

CB 2019-263

Case 015-19: 1506 and 1510 S. Pearl Avenue – A request to rezone from Single-Family Residential (R-1) District to Apartment House (R-3) District for the construction of apartments – God’s Resort

Mr. Jay Sinclair, representing God’s Resort located 1501 S. Pearl, Joplin, MO. God’s Resort is a transitional housing ministry in the heart of Joplin. We are known on the streets. eleven (11) years ago when we began there, that area was known as the last resort. It was the heart of a lot of bad things. We have improved the area and now have 30 homes and apartments that we use as a tool to help people who are relationally and economically stuck. We have built a wonderful community in that neighborhood and in the process change the face of the neighborhood. We look forward to more development in that area, not just economically, but socially and the spirit of the Community.

Mr. Ramsour asked if there were any questions from the Commissioners?

Mr. Eastman asked if there was a floor plan?

Mr. Sinclair stated that we have built two (2) five plexus and we propose to build the same floor plan which has been approved by the City in the past.

Mr. Eastman asked if they were two story or just one story?

Mr. Sinclair stated that they are single story buildings. The front apartment is a two-bedroom home and the four apartments behind it are one-bedroom homes. The rent is considerably lower which is to help with the transition and a stability plan has to be made. Most people are behind on their utilities and this lets them catch up on the utilities so eventually they will be able to rent a place on their own or even buy a home on their own.

Mr. Dermott stated that on the application form that north of the property is zone R-3. Does it go to the corner?

Mr. Sinclair stated that the corner lot is a privately-owned home. Just the two in the middle.

Mr. Ramsour asked if there were any other questions from the commissioners? There was not. Also, asked if there was anyone that would like to speak in favor of this case? There was not. Anyone that would like to speak against this case? There was not.

MRS. KOELKEBECK MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. EASTMAN, TO APPROVE CASE 015-19 AND BE FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED, WITH MR. RAMSOUR, MR. DERMOTT, MRS. BRUECKNER-SEARS, MRS. KOELKEBECK, MRS. STEELE, MR. MCCULLOUGH, AND MR. EASTMAN VOTING “AYE”. (7 IN FAVOR, 0 NAYS).