

Conditional Zoning to consider a K-5th grade school at 105 Dow Rd. in the R-3 Zoning District

Applicant: Seaside Chapel

105 Dow Road



Current Uses on the property:

Church, Single Family Residence – Parsonage, Day Care.

Proposed Use:

K-5th Grade School

Zoning District – R-3:

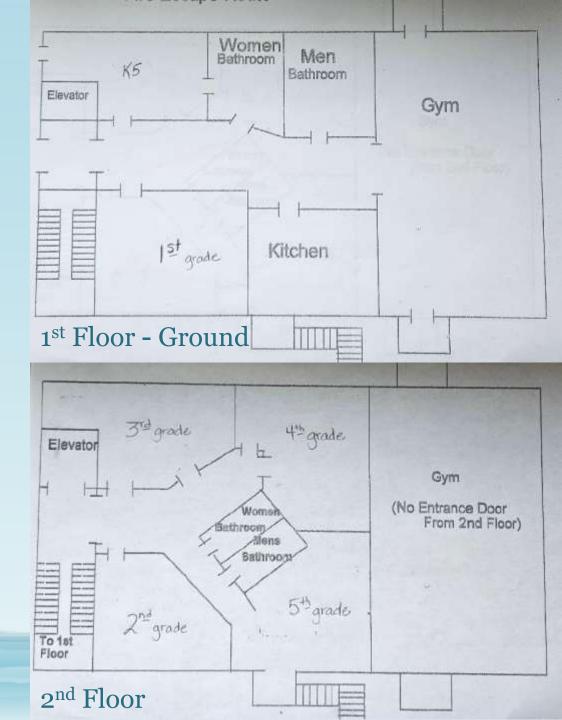
The R-3 district is established to provide for moderate to low density single-family residential use and other compatible uses.

Proposal

Renovate the existing Family Life Center building located at 105 Dow Rd. into a 6-classroom school for K-5th grades. 15 children per grade (90 total). A school requires conditional zoning.

At this time the applicants are only seeking K-5th grade.





Surrounding Uses







100 Dow Rd

9 South Dow Road

804 Charlotte Ave.



101 8th St / 716 Hamlet Ave.

