

Robert Egizio presented as Artistic Director of Stage Door Theater. He expanded on the feasibility study introduced by Mr. Ross and elaborated on the many ways in which the Stage Door Theater is an asset to the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Public Comment allows the Board the opportunity to listen to the public (3 minutes per speaker/30 minutes total).

Lynn Byrd - 4357 Village Oaks - spoke in favor of preserving the Brook Run Park theater and warned Council about the threat of demotion by neglect if the building remains in its current state.

Queenie Ross - 5165 North Peachtree Road - asked Council to look toward the future and act now to preserve the Brook Run Park theater; much like the City of Atlanta took action to preserve the Fox in the 1970s.

Ron Smith - 3969 Spalding Drive - spoke against the City's plans to take 20 feet of his parents' property for the Spalding Drive intersection improvement project. He further specified issues with the planned bike lane, which does not connect with other bike lanes and will account for 5 of the 20 feet taken.

Pam Talmadge - 1198 Wynterhall Lane - encouraged Council to restore the Brook Run Park theater and pointed out that it could serve as an alternative meeting place for people in Dunwoody who did not want, or could not afford, to gather in a hotel space.

Heyward Wescott - 1708 Halton Court - announced that HB4 made it through committee review with a vote of 8-3 and that the plan is to bring it forward for a vote next year.

Mark Perlough - 7655 South Spalding Lake Drive, Sandy Springs - noted that he comes to Dunwoody to go to the theater and spoke in support of refurbishing and saving the Brook Run Park theater and the City's new theater venue.

Barbara Robinson - 4731 Holly Oaks Place - spoke in favor of saving the Brook Run Park
theater and turning it into a performing arts center.
Jim Redovian - 1789 Corners Court - noted that he is a big supporter of arts in Dunwoody and that he is $100 \%$ behind this project. He also encouraged people to pray for the safety of our police and firefighters.

Betsy - asked Council for their help to install a barrier fence and trees between her property and the TreeTop Quest ropes course. She asked that Council make their decision prior to the March 16 ribbon cutting for TreeTop Quest.

Leanne Levitan - spoke in favor of preserving and restoring the Brook Run Park theater.

## CONSENT AGENDA

5. February 20, 2015 Special Called Meeting.
6. February 23, 2015 Work Session Meeting.
7. February 23, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Council Member Deutsch moved to approve. Council Member Riticher seconded.
The motion was voted and passed. For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0.

## BUSINESS ITEMS

8. Approval of Dunwoody Preservation Trust Request for Lemonade Days to be Designated as a Premier Event.

Mayor Davis presented and answered questions of Council. This designation would entail that the City pay for the police working the event.

Council Member Heneghan moved to approve. Council Member Thompson seconded.
The motion was voted and passed. For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0.
9. Resolution to Amend FY 2014 Budget. (RESOLUTION 2015-03-XX) (Chris Pike)

Chris Pike presented and answered questions of Council.
Council Member Thompson moved to approve. Council Member Heneghan seconded.
The motion was voted and passed. For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0.
10. Resolution to Amend FY 2015 Budget. (RESOLUTION 2015-03-XX) (Chris Pike)

Chris Pike presented and answered questions of Council.
Council Member Thompson moved to approve. Council Member Shortal seconded.
The motion was voted and passed. For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0.
11. Resolution to Authorize a Merit Increase for the City Clerk. (RESOLUTION 2015-03-XX) (Mayor Davis)

Council Member Shortal moved to approve. Council Member Thompson seconded.
The motion was voted and passed. For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0.
12. FIRST READ: Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8 re: Gated Community Access. (Chief Grogan)

The City Clerk provided the first read of the Ordinance and Chief Grogan presented and answered questions of Council. This proposed ordinance would require all gated communities to install and maintain an RFID gate access device, provided by the City of Dunwoody, to facilitate emergency access to their gated property.
13. Approval of On-Call Contracts for Storm Water Easement Acquisition Services. (David Elliott)

David Elliott presented and answered questions of Council. Staff recommends award of on-call contracts to Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc. and Sustainable Water Planning and Engineering, LLC for storm water easement acquisition services on an as needed basis. The easements are legal permission to gain access to the storm water asset. This would be a standby service with a per easement cost.

Council Member Thompson moved to approve. Council Member Riticher seconded.
The motion was voted and passed. For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0.
14. Resolution to Support the Georgetown Gateway Project Application for the 2014 TIP Project Solicitation. (Michael Smith)

Michael Smith presented and answered questions of Council. This initiative is through the Atlanta Regional Commission's TIP project solicitation. The number of projects that may be submitted is unlimited; but the ARC has asked the City to prioritize its top 4 projects. These projects are on the agenda in order staff would like to see them approved.

For this item, staff recommends approval of a resolution in support of an application for $\$ 3,800,000$ of additional federal funding for construction of the Georgetown Gateway project. Any funding received would require a $20 \%$ local match but would replace local funding already anticipated to be needed to complete this project.

Council Member Shortal moved to approve. Council Member Thompson seconded.
The motion was voted and passed. For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0.
15. Resolution to Support the Westside Connector Project Application for the TIP Project Solicitation (Michael Smith)

Michael Smith presented and answered questions of Council. Staff recommends
approval of a resolution in support of an application for a project feasibility study for the Westside Connector. The study is expected to cost approximately $\$ 200,000$ with a $\$ 40,000$ match required by the city. These funds are not in the current annual budget but are not likely to be needed until 2016.

