

# KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION USE ON REVIEW REPORT

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AGENDA DATE: 4/11/2013

► APPLICANT: DAMON A. FALCONNIER, NCARB, LEED AP

OWNER(S): Alice Bell Baptist Church

TAX ID NUMBER: 70 C B 003

JURISDICTION: City Council District 4

► LOCATION: South and west side of Alice Bell Rd. at the south end of Bellview Rd.

► APPX. SIZE OF TRACT: 6.1 acres

SECTOR PLAN: East City

GROWTH POLICY PLAN: Urban Growth Area (Inside City Limits)

ACCESSIBILITY: Access is via Alice Bell Rd., a local street with an 18' - 20' pavement width

within a 40' right-of-way.

UTILITIES: Water Source: Knoxville Utilities Board

Sewer Source: Knoxville Utilities Board

WATERSHED: Love Creek

► ZONING: R-1 (Low Density Residential)

► EXISTING LAND USE: Church

► PROPOSED USE: Revision to parking lot expansion

HISTORY OF ZONING: None noted

SURROUNDING LAND

North: Residences / R-1 (Low Density Residential)

USE AND ZONING:

South: Residences / R-1 (Low Density Residential)

East: Church and residences / R-1 (Low Density Residential)

West: Park and residences / R-1 (Low Density Residential) & OS-2 (Park

and Open Space)

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT: The site is located in an established residential neighborhood that also

includes some public and institutional uses.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

- ► APPROVE the revised parking layout for the existing church and approved family life center as shown on the development plan subject to 4 conditions
  - 1. Connection to sanitary sewer and meeting any other relevant requirement of the Knox County Health Department.
  - 2. Providing the required on-site parking for the church in compliance with the Knoxville Zoning Ordinance requirements and the variances approved by the Knoxville Board of Zoning Appeals.
  - 3. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knoxville Department of Engineering.
  - 4. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knoxville Zoning Ordinance.

With the conditions noted, this plan meets the requirements for approval in the R-1 zoning district, and other

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criteria for approval of a use on review.

#### **COMMENTS:**

On September 13, 2012, the Planning Commission approved a use-on-review application (9-D-12-UR) for a new family life center for the Alice Bell Baptist Church located on the west side of Alice Bell Rd. at the intersection with Bellview Rd. The use-on-review approval was granted for the existing church facilities, the new family life center and revisions to the existing parking lot.

The applicant is back before the Planning Commission for approval of a revision to the previously approved parking lot layout on the northeast corner of the site. The new parking layout includes the same number of parking spaces and adds a new outlet from the parking lot to Alice Bell Rd. on the north side of the property. The new parking lot complies with the minimum parking standards of the Knoxville Zoning Ordinance. The applicant had obtained variances from the Knoxville Board of Zoning Appeals on September 20, 2012 for the existing parking lot and a reduction in the total number of required spaces, from 187 to 157 spaces.

## EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, SURROUNDING PROPERTY AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE

- 1. The proposed change to the parking lot will have minimal impact on traffic in the area since site changes are not increasing the area of the church's sanctuary.
- 2. All utilities are in place to serve this site.
- 3. The use as proposed will have minimal impact on the surrounding residential and institutional uses.

## CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE KNOX COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

- 1. The proposed parking lot changes are consistent with the general standards for uses permitted on review: The proposed development is consistent with the adopted plans and policies of the General Plan and Sector Plan. The use is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance. The use is compatible with the character of the neighborhood where it is proposed. The use will not significantly injure the value of adjacent property. The use will not draw additional traffic through residential areas,
- 2. The plan meets all applicable requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.

### CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO ADOPTED MPC PLANS

The East City Sector Plan and Knoxville One Year Plan identify this property for low density residential use.
 The Knoxville Zoning Ordinance allows consideration of church facilities through the use on review process.
 The site is located within the Urban Growth Area on the Knoxville-Knox County-Farragut Growth Policy Plan map.

ESTIMATED TRAFFIC IMPACT: Not calculated.

ESTIMATED STUDENT YIELD: Not applicable.

MPC's approval or denial of this request is final, unless the action is appealed to the Knoxville City Council. The date of the Knoxville City Council hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed. Appellants have 15 days to appeal an MPC decision in the City.

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