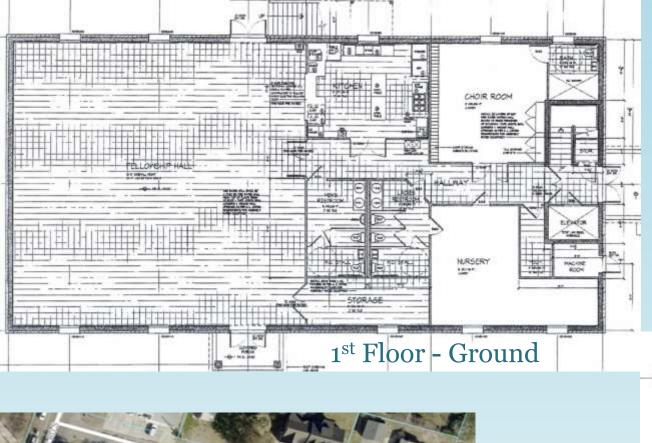


801 – 807 Hamlet Ave

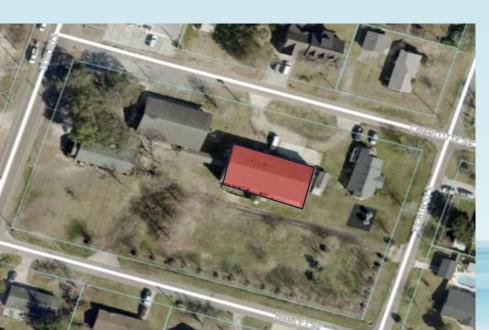
Zoning District Table of Uses

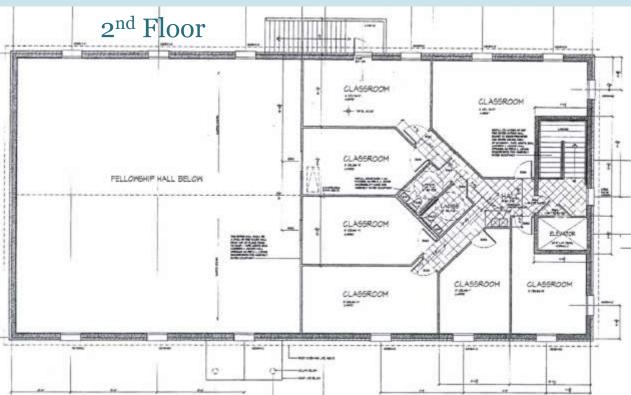
Table 3.2: Table of Uses	P = Permitted by Right; CZ = Conditional Zoning (Use Standard noted); PS = Permitted Use with a Use Standard													
Uses of Land	R-1	R-1B	R-2	R-3	C	MH	MF	MX	CBD	NB	НВ	MB-1	T-1	I-1
Schools, public and private	CZ	CZ	CZ	CZ		CZ	CZ	CZ	CZ		CZ			CZ

Schools are allowed in the R-3 Zoning district with Conditional Zoning Approval.



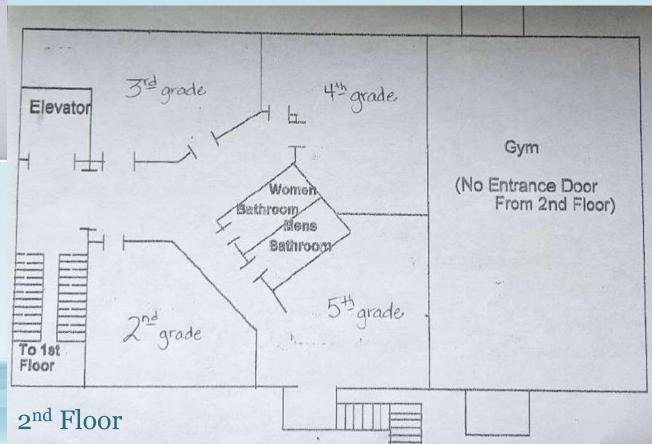
Existing Floor Plan of Family Life Center Building



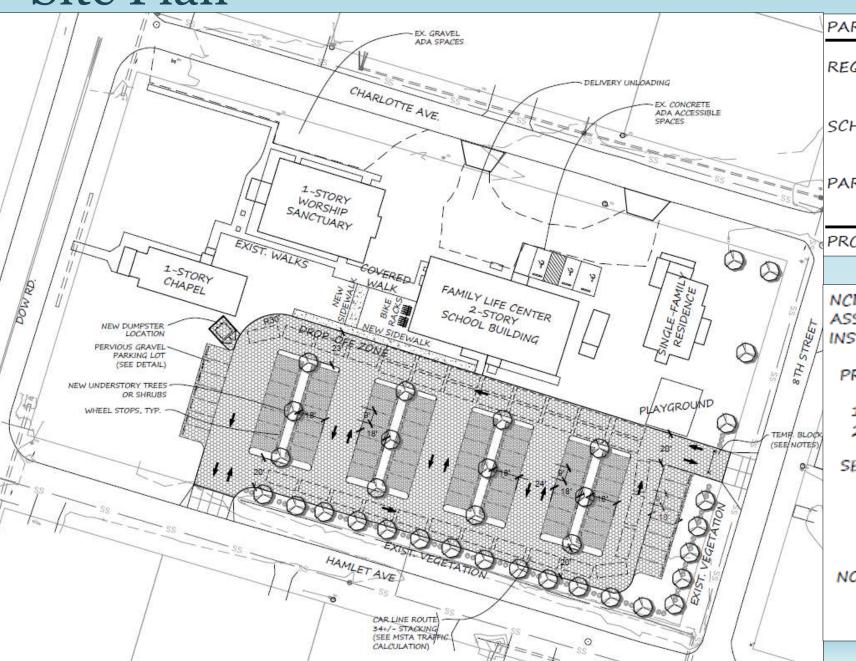


Women Bathroom Men K5 Bathroom Elevator Gym 1st grade Kitchen 1st Floor - Ground

Proposed Floor Plan of Family Life Center Building



Site Plan



PARKING DATA:

