

APPLICANT: Milford Church of God	PETITION NO:	Z-49
770-432-5459	HEARING DATE (PC):	12-05-11
REPRESENTATIVE: Grant Cole	HEARING DATE (BOC):	12-13-11
404-918-2111	PRESENT ZONING:	R-20
TITLEHOLDER:		
	PROPOSED ZONING:	LRO
PROPERTY LOCATION: <u>At the northwest intersection of Hicks</u>		
Road and the East West Connector.	PROPOSED USE:I	Digital Sign
ACCESS TO PROPERTY: Hicks Road and East West Connector	SIZE OF TRACT:	0.46 acre
	DISTRICT:	17
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS TO SITE: Vacant space at	LAND LOT(S):	25
the front corner of existing church property	PARCEL(S):	3
	TAXES: PAID X D	UE
CONTIGUOUS ZONING/DEVELOPMENT	COMMISSION DISTRICT	Γ:_4

NORTH:	R-20/Developed single-family house

- SOUTH: PRD/Madison Ridge Subdivision
- EAST: PVC/CVS Pharmacy and mixed use development
- WEST: PRD/Harvest Pointe Subdivision

OPPOSITION: NO. OPPOSED ____ PETITION NO: ____ SPOKESMAN _____

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

APPROVED____MOTION BY_____

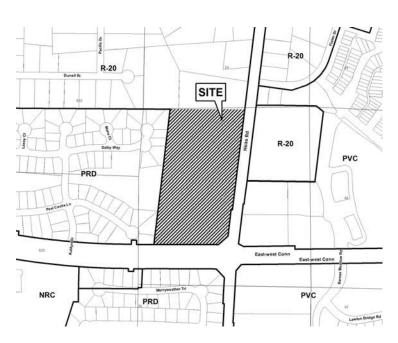
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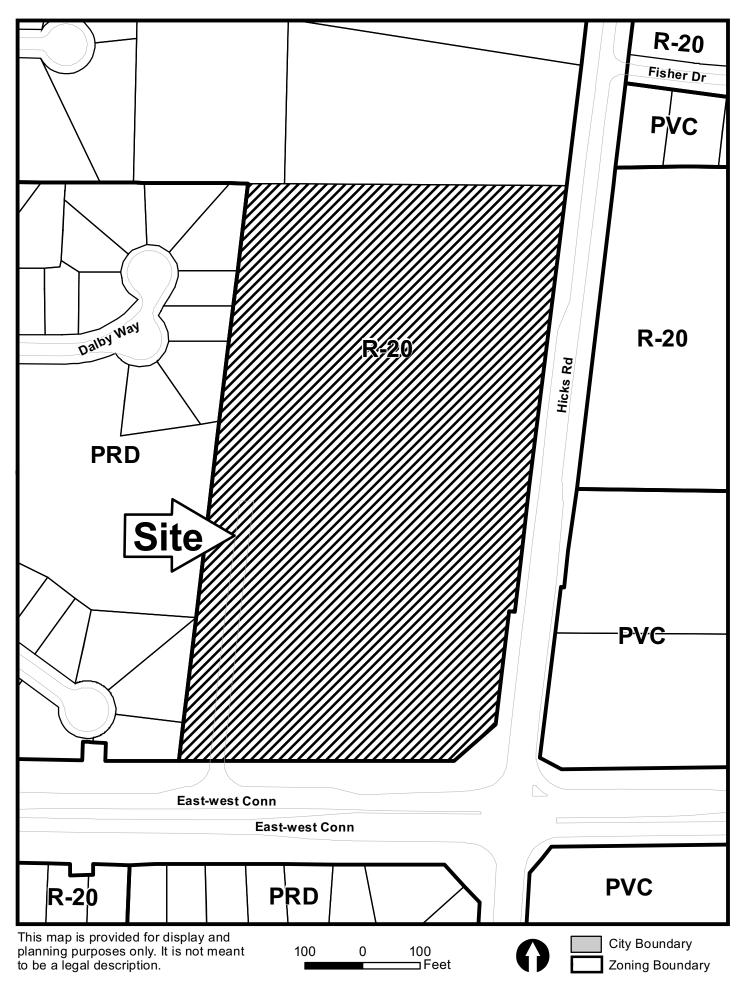
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECISION

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STIPULATIONS:







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ZONING COMMENTS:	Staff Member Respons	sible: Jason A. Campbell	
Land Use Plan Recomme	endation: Public Institution	nal	
Proposed Number of Bui	ildings: 0 Total Squa	re Footage of Development:	N/A
F.A.R.: <u>N/A</u>	Square Footage/Acre: N/A		
Parking Spaces Required	1: 0 Parking Sn	aces Provided: 0	

Applicant is proposing to rezone a section of its existing property to the Low Rise Office (LRO) category in order to erect a new digital church sign. While churches are allowed as uses in the R-20 zoning category, signs as proposed by the applicant are not. The overall church acreage is over 12 acres and this application is only to rezone a 20,000 square-foot area toward the front of the church property in order to allow the church to update its sign.

<u>Historic Preservation</u>: After consulting various county historic resources surveys, historic maps, archaeology surveys and Civil War trench location maps, staff finds that no known significant historic resources appear to be affected by this application. No further comment. No action by applicant requested at this time.

<u>Cemetery Preservation</u>: No comments.

FIRE COMMENTS:

NO COMMENTS: After analyzing the information presented for a Preliminary Review, the Cobb County fire Marshal's Office is confident that all other items can be addressed during the Plan Review stage.

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PRESENT ZONING <u>R-20</u>				PE	TITION	FOR LRO
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WATER COMMENTS: NOTE: Comments refle	ect or	nly what facilities	s were	in exi	istence at t	he time of this review.
		Yes			No	
Fire Flow Test Required:	V	Yes		✓	No	
Size / Location of Existing Water Main(s): 10"	CI /	W side Hicks I	Rd			
Additional Comments: <u>Church is currently serve</u>	ed by	water				
Developer may be required to install/upgrade water mains, bas in the Plan Review Process.	sed or	n fire flow test resu	lts or Fi	re Dep	artment Coo	de. This will be resolved
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SEWER COMMENTS: NOTE: Comments r	eflec	t only what facili	ties we	ere in o	existence a	t the time of this review.
In Drainage Basin:	✓	Yes			No	
At Development:	✓	Yes			No	
Approximate Distance to Nearest Sewer: On	site.	Church is curi	rently	conn	ected to s	ewer
Estimated Waste Generation (in G.P.D.): A	D F=	+0		I	Peak= +()
Treatment Plant:		S Co	obb			
Plant Capacity:	✓	Available		Not	Available	2
Line Capacity:	✓	Available		Not	Available	2
Proiected Plant Availability:	✓	0 - 5 vears		5 - 1	0 vears	over 10 vears
Drv Sewers Reauired:		Yes	\checkmark	No		
Off-site Easements Required:		Yes*	\checkmark	No		e easements are required, Develope nit easements to CCWS for
Flow Test Required:		Yes	✓	No	11	proval as to form and stipulations e execution of easements by the
Letter of Allocation issued:		Yes	✓	No	property o	wners. All easement acquisitions ponsibility of the Developer
Septic Tank Recommended by this Department:		Yes	✓	No		
Subject to Health Department Approval:		Yes	\checkmark	No		
Additional Comments:						

Developer will be responsible for connecting to the existing County water and sewer systems, installing and/or upgrading all outfalls and water mains, obtaining on and/or offsite easements, dedication of on and/or offsite water and sewer to Cobb County, as may be required. Rezoning does not guarantee water/sewer availability/capacity unless so stated in writing by the Cobb County Water System. Permit issuances subject to continued treatment plant compliance with EPD discharge requirements.

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DRAINAGE COMMENTS

No comments.

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TRANSPORTATION COMMENTS

The following comments and recommendations are based on field investigation and office review of the subject rezoning case:

ROADWAY	AVERAGE DAILY TRIPS	ROADWAY CLASSIFICATION	SPEED LIMIT	JURISDICTIONAL CONTROL	MIN. R.O.W. REQUIREMENTS
Hicks Road	10800	Arterial	45 mph	Cobb County	100'
East-West Connector	32700	Arterial	45 mph	Cobb County	100'

Based on 2011 traffic counting data taken by Cobb DOT (Hicks Road) Based on 2007 traffic counting data taken by Cobb DOT (East-West Connector)

COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS

Hick Road is classified as a major collector and according to the available information the existing right-of-way does meet the minimum requirements for this classification.

