

Re: Zoom meeting November 16th at 6:00 p.m.

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Wed 11/17/2021 1:11 PM

To: Linda Sawyer <lindasawyer7@yahoo.com>; Evangeline Colbert <evcolbert@msn.com>

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Hello Linda,

It is great to hear you were able to communicate with Ms. Colbert directly and that you are comfortable with the explanation of use.

The property located at 800 W Galveston St is zoned SF8.5 with an allowed use for a church on the property. The church has been there since 1975. The property in the future can only continue to be a church or single-family 8,500 sq ft lot houses. Any other use on the property would require the property to be rezoned or receive a use permit, both actions go through the public hearing process. The future intention for the City for the property is for it to continue as it is today.

I will save written correspondence.

Best regards,

-Zach

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From: Linda Sawyer <lindasawyer7@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 12:21 PM

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Hello Zachary,

Mary and I were not able to get into the Zoom meeting, but we had the opportunity to Zoom with Ms. Colbert directly after the meeting. Mary and I felt comfortable with the explanation of use, but we would like to request that all written correspondence be in the planning file when moving forward. Additionally, we would like to have, in writing, what the future intentions of use for the property. We want to fully support our neighbor, SonRise Faith Community Church. Unfortunately, with our past dealing with the city we feel that it's necessary to have everything discussed in writing. It is very unfortunate that many residents have developed this type of rapport with some city staff and departments especially since we rely on city to look out for our best interests.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in processing our request, Linda and Mary

On Nov 16, 2021, at 7:40 PM, Linda Sawyer <lindasawyer7@yahoo.com> wrote:

Mary and I were disappointed that we could not log into the meeting until after it ended, so we were glad that we did get the opportunity to zoom with you this evening. We hope that you understand why we had reservations and needed clarification due to the ongoing issues in our neighborhood. My address is 1158 W Linda Lane, Chandler, AZ 85224. I will send you Marys address once I have her mailing address.

We both felt that you have a such a beautiful and kind manner. Please let us know if we can be of help to you with anything in the future. We will be glad to donate if you need snacks or items for your youth program.

Our best,
Linda and Mary

On Nov 15, 2021, at 7:34 PM, Evangeline Colbert <evcolbert@msn.com> wrote:

The scope of "community at large" would primarily be the neighborhood surrounding the church. We are planning to have a Christmas caroling event at the church in December and will invite residents from the neighborhood to join us.

Evangeline Colbert
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On Nov 15, 2021, at 3:47 PM, Linda Sawyer <lindasawyer7@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hello Evangeline,

First, it sounds like you do amazing work that touches many lives. Myself, as well as other neighbors, would never want to hinder the services you provide to church members, youth, and Head Start programs. However, we do still have reservations about the scope of community at large outreach. Please clarify your answer with specificity regarding the current and future community at large programs you currently host or plan to host in the future?

Thank you, Linda

On Nov 15, 2021, at 9:30 AM, Evangeline Colbert <evcolbert@msn.com> wrote:

Ms. Sawyer,

Thanks for your input about the SonRise Use Permit with the City of Chandler.

I'm sorry for not replying sooner. I've been involved with coordinating a wedding since 11/10/21 through the weekend and was not able to followup on emails.

SonRise Faith Community Center has been the owner of this property since late 2014.

Our church's goal is to serve others in a spirit of the love we share in Jesus Christ.

We intend to be caring neighbors and do our part in maintaining a clean and safe neighborhood.

Your concerns are valid. I hope that the feedback you received from Zachary addressed those concerns.

Below is the response to the question that Zachary did not have information for:

What type of community programs will be hosted on property that are open to the public?

We recently held a shoe giveaway for families that was coordinated by Head Start. Additional programs will be primarily geared toward family fun (Christmas program activities, Vacation Bible School, etc.) and Community Fairs that empower people in the areas of health, career-building, etc.

The programs that we've hosted and plan for the future promote the well-being of our church members, the Head Start families, **and** the community at large.

Please be assured, we will continue to keep the health and safety of the neighbors in mind.

Let us know if you have additional questions. The Zoom meeting link is below.

Sincerely,

Evangeline Colbert

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SONRISE ZOOM MEETING LINK FOR 11/16/19:

Topic: SRFCC Zoning

Time: Nov 16, 2021 06:00 PM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81189452613>

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On Nov 12, 2021, at 9:30 AM, Zachary Werdean <Zachary.Werdean@chandleraz.gov> wrote:

Hello Linda,

I am available all day on Monday.

The reason for the use permit is because the City of Chandler does not allow temporary buildings on property without a use permit. The use permit is for the modular structure.

Is Head Start Program currently ongoing on Property?

The head start program is a child education/day-care/school readiness program. Education has been occurring on this property within the modular building since 1994.

How many days a week does the applicant host youth programs, youth ministry, and Head Start Programs?

Head start classes are Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 5:30pm. On the weekends the building is used for church youth activities. The church plans to use the building seven days a week. The modular building contains three classrooms. Each classroom accommodates approximately 15 people.

