

CITY OF PULLMAN
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2007

The City of Pullman Board of Adjustment held a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 18, 2007, in Council Chambers, City Hall, 325 SE Paradise, Pullman, Washington with Chairperson Michael Kallaher presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Beaumont, Finch, Harbour, Kallaher, Smart, Yrazabal
 Excused: Schoenbachler
 Staff: Dickinson, Emerson

KALLAHER Opened the meeting at 7:30 pm and called roll.

MOTION Harbour moved to accept the minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 21, 2007 as prepared by staff. Yrazabal seconded and passed unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS Kallaher read the public hearing rules of procedure, administered the oath of affirmation for those wishing to provide testimony during the hearing and qualified all Board members. Asked for the staff report.

Conduct a public hearing to review and take action on a conditional use permit application submitted by Emmanuel Baptist Church to conduct a preschool program at 1300 SE Sunnymead Way on Pioneer Hill.

Dickinson stated that the applicant is the Emmanuel Baptist Church. The proposal is to establish a preschool program in the existing facility to operate Monday thru Thursday, 9 am to 12 pm, to serve up to 20 children ranging in ages from three to five years. The property is located at 1300 SE Sunnymead Way which is located in a R1, single family residential zoning district and the Pullman Zoning Code states that "nursery schools" are conditional uses in the R1 zones.

Staff has reviewed the proposal and believes the preschool would be a beneficial service to the community with minimal impact on the neighborhoods and recommends approval without conditions.

KALLAHER Called for proponents.

Mark Bradley
765 SE Meadowvale Drive
Pullman, WA 99163

Stated that he is the Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church and that the church was founded in 1969 and has been at its present location at 1300 SE Sunnymead Way since 1988. He has noticed that many young families have trouble finding childcare due to the length of the waiting lists in the area and several members mentioned their interest in opening a preschool program. The Church voted on May 13, 2007 on the issue and feels very positive about the preschool. The preschool program would be opened to members and non-

members and the impact on the surrounding community is marginal.

Maren Wilm
1230 NW Ventura Drive
Pullman, WA 99163

Stated that she would be the Director of the preschool program. She has a three year son and has experienced the problem with childcare being full and the long waiting list. She also mentioned that there is not a faith based childcare program available in Pullman. She has a K-8 certification and has taught in the Pullman School District and that all staff would have background checks performed.

Sarah Shelden
1115 SW Lost Trail Drive
Pullman, WA 99163

Stated that she has a two year old daughter and has experienced the problem with childcare in Pullman being full or having long waiting lists. She has a K-8 certification and an endorsement in English as a Second Language. She also has taught in the Pullman School District.

KALLAHER

Called for opponents; no response.
Called for neutral parties; no response.
Closed the public portion of the hearing.

DISCUSSION

Board members discussed and all felt that it will be a valuable, wonderful addition to the community.

MOTION

Yrazabal moved to accept Findings of Facts Nos. 1-17 as prepared by staff. Smart seconded and passed unanimously.

MOTION

Harbour moved to accept Conclusions Nos. 1-9 as prepared by staff. Beaumont seconded and passed unanimously.

MOTION

Finch moved to approve Conditional Use Permit Application No. C-07-7 without conditions. Yrazabal seconded and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

No issues with the upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chairperson

Planning Director

Secretary