

Planning Commission Meeting
July 28, 2011
Verbatim Excerpt

SEA 96-B-010-02 – Trinity Christian School

After the Close of the Public Hearing

Chairman Murphy: Public hearing is closed; Ms. Harsel, this is your evening.

Commissioner Harsel: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I had said – and I think it is -- would be no surprise to the Commission, since we received new conditions tonight that -- only because we had lots of questions -- that I was able to read some of them -- but they still need working on. I think, as everyone has said over and over again, there is no question the school is a good neighbor. The school has been extremely accommodating. Also, what has not been brought out is the fact that the school has reached their limit and they're now offering some use to outside groups. I think if anyone – and I'm sure my Commissioners at one point or another have been in a position to want a place to meet the Scouts. And when I say the scouts I mean, like, when you have your bridging ceremonies for your girl scouts, your Pinewood Derby for the cub scouts, and things. I don't think it's going to be a constant thing. The school is a lovely facility. I invite any of my Commissioners to go out and to walk the school to meet the staff. The neighbors also are a very agreeable type and I think, as we've said all along, there are points that have been brought up tonight. They're not major points; they're things that we'll sit down and work out. The school has come a long ways. I'm still lacking some information and Ms. Hall is going to provide it with me. It's not so much; it's just a simple -- The hours, I appreciate you reducing, but I want to know what the - so to speak - what we're talking about reducing: Do we have a problem? Is their summer school and summer camp run by the school? Because that will not change. That has always been there and that will remain there. It seems that the one problem is how much outside. I know the British soccer group probably is very popular. And they run these little soccer camps throughout the year. To my knowledge, or the last time I was there, we don't have it, tennis; and we're talking soccer, but you have kickball; you may have baseball. I pity anyone that hits one over to the east side of the property because that's going down a 50-foot hill into a stream. But anyway, be that as it may, I do want time to work on this application. Therefore, without too much ado -- and we have received many, many letters. And I appreciate everyone coming out. I appreciate, more than anything, the turnout from the school non-speakers. We just like to see you. And as Ms. -- well we -- no, they've written us letters and we'll get to those, but just the fact that we had the non-speaking turnout, I appreciate that, as do my fellow Commissioners. But without too much ado, I know it's late, and we're going to miss the 11 'o clock news to see if the budget problem or the ceiling or whatever it is has been taken care of

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Chairman Murphy: They deferred decision only, too, I think.

Commissioner Harsel: Oh, okay. Thanks.

Chairman Murphy: That's not a new thing in this town, whether you go on this side of the river or that side of the river.

Commissioner Harsel: THEREFORE, MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE THAT, IN THE CASE OF SEA 96-B-010-02, WE DEFER DECISION TO A DATE, and I'm going to move to the 15th, because when I started on this thing, we didn't know about the 8th and when I look and see what's been on the 8th, that may not take place, so I'm going to go ahead and defer decision to the 15th –

Chairman Murphy: – of September 15, 2011.

Commissioner Harsel: – SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2011.

Commissioner Hall: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Ms. Hall. Is there a discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to defer decision on SEA 96-B-010-02 to a date certain of September 15th with the record remaining open for comments, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

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(The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Alcorn and Donahue absent from the meeting.)

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