If they occur on alternate days and times why is the additional space needed?

There is no additional space being added to the site. They are looking to continue their programs with the space that they have had with the modular building.

Have the programs expanded to require more space ?

No additional space is being proposed. They are looking to continue using the space they have currently been using in the past.

What has the modular building been used for in the past?

The modular building has been used for education purposes since 1994. Education has included children's arts and crafts, Korean language class, bible study, and ministry meetings for adult and youth. These uses have been approved for this modular building in the past in 1994, 2006, 2009, 2015. The reason for the modular building is because they cannot afford a permanent building. Their goal is to build a permanent building in the future so they do not need the modular building or to go through the use permit approval process.

What type of community programs will be hosted on property that are open to the public?

I will CC Evangeline with Sunrise Faith Community Church, she can help answer this one!

Will the programs or ministry be geared to serving meals to individuals experiencing homeless or drug/alcohol?

I have been told that there are no programs or ministry geared to serving meals experiencing homeless or drug/alcohol.

Will there be programs geared to providing overnight lodging to individuals?

No programs providing overnight lodging to individuals.

Attached is their last use permit approval, their proposal now is identical.

Best regards,

-Zach

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Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 12:56 AM

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Hello Zachary,

A neighbor visited the site and said that she observed activity on the property, so they must be having meetings/gatherings, therefore, I'm not sure why a meeting couldn't be held on site. I prefer that you are involved in the conversation, so I will attempt to schedule a meeting. Please provide me with several meeting times that will work for you,

so that I can coordinate with residents. If a meeting can't be scheduled prior to the scheduled Zoom meeting it seems appropriate that the application be placed on hold to afford the opportunity for the residents to express their concerns and receive have questions answered and responded addressed prior use permit approval being granted. Many residents are at a disadvantage in being heard when meetings are held by Zoom. Some residents don't have Internet, computers, or the knowledge of how to use Zoom due to economic circumstances or age.

Meanwhile, a few concerns that we have are what type of other uses would be held on the property? Perhaps you could forward a few questions to applicant and we could receive some responses prior to the meeting, via email prior to the meeting.

Is Head Start Program currently ongoing on Property?

How many days a week does the applicant host youth programs, youth ministry, and Head Start Programs?

If they occur on alternate days and times why is the additional space needed?

Have the programs expanded to require more space ?

What has the modular building been used for in the past?

What type of community programs will be hosted on property that are open to the public?

Will the programs or ministry be geared to serving meals to individuals experiencing homeless or drug/alcohol?

Will there be programs geared to providing overnight lodging to individuals?

Above are a few concerns expressed to me. Additionally, an overwhelming concern expressed is that when programs geared to homeless or drug and alcohol ministry are held in neighborhoods these programs often place health and safety burdens on residents in their own neighborhood. Many times when the programs ends for the day the individuals have no transportation, therefore they remain in the neighborhood. As there are no public restrooms in neighborhoods many residents have had individuals defecate/urinate in their yard/alley. A wide range of issues include; individuals approaching residents in their own yard asking them for money, sleeping in alley, urinating/defecating in yards/alley, and wandering the neighborhood/alley leaving behind empty liquor containers and drug paraphernalia. Needless to say residents are concerned with these on going problems and have a legitimate concern for the health and safety issues that could arise in the neighborhood.

If the permit use is hosting ministry involving the above we ask the city not to grant the permit of use on this property. All Chandler residents deserve clean, healthy, and safe neighborhoods.

Thank you, concerned residents

On Nov 4, 2021, at 3:47 PM, Zachary Werdean <Zachary.Werdean@chandleraz.gov> wrote:s

Hello Linda,

Thank you for reaching out with your concerns.

The neighborhood meeting is being hosted online due to the applicant still being worried about health concerns due to the pandemic. If you do have additional concerns and would like to talk to the applicant about what the site will be used for, please reach out to Evangeline with Sunrise Faith Community Church at (480)-968-8858. She will be happy to talk about the any potential uses of the modular building in addition to the youth programs, ministry, and Head Start program that are looking to continue at the church.

If you or any other residents would like to meet with me in person, I would be happy to also schedule that with you to discuss the project more.

Best regards,

-Zach

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To clarify, residents welcome youth programs, ministry, and even Head Start. It will be what other community activities will be held on site.

On Nov 4, 2021, at 1:27 PM, Linda Sawyer <lindasawyer7@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hello zachary,

I am writing to express my concern over the November 16th, 6:00 p.m. notice of neighborhood meeting scheduled for zoom.

I spoke with a resident that has expressed her concerns on how this meeting will be conducted. I would like to formally request that the meeting be held in the neighborhood, perhaps with the location, so that all the members of this community can participate.

Zoom is not the most appropriate forum for this meeting as many of the residents in this area are elderly, low income, do not have access to the internet or the knowledge of how to participate in a zoom meeting.

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Mail - Zachary Werdean - Outlook

I am therefore requesting that you schedule the meeting at the location site. This is the only way to ensure participation of the community concerned.

Thank you, Linda Sawyer

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