



Ref: Special Use - Project Narrative Desert Springs Community Church

April 17, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

Desert Springs Community Church is requesting approval for a Special Use Permit for our location at 14440 W Indian School Rd, Goodyear, AZ 85395.

We have been serving the community here since 2007. We desire to maximize the use of our current land and serve the community best. We have been limited and even at times run out of space in our current facility. In accordance with the Special Use proposal, we are attempting to answer the required questions to fulfill the evaluation criteria in this narrative.

1. The Special Use is desirable and necessary to the public convenience and welfare.
 - a. Goodyear is growing. There are approximately 180,000 people within 5 miles of Desert Springs with an anticipated growth to 230,000 people by the end of the decade. We have been serving in our location and community for almost 17 years. We are not asking for approval to use our land and facilities “differently” or outside of our mission. We need more space now to serve people well. Also, with projected growth of Goodyear we are trying to be proactive for the future with the part and responsibility we have to serve and impact the community. Spiritual health is important and it is more than just something for people to do or a place they go. Knowing God and eternal hope is a part of who people are and what people go searching for at all ages of life. We exist to serve and love people according to our mission.

People look to the church for many reasons. We get visits in the day and calls in the night when tragedy strikes. We visit the sick and broken hearted. People come for meeting space, weddings, memorial services, financial help, food, counseling, rides, and sometimes just for prayer. People call on Desert Springs for all types of reasons, but for most, the church has become a community to individuals with whom they celebrate times of joy and where they find friends that will respond in their time of need. There are many other reasons why this Special Use is desirable to each individual of the community, but I assume the page count would be quite lengthy if we listed them all.

2. The Special Use is harmonious and compatible with other uses adjacent to our area.
 - a. Churches are something you would typically find in a community. That is why we are here. Desert Springs Community Church is surrounded by schools and homes. We have been and will continue to serve the people that live here and go to school here. We do not typically provide childcare or after school services, but because of our mission if you visited the church on a typical Tuesday during the school year you would find over 100 students from Western Sky Middle School on our campus. Wednesday nights are filled with both high school and middle school students. During the weekend you would typically find over 200 children ages 0 to 5th grade. We supported families when schools shut down during the strike by providing a safe place for their children to be while parents worked. We care about students and teachers and the schools they attend. We care about and serve the families those students represent. We care about the community members regardless of their age or where they live. We are not a retail business like a Walmart, Safeway or Dutch Bros, but we purchase gift cards and other supplies from these stores to provide resources for the families surrounding them. We fill in the gap for those who need help. We also provide fun and safe opportunities for families to participate in.
3. Desert Springs Community Church is master planned to be in a residential area and in accordance with the city's General Plan.
4. The Special Use will not be detrimental to the surrounding properties or persons in our community.
 - a. We have 3 entrances to our campus. We currently have 4 services, 1 on Saturday evening and 3 on Sunday morning. Sunday morning is our busiest time of the week. There will be increased traffic as people arrive and leave after the services; this exists today. The 3 entrances are in great places that allow for ease of access and for traffic to not be overly impacted. We have an existing light on the corner of 144th, a right turn only entrance/exit onto Indian School Road, and a north side exit that allows for community members to go North into the residential area or to Wigwam Ave. Wigwam can be used to directly access Indian School Rd or Litchfield Rd.
 - b. There will be no excessive lighting or noise. I would expect some of the outdoor noise to be reduced as we are proposing less field space and more building use.
 - c. We are not proposing any buildings of excessive scale or height in relationship to the surrounding properties.
 - d. According to Architectural and Civil review, our parcel size is adequate to provide appropriate buffers or mitigation measures.
 - e. The architecture of the proposed buildings will be similar to the existing building architecture.

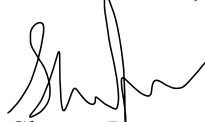
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5. In addition to the activities listed above in 1. a. and 2. a. we are planning to continue activities on our campus according to our mission. Here is a list of the major activities for your review.
 - a. Business Hours M-Th 8:30AM to 4:30PM
 - i. We conduct all types of activities and services during this time. Most of the activities take place indoors.
 - b. After Hours Activities
 - i. Monday Meetings/Bible Studies 4:30PM to 8:30PM
 - ii. Tuesday Western Sky Open Gym 4PM to 5:30PM
 - iii. Tuesday Meetings/Combat Veterans Meetings 5:30PM to 10:00PM
 - iv. Wednesday 6:00PM to 9:30PM (Youth Services)
 - v. Thursday Meetings/Bible Studies 4:30PM to 11:00PM.
 - c. Worship Services/Meetings
 - i. Saturday 5:00PM to 6:30PM
 - ii. Sunday 8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM. Most people are gone by 12:45PM

One thing we have learned over the years is our community prefers to attend worship services and classes on Sunday mornings, but our space is at capacity. The master plan buildout will provide these needed spaces and increase gathering places for the local community throughout the week. The Special Use permit will allow for greater opportunity for meaningful connections and service to the community.

Thank you so much for your consideration of this project. If there is any other information you need please feel free to contact me via email shawn@dscchurch.com or by phone 623-377-5872.

In His Service,



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