41st Ward Zoning Advisory Committee

June 18, 2019 6:30 PM Danish Home 5656 N. Newcastle Ave.

MEETING CALLED BY	Mike Emerson
NOTE TAKER	Chris Vittorio
MEETING ADJOURNED	8:18 PM
COMMITTEE MEMBERS & ATTENDEES	Terry Shannon, Liz DeChant, John Kwasinski, Marc Pelini, David DiSanti, Dan Collins, Mike Emerson, Frank Icuss, Christine Rosenberg

Meeting started with a motion by Marc to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2019 meeting. Second by Dave. Minutes approved.

Project Representatives

Sara Barns - Lawyer

Scott Swanson – Danish Home Representative

SUBJECT	Danish Home - 5656 N. Newcastle.			
Danish Home 5656 N. Newcastle Avenue –seeking an amendment to the current planned development to expand their facility. Adding 10 independent living units, moving the kitchen, new dining room, new entrance/foyer, change exterior fire escape, remove 2 unsafe stairwells, close current driveway and add a curved driveway				
QUESTIONS / CONCERNS	 Marc – Any changes to the interior plans since January? A – No. Marc stated he would like to see the renderings. Will Hurlbut entrance be used? A-No. Would like to see the entrance more aesthetically appealing. Is it likely you will use the proposed additional parking? A- Highly unlikely. Marc asked if possible to avoid removing any trees. A – They are keeping 75% of the green space. Christine – Any changes to the zoning request? A- No. Requested FAR is .6? A-Yes. Christine requested the FAR and number of units in writing. Is there an agreement with the City regarding the parking on the public way? A – Working on it. Liz – Clarify the parking along the private alley? A – Parking would be reserved on-site if needed in the future. Noah Szfraniec from the zoning department was present at the meeting. He stated that the parking on the public way would need to be approved as a grant of privilege. The underlying zoning of the property may not need to change. This should be an amendment to the existing Planned Development. The PD would not need to be changed to add the additional 			

	parking along the alley.
	5. Mike – What is the but for? A – Funding would determine the whole
	project. Worst case scenario would be interior renovation only. The
	building badly needs updating.
	6. John – Is the public alley standard width? A – Yes, 16ft. Do residents use
	the private alley? $A - Yes$. Any retention to address flooding? $A - Yes$ it i
	required. Everything has to meet current storm water standards.
	7. Frank – Explain water detention? A – they are required to add water
	detention for any added impermeable. Will downspouts go into the sewer?
	A - Yes, but the flow would first go to a water detention storage to slow
	the volume. Is there a current emergency generator? A – Yes. Where is it
	located? A - In the courtyard. Where will the new one go? A – Not
	determined yet. Can neighbors hear it now? A – yes, it is 20 years old.
	New one would be required to meet the new noise standards.
	8. Terry – Likes the building. Are the current sewers adequate size? A – Not
	sure. Terry states he would like to know the size of the sewer and that it is
	adequate before he votes.
	adequate services.
	Residents
	9. Will large trucks continue to back into the alley? A – Yes, vendors have
	committed to using smaller trucks.
	10. Doesn't see any changes. Concerned about more cars and independent
	units added. Increased unit size will bring more couples and cars.
	11. What happens if the Danish Home leaves? Will this be condos? A- Don't
	know.
	12. Concerned about parking issues. Where will the dumpsters go? A – Close
	proximity to where they are now. Complimented the Danish Home on the
	recent delivery changes.
	13. Concerned about more traffic and parking.
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	Project is too large.
	15. How long will Phase 1 take? A – 12-14 months. Concerned about noise,
	construction trucks and crews.
	16. Concerned about lights currently on all night.
	17. Have you ever considered expanding to another state? A – No.
	18. Concerned about changing the character of the neighborhood and impact
	on home values.
	Terry made a motion to adjourn, second by Liz. Meeting adjourned 8:18 pm.
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE DEADLINE

Terry made a motion to adjourn, second by Ele. Meeting adjourned 6:10 pm.			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Need to provide Bulk red Table.			
Need to provide number of units proposed			
and existing.			
Need to provide current and proposed FAR			

• Motion to adjourn by Terry, second by Liz. Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 pm.