



# PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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**February 18, 2020 7:00 PM**  
**City Hall**  
**3921 Church Street**

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## AGENDA

### **A. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

### **B. ROLL CALL**

Planning and Zoning Chairman Birendra Dhakal, Amy Medford, Vice- Chairman Charles McFarland, Felicia Weinert, Planning and Development Director Shawanna Qawiy

### **C. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 2019 MEETING MINUTES:**

Charles McFarland made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Amy Medford seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried (4/0).

### **D. OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING:** A request from the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Incorporated for a conditional use permit for the properties located at 961 Rowland Street and 3673 Hill Street, zoned NR-1, Low Density Neighborhood Residential, Clarkston, GA 30021, for the construction of athletic fields and other athletic facilities to support the church's mission and for church related activities.

Shawanna Qawiy gave an overview of the proposed conditional use request with staff's recommendation of denial. Scott Gurosky a representative for the NAMB of the Southern Baptist Convention provided a PowerPoint presentation and timeline of the request for the conditional use permit.

Birendra Dhakal opened the public hearing.

### **OPPOSITION:**

John Beck in opposition of the conditional use permit presented the Board with aerial photos of the properties.

Susan Hood spoke in opposition of the conditional use permit, commended how professionally thorough the staff's analysis was written and agreed with staff's recommendation.

John Wagner in opposition of the conditional use permit, also objected to the proposed median on Hill Street.

Rupert Fike spoke in opposition of the conditional use permit.

Dean Moore spoke in opposition of the conditional use permit.

Carl Sager spoke in opposition of the conditional use permit.

Emmanuel Ransom spoke in opposition of the conditional use permit  
Barbara Helms spoke in opposition of the conditional use permit and the PUD development on Rowland Street and the increased traffic in the area.

#### SUPPORT:

Amina Osman spoke in support of the conditional use permit.  
Sam Abebe as the youth coordinator at the church, spoke in support of the conditional use permit.  
Carrie Grace spoke in support of the conditional use permit and spoke about how the children in the City need park space to play.  
Emma Cross spoke in support of the conditional use permit request.  
Ashley Biehimer, works with children also spoke in support of the conditional use permit request.  
Robbie Cantino, a physician in the area spoke about obesity, heart disease and in support of the conditional use permit request.  
Sean Lindsey a physician in the area, spoke in support of the conditional use permit request.  
Edward Matterson who works at the church spoke in favor of the conditional use permit request.  
Leah Carol spoke in favor of the conditional use permit request and how the proposed location of the facilities is a 5-minute walk from her residence.  
Josh Eaton spoke in favor of the conditional use permit request.

Birendra Dhakal closed the public hearing.

Felicia Weinert is not in favor of conditional use permits and acknowledged that they should be eliminated in the City's Ordinance She mentioned that the proposed conditional use permit would have a negative impact on the residents that currently live in the neighborhood.

Amy Medford discussed the conditional use permit request and inquired about the use of the after schools programs, the size of the fields and whether they would be available for public use.

George McCallum representing the NAMB of the Southern Baptist Convention mentioned that it is the applicant's hopes to make arrangements with the City for public use of the proposed athletic fields.

The Board had additional discussions.

Charles McFarland made a motion to recommend denial of the conditional use permit request. Felicia Weinert seconded the motion. A vote was called motion carried (3- Yes; Charles McFarland, Birendra Dhakal, Felecia Weinert/1- No Amy Medford)

#### E. NEW BUSINESS

1. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Abdulkadir Mohamed Dine D/B/A Brava Auto Brokers, has submitted a conditional use permit request for the property located at 1352 Brockett Road, Clarkston, Georgia 30021, zoned NC-2 Neighborhood Residential-Community Development for used car sales, repairs and emissions.

Shawanna Qawiy gave an overview of the proposed conditional use request with staff's recommendation of denial. The applicant Abdulkadir Dine provided an overview of the conditional use permit request to operate as a used car dealership.

Birendra Dhakal opened the public hearing.

**OPPOSITION:**

Dean Moore spoke in opposition of the conditional use permit.

**SUPPPORT:**

Emmanuel Ransom spoke in support of the conditional use permit request.

Ahmed Kayad spoke in support of the conditional use permit request.

Abhed Ali spoke in support of the conditional use permit request.

Tahlid Rasamy spoke in support of the conditional use permit request.

Mohammad Matar spoke in support of the conditional use permit request.

Alhim Abdul spoke in support of the conditional use permit request.

Bob Humphrey spoke in support of the conditional use permit request.

Birendra Dhakal closed the public hearing.

The Planning and Zoning Board discussed the conditional use permit

Amy Medford made a motion to table the conditional use permit request until the next Planning and Zoning meeting. Felicia Weinert seconded the motion. A vote was called motion carried (4/0)

**F. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

Amy Medford made a motion to adjourn. Felecia Weinert seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried (4, 0)

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM