

RS 2018-013

Case 031-18: 733 S. Picher Avenue – A request for a Special Use Permit (1st request) for the operation of a parking lot – Stephanie Theis.

Stephanie Theis, Executive Director of Children’s Haven of Southwest Missouri, 711 S Picher, Joplin, MO. They own that block and 733 S Picher is on that block. They are wanting a parking lot on that property for 15 parking spaces. This will be to utilize three (3) Vans that they use for transportation of the children. They have been parking on Picher Ave. and the Vans have been damaged over the years. Also, a way to unload and load the children safely. 733 S Picher Avenue is two lots, on which the residential homes have been demolished. One of the properties burned and the property owner donated the property to Children’s Haven. The time of use during the day for the parking lot would be from 7:00am to 8:00pm. We would have visitors during the day, parents that might park there, people that are coming for tours of the children’s home. There is parking behind the home and the staff normally parks there and will continue to park behind the home.

Mr. Cortez asked if there were any questions from the Commission to Ms. Theis?

Mr. Ramsour wanted to know if the lot was going to be paved?

Mrs. Theis stated it would be. They are working with Anderson Engineering and Midland Construction on the project.

Mr. Cortez asked if it would be fenced?

Mrs. Theis stated they were looking at the greenspace.

Mr. Cortez asked if there were any other questions for the applicant? There were not. Mr. Cortez asked if there was anyone else that would like to speak in favor of this case?

Jerry Holcomb, 3016 W. 26th Street, Joplin, MO. He is on the board of Children’s Haven and has been for a number of years. He stated that he thinks the facility has done nothing but bring up the neighborhood. He is whole heartedly in support of the request.

Mr. Cortez asked if there was anyone to speak against this case? There were not. Case Closed.

MRS. BRUECKNER-SEARS MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. RAMSOUR THAT CASE 031-18, BE FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL MOTION CARRIED, WITH MR. CORTEZ, MR. RAMSOUR, MRS. BRUECKNER-SEARS, AND MR. MCCULLOUGH VOTING “AYE”. (4 IN FAVOR, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT).