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On 2/9/2017 File # 2-A-17-SP Agenda Item #40 you, DENNIED the rezoning to OB (Office, Medical & Related Services), consistent with the denial recommendation for the associated sector plan amendment. Approval of OB zoning for this site would be a spot rezoning, giving the applicant development rights that neighboring property owners do not have. The residential zoning pattern is well established in this area and should be maintained. Also, the current PR zoning and density allows reasonable use of the property. There is no justification for changing either the plan designation or zoning for this particular property.

We ask that you respectfully Deny this request again as this is still a very heavy residential area located:

.03 miles near Webb Learning Center

.055 miles near Grace Christian Academy

1.06 miles near Amherst Elementary school

1.85 miles near Karns Middle School

We ask that you Deny this request because it is not a true licensed medical facility with a fully trained and licensed staff for addiction and psychological disorders. This proposed site DOES NOT have access to sidewalks or public transportation to aid in their successful rehabilitation into society.

It appears that this property really has not changed hands since the last time that rezoning for this address was denied.

In 2017 The Steps House was listed as the Owners on the Rezoning Report and today it appears to be listed as Mihai, Estera and Yeliuzavet Apreotesi but no sales information which leads me to believe that it will still be run by The Steps House. The Steps House currently runs 38 other facilities/houses which have access to sidewalks and KAT Bus transportation within a few blocks.

[1004 Valley Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920](#) – KAT Bus Route 40

[1007 Ford Place, Knoxville, TN 37920](#)– KAT Bus Route 40

[1027 Valley Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920](#) – KAT Bus Route 40

[1029 Valley Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920](#)– KAT Bus Route 40

[1033 Valley Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920](#)– KAT Bus Route 40

[1037 Valley Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920](#)– KAT Bus Route 40

[1144 Valley Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920](#)– KAT Bus Route 40

[117 E. Glenwood Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917](#) – KAT Bus Route 21, 22, 23

[1201 Valley Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920](#) - KAT Bus Route 40

[1529 Chicago Rd., Knoxville, TN 37917](#)– KAT Bus Route 21, 22, 23

[1921 N. Central Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917](#)- KAT Bus Route 20, 24

[2027 Lincoln St., Knoxville, TN 37920](#)- KAT Bus Route 40

[2127 Dover St., Knoxville, TN 37920](#)- KAT Bus Route 40

[2205 Dover St., Knoxville, TN 37920](#)- KAT Bus Route 40

[2209 Dover St., Knoxville, TN 37920](#)- KAT Bus Route 40

[2219 Lincoln St., Knoxville, TN 37920](#) - KAT Bus Route 40

[2300 Jones St., Knoxville, TN 37920](#)- KAT Bus Route 40

[2301 Davenport Rd., Knoxville, TN 37920](#)- [2301 Davenport Rd](#) [2621 Sevier Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920](#)- KAT Bus Route 40

[2624 Sevier Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920](#) – KAT Bus Route 40

2728 Sheerod Rd., Knoxville, TN 37920 – KAT Bus Route 44

3720 Middlebrook Rd., Knoxville, TN 37921- KAT Bus Route 13

[704 Boggs Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920](#) – KAT Bus 40

[710 Boggs Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920](#) – KAT Bus 40

[712 Boggs Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920](#) – KAT Bus 40

[718 Boggs Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920](#) – KAT Bus 40

[722 Boggs Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37920](#) – KAT Bus 40

[725 Boggs Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920](#) – KAT Bus 40

730 Lippencott Rd., Knoxville, TN 37920 – KAT Bus 44

[808 Sevier Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920](#) – KAT Bus 40

[913 Phillips Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920](#) – KAT Bus 40

[915 Valley Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920](#) – KAT Bus 40

[920 Valley Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920](#) – KAT Bus 40

While I think it is important for individuals to rehabilitate, have second chances and a way to start over. I don't feel that our community has the amenities (sidewalks, public transportation, access to commercial business for jobs) that is needed to support their recovery.

If you don't know anything about addiction, let me share with you a hint of my personal experience with it. I sent someone close to me to Cornerstone Recover and just like most Recovery Facilities, their experts and staff themselves are experts with recovery firsthand (that means they were addicts who are in recovery). No medical training or physiological training. These experts are known to relaps and recover and relaps and recover. How can they ever recover while trying to get others to recover themselves?

Most addicts have multiple addictions or end up replacing one addiction with another. These facilities are happy to take them in and even with no licensed doctors, nurses or psychologist yet they receive grant money from the federal and state governments for every bed they fill (no one is turned away).

Addicts skirt away from the law and check into these facilities to evade law enforcement and due to HIPPA laws these facilities cannot share who is in their facilities. They have visitors who they manipulate to bring them drugs and many of them owe money to individuals that will come to collect with no regard to the families or individuals in the nearby or surrounding areas.

[Reverend Patrick White founder of The Steps House and his wife Sandy White the Training Coordinator currently live in a \\$750,000+ home at 12737 CLEAR RIDGE RD Knoxville, TN 37922. If he wants to be accessible to these individuals he is helping to rehabilitate, then he should probably find a home for them closer to his house](#) (within walking distance). I am sure that their recovery would be more beneficial in a neighborhood with the amenities like Rev. Patrick and Sandy White currently have accessible to them