

Board Agenda Item
September 14, 2010

3:30 p.m.

Public Hearing on SE 2010-HM-008 (Trustees of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church) to Permit Site Modifications to an Existing Church with Private School of General Education and Child Care Center with a Maximum Enrollment of 99 Children, Located on Approximately 6.62 Acres, Zoned R-1, Hunter Mill District

The application property is located at 2516, 2520, 2524 and 2525 Squirrel Hill Road, Tax Map 15-4 ((1)) 27, 28, 29 and 32.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

On Thursday, July 29, 2010, the Planning Commission voted unanimously (Commissioner Alcorn not present for the vote; Commissioner Donahue absent from the meeting) to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve SE 2010-HM-008, subject to the proposed Development Conditions dated July 14, 2010.

The Commission also voted unanimously (Commissioners Alcorn and Flanagan not present for the vote; Commissioner Donahue absent from the meeting) to recommend that the Board modify the transitional screening requirements and waive the barrier requirements along all lot lines in favor of the existing vegetation, as depicted on the SE Plat.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Planning Commission Verbatim
(Staff Report previously furnished)

STAFF:

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SE 2010-HM-008 – TRUSTEES OF THE MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH

After the Close of the Public Hearing

Chairman Murphy: The public hearing is closed; recognize Commissioner de la Fe.

Commissioner de la Fe: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I realize that it is difficult, particularly as it relates to what has been deemed a historic structure, to in effect allow its disappearance. However, given its condition the fundamental recommendation of the History Commission that it, you know, that it could be demolished, and the conditions that have been added as development conditions to attempt to preserve, you know, and recall what was here once – and I believe in reference to Commissioner Lawrence’s suggestions – those could be good. I also think that there already probably is some foundation for, you know, enhancing what already exists because I believe the Park Authority or Michael Rierson did do extensive, you know, photographic and other analysis of this as part of, you know, of their analysis. So, you know, I mean, the beginnings of the database exist already. So, Mr. Chairman, given all that, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF SE 2010-HM-008, SUBJECT TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS DATED JULY 14TH, 2010.

Commissioners Lawrence and Sargeant: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Sargeant. Is there a discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to defer – oh, to approve – I’m so used to deferring everything – to approve SE 2010-HM-008, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

Commissioner de la Fe: Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF A MODIFICATION OF THE TRANSITIONAL SCREENING YARD REQUIREMENTS AND A WAIVER OF THE BARRIER REQUIREMENTS ALONG ALL LOT LINES IN FAVOR OF THE EXISTING VEGETATION AS DEPICTED ON THE SE PLAT.

Commissioner Lawrence: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Lawrence. Is there a discussion of that motion? All those in favor of the motion, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

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(The first motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Alcorn not present for the vote; Commissioner Donahue absent from the meeting.)

(The second motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Alcorn and Flanagan not present for the vote; Commissioner Donahue absent from the meeting.)

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