Canton, Georgia

151 Elizabeth Street Canton, Ga 30114



Minutes - Final

Monday, October 17, 2016 7:00 PM

City Hall

Planning Commission

Members Present: Pat Gold, Chairman Richard Kemp, Vice Chairman Leon Gramling Carole Day Bill Magruder Andy Bonner

Staff Present: Ken Patton, Community Development Director Steve Green, Zoning Administrator Attorney

I. Call to Order

Chairman Gold called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Gold welcomed the audience and explained the rules of decorum.

II. Discussion of conditional use permit CUP1609-001, 1750 Marietta Highway – Proposed Church

Staff member Green presented a summary of the proposal. Staff member Green stated the applicant is applying for a conditional use permit for a church at 1750 Marietta Highway, the applicant is Ashley Collver and the church is called Dream Church. Staff member Green stated he has not received any calls for or against the applicant. Chairman Gold opened the public hearing and called for a representative of the case to come forward. Ashley Collver represented the applicant, Dream Church.

Ms. Collver stated the church will operate on Sundays with periodical evening Bible study. Ms. Collver stated they want to give back to the community and they have been meeting in homes for about a year and a half. Staff member asked applicant to explain the music studio. Ms. Collver stated it was to teach parishioners and have music classes.

Chairman Gold called for anyone wishing to speak in support of the application. Noel Collver, father of Ashley Collver, came forward. Mr. Collver is the co-pastor with Ashley Colver and they moved to Canton to start a church. Mr. Collver stated they have been involved with the community. Mr. Collver described the church and why they want to have the church in Canton.

Chairman Gold called for anyone wishing to speak in opposition to the application. There were none. Chairman Gold closed the public hearing and opened the floor to discussion among Commission members.

Member Bonner asked the applicant their denomination. Ms. Collver stated it is a non-denominational church. Member Bonner asked how many members they will start with. Ms. Collver stated between

20 and 35. Member Bonner asked if it would be a Sunday and Wednesday night service. Ms. Collver stated it would be a Tuesday night service. Member Magruder asked if they would have other events at the church as time goes on. Ms. Collver stated yes, as they grow they would move to a bigger place. Vice Chairman Kemp asked if the Fire Marshall has seen the place. Ms. Collver stated the Fire Marshall did go out to the place and that as long as they do not exceed 300 they will not need a sprinkler system. Vice Chairman Kemp asked if the music studio would involve teaching. Ms. Collver stated yes, there would be some music classes. Vice Chairman Kemp asked if this would require a business license. Staff member Patton stated yes. Member Day asked what types of instruments they would teach. Ms. Collver stated piano, voice and trumpet.

Member Bonner made a motion to approve the conditional use permit for this church only. Member Magruder seconded the motion.

Hand Vote: 5 Yeas o Nays Motion Approved

III. Discussion of Proposed Ordinance for Unified Development Code Amendments

Staff member Green presented the amendments (changes, deletions and additions) that were discussed in the work session. Member Day asked about the typos. Staff member Green stated the typos will be corrected.

Member Magruder made a motion to approve the amendments. Vice Chairman Kemp seconded the motion.

Hand Vote: 5 Yeas o Nays Motion Approved

IV. Adjourn

Member Bonner made a motion to adjourn. Member Gramling seconded the motion.

Hand Vote: 5 Yeas o Nays Motion Approved

Chairman Gold adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.