Council Member Nall moved to approve. Council Member Heneghan seconded.
The motion was voted and passed. For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0.
16. Resolution in Support of an Application for 2014 TIP Project Solicitation-Chamblee Dunwoody Road Corridor in Dunwoody Village. (Michael Smith)

Michael Smith presented and answered questions of Council. Staff recommends approval of a resolution in support of an application for federal funding to develop concepts for the Chamblee Dunwoody Road corridor between Womack Road and Roberts Drive. The funding request is $\$ 200,000$ with an additional $\$ 40,000$ in required local matching funds.

Council Member Shortal moved to approve. Council Member Deutsch seconded.
The motion was voted and passed. For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0.
17. Resolution in Support of an Application for the 2014 TIP Project Solicitation-Chamblee Dunwoody at Peeler Road Intersection Project. (Michael Smith)

Michael Smith presented and answered questions of Council. Staff recommends approval of a resolution to support an application for $\$ 2,500,000$ of federal funding for improvements at the intersection of Chamblee Dunwoody Road, North Shallowford Road, and Peeler Road. Any funding received would require a $20 \%$ local match. The local funding to complete the design would not be needed until 2016 and the local match funding for construction would not likely be needed before 2019.

Council Member Shortal moved to approve. Council Member Thompson seconded.
The motion was voted and passed. For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0.
18. Resolution in Support of Accommodation for Extension of the Georgia 400 Trail through the I-285 Interchange. (Michael Smith)

Michael Smith presented and answered questions of Council. Staff requests the approval of a resolution to ask the DOT to allow for the extension of the Georgia 400 Trail through the interchange to both sides of I-285 and S.R. 400.

Council Member Thompson moved to approve. Council Member Heneghan seconded.
Council Member Shortal moved to amend the motion to stipulate approval as long as said approval does not compromise the funding or start date of the current project. Council Member Riticher seconded.

The amendment was voted and passed. For: 6; Against: 1 (Nall); Abstain: 0; Absent: 0.

The original motion as amended was voted and passed. For: 6; Against: 1 (Nall); Abstain: 0; Absent: 0.
19. Authorization of Expenditure for the Mount Vernon Way Sidewalk Project. (Michael Smith)

Michael Smith presented and answered questions of Council. Staff requests approval for an expenditure of up to $\$ 220,000$ which includes a $10 \%$ contingency for construction of the Mount Vernon Way sidewalk by Georgia Development Partners.

Council Member Riticher moved to approve. Council Member Heneghan seconded.
The motion was voted and passed. For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0.
20. FIRST READ: SLUP 15-021: Andrew M. Halloran, Representative of Cornerstone Site Consultants, LLC, on Behalf of Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop, Roman Catholic Diocese of Atlanta, Owner of 2443 Mount Vernon Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338, Seeks the Following: a Special Land Use Permit for the Expansion of an Existing Place of Worship and Accessory Uses. The Tax Parcel Number is 1837302002. (ORDINANCE 2015-03-XX) (Steve Foote)

The City Clerk provided the first read of the ordinance for SLUP 15-021 then Steve Foote presented and answered questions of Council. This SLUP request is for new construction to increase the church's seating capacity and to build a parking deck on site. The Planning Commission recommended approval with 2 conditions; plus the 8 conditions recommended by staff. They are as follows:

Planning Commission recommendations:

- Pre-planting of trees is to be established before the parking deck is built within the 35 ' area greenspace proposed just south of the parking deck, as a pre-emptive effort to protect the neighbors on adjacent property.
- Planters will be installed on the top level of the parking deck.

Staff recommendations:

- The site is developed in substantial compliance with the Special Land Use Permit Site Plan (Sheet C-1) dated 01-29-2015, to be identified as Exhibit A.
- The site is developed in substantial compliance with the Conceptual Landscape plan (Sheet L-1) dated 01-30-2015, to be identified as Exhibit B.
- The site is developed in substantial compliance with the Architectural SLUP Site Plan Building Height Calculation plan (Sheet AS02), to be identified as Exhibit C.
- The site is developed in substantial compliance with the Architectural SLUP Site Plan Parking Deck plan (Sheet AS03), to be identified as Exhibit D.
- Traffic signal will be upgraded, as required, as a result of the driveway re-alignment at the expense of the property owner.
- A chain will be placed across the driveway that connects the church directly to Cedar Chase to the west of the rectory on Sundays.
- Prior to second reading, the landscape plan shall be amended to illustrate new plantings along the outside of the fence along the south property line.
- Prior to second reading, the landscape plan shall be amended to identify existing trees to be removed and/or retained.


## DISCUSSION ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT - Public Comment allows the Board the opportunity to listen to the public (3 minutes per speaker).

Arthur Goodleman - 5382 Seaton Drive - informed Council that there is significant downstream erosion from runoff at the All Saints Church and that he lost nearly 20 feet of his yard erosion during the last rain event.

Evan Black - 2428 Sandale Drive - noted that his property abuts the church property at the site of the parking deck and mentioned his concerns about proper screening because of the significant elevation change at that site.

Shawn Wilcock - 2403 Sandale Drive - spoke about his concerns that this SLUP would be precedent setting as there are no other R-100 sites with parking decks in Dunwoody. He also spoke about concerns with erosion and water runoff.

## CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Riticher moved to enter executive session for the purposes of real estate and personnel discussions. Council Member Shortal seconded.

The motion was voted and passed. For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0.

## ADJOURN

Council Member Heneghan moved to adjourn. Council Member Deutsch seconded.
The motion was voted and passed. For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0.