East-West Connector is classified as an arterial and according to the available information the existing right-of-way does meet the minimum requirements for this classification.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommend applicant coordinate with the County prior to development plan approval to ensure compatibility with the Hick Road Sidewalk construction project.

Recommend applicant be required to meet all Cobb County Development Standards and Ordinances related to project improvements.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

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- A. It is Staff's opinion that the applicant's rezoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby properties. The CVS Pharmacy across Hicks Road also has a reader board sign. The applicant's renderings propose signage with a ground base that includes brick like the church building.
- B. It is Staff's opinion that the applicant's rezoning proposal will not have an adverse affect on the usability of adjacent or nearby property. The proposed signage will be situated toward the intersection.
- C. It is Staff's opinion that the applicant's rezoning proposal will not result in a use which would cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools. This opinion can be supported by the departmental comments contained in this analysis.
- D. It is Staff's opinion that the applicant's rezoning proposal and continued use is in conformity with the policy and intent of the *Cobb County Comprehensive Plan*, which delineates this property to be within the Public/Institutional land use category. The land use plan for this property is due to the existing church use that has been on the property for a number of years. Churches are allowed as special exception in residential zoning categories; however, the type of proposed sign is not. Applicant is proposing to rezone only a 20,000 square-foot section of the overall church property to LRO in order to update its signage.
- E. It is Staff's opinion that there are existing and changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for approving the applicant's rezoning proposal. The church has been at the current property for a number of years and wishes to update its signage. The CVS Pharmacy across Hicks Road has a similar sign. The proposed rezoning will only be for the 20,000 square feet in front of the church toward the intersection of Hicks Road and the East-West Connector. The request to rezone this portion of the property is because the proposed signage update is not allowed in the property's current R-20 category. The subject property will continue to be used as a church.

Based on the above analysis, Staff recommends APPROVAL subject to the following conditions:

- Site plan dated October 25, 2011, with the District Commissioner approving minor modifications;
- The remaining 12.34 acres of the church site to remain R-20;
- Compliance with the Cobb County Sign Ordinance; and
- DOT comments and recommendations.

The recommendations made by the Planning and Zoning Staff are only the opinions of the Planning and Zoning Staff and are by no means the final decision. The Cobb County Board of Commissioners makes the final decisions on all Rezoning and Land Use Permits at an advertised public hearing.



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- 9. Every application for rezoning involving a request for a non-residential zoning district shall include a complete written, documented analysis of the impact of the proposed rezoning with respect to each of the following matters:
 - a. Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.
 We are just upgrading an existing sign to a digital sign.
 - b. Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.
 We are upgrading an existing sign.
 - c. Whether the property to be affecting by the zoning proposal has reasonable economic use as currently zoned.
 We have to rezone to upgrade our sign.
 - d. Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.
 We are upgrading an existing sign.
 - e. Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan.

It is a sign for the church.

f. Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property, which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal.

It will improve the appearance of our property without changing the location or size of the existing sign.

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Summary of Intent for Rezoning

a)	Proposed unit square-footage(s): 20,000
b)	Proposed building architecture: None
c)	Proposed selling prices(s): None
d)	List all requested variances: None
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. Non-	residential Rezoning Information (attach additional information if needed)
a)	Proposed use(s): To upgrade on exists sign to a new
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b) /	Proposed building architecture: None
c)	Proposed hours/days of operation: The sign will be on continuously
d)	List all requested variances: Non
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t 3. Ut	her Pertinent Information (List or attach additional information if needed)
Du	in sign is an old out dated sign. This will improve
t	to look of our property
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	ny of the property included on the proposed site plan owned by the Local, State, or Federal Gove
(Plea	nse list all Right-of-Ways, Government owned lots, County owned parcels and/or remnants, etc., s clearly showing where these properties are located).





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