



# PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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April 19, 2022, 7:00 PM  
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## AGENDA

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- A. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.
- B. ROLL CALL:** Vice Chair Felicia Weinert, Birendra Dhakal, Lisa Williams, Herbert Clark  
Chair Charles McFarland
- C. APPROVAL OF MARCH 2022 MEETING MINUTES:** Charles McFarland called for a motion to approve the March 2022 meeting minutes. Birendra Dhakal made a motion to approve, Felicia Weinert seconded, and the motion passed 5/0/0.
- D. OLD BUSINESS**
- 1. PUBLIC HEARING:** A conditional use permit request from Robert Allen Chambers D/B/A All Nations Society of Atlanta for the property located at 4320 E. Ponce de Leon Avenue, Clarkston, GA 30021, zoned RC, Residential Commercial for a mission society. *(Deferred from March 15, 2022, P/Z Meeting)*

Chairman McFarland gave an overview of the March 15, 2022, meeting for the conditional use permit request. PED Director Qawiy gave an overview of the conditional use permit request for the location of 4320 East Ponce de Leon Avenue. The applicant's representatives were present at the meeting and introduced as Robert Chambers and Pastor Adam Ellsworth.

Pastor Ellsworth gave the background of what is being requested from the conditional use permit. Applying as a mission society, it will be a Lutheran Church that will provide tutorial services for 15-30 children (ages 2-3 years/15 & 16 years of age), extra classes (i.e., ESL, knitting) garden beds/plots, and worship services. The hours proposed are on Thursdays (tutoring) 1PM-5PM and worship services from 4PM-8PM, and Sunday nights chapel.

A discussion was held by board members related to the conditional use permit request.

Chairman McFarland opened the public hearing.

Amy Medford spoke in favor of the conditional use permit request. She requested that ESL classes for women be separated.

With no additional speakers or questions from the public, Chairman McFarland closed public comment.

Lisa Williams inquired about the use of the location prior to submitting a conditional use permit application and the current lease agreement. Praise was given to the applicant based on the services that the organization is proposing to provide. Ms. Williams was concerned about the services, the organizations growth along with increased traffic in this area.

Herbert Clark inquired about the square footage of the building, and does it meet capacity and based on the applicant's request. What is defined as small in relation to the building's square footage. The PED Director explained the building is 1,115 square feet. with two (2) business currently operating at the location which include a tax office and a tutoring service.

Pastor Ellsworth mentioned that his organization has been renting this space, with a lease since June 2021 (2 years contract).

Felecia Weinert commented on the confusion of the numerous proposed uses and the application submitting as a mission society. Also, how increased traffic would make this location injurious to the neighborhoods and the local road of West Smith Street. The applicant responded by mentioning that they have only had a maximum of two (2) cars at the location at any given day and time.

Birendra Dhakal asked about specific details of the request and whether the organization is requesting a place of assembly for a place of worship, school, or offices?

Pastor Ellsworth responded that they will be offering all services.

With no further discussion from the Board. Chairman McFarland called for a motion.

Lisa Williams made the motion to deny the conditional use permit request for 4320 E. Ponce de Leon Avenue with staff's recommendation. Seconded by Felicia Weinert. and the motion passed 4/1/0. Herbert Clark-voted to approve.

**E. ADJOURNMENT** : Chairman McFarland called for a motion to adjourn. Birendra Dhakal made the motion to adjourn, Lisa Williams seconded the motion, and the motion passed 5/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 8:17PM.