REQUIRED: 1 SPACE:300 of WORSHIP SPACE

13,126 sf / 300 = 44 SPACES

SCHOOL: 1 SPACES:GRADE + 5 VISITOR SPACES

1 x 5 GRADES = 6+5 = 11 SPACES

PARSONAGE: 1:BEDROOM = 3 SPACES

PROVIDED: 72 GRAVEL PARKING SPACES

NCDOT MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE (MSTA) WITH NC DPI (DEPT. OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION): For 90 Students in Grades K-5

PRIVATE SCHOOL STACKING LENGTH REQUIRED:

AVG. QUEUE LENGTH = 310-FT

HIGH DEMAND LENGTH = 405-FT

SEASIDE SCHOOL STACKING LENGTH PROVIDED:

QUEUE LENGTH = 590-LF

590 LF /20' SPACE = 29 TOTAL VEHICLES

8'x20' BOX SHOWS 34 TOTAL VEHICLES
WITH DOUBLE STACKING ALONG THE SCHOOL

NOTE: 8TH ST. DRIVEWAY BLOCKED OFF TEMPORARILY BY SCHOOL STAFF DURING DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Conditional Zoning Process

- Public meeting January 21st, 2024
- 18 people attended
- Concerns:
 - Drop-off & Pickup vehicle queuing Applicant closed off 8th St. Driveway during pickup and drop-off to help with queuing flow.
 - Increase in Traffic –The Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization reviewed plans and determined a traffic study was not warranted. Applicant included NCDOT School Traffic calculations for queuing calculator.

Criteria

- When evaluating, the Council shall consider:
 - Consistency with general polices and objectives of the CAMA Land Use Plan, any other adopted plans, and the Zoning Ordinance
 - Potential impacts/benefits on surrounding area and adjoining properties
 - Report of results from public input meeting

Land Use Plan Consistency

The project is in general conformity with the 2020 Future Land Use Plan.

- Promotes family-friendly character
- Existing, by-right, entitled, higher intensity uses will continue to be supported in Low Density Residential areas.

Staff recommends approval.

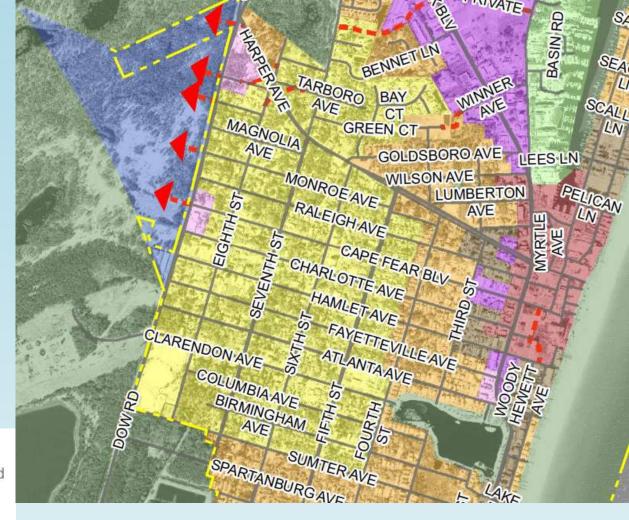
Low Density Residential

Primarily large-lot, single family detached residential such as many of the town's established neighborhoods. Lots are larger than in other areas; usually ~9,000 sq ft and larger. Generally characterized by low traffic, local streets and pedestrian-scale structures. Smaller lots on occasion. Note: Existing, by-right, entitled, higher intensity uses will continue to be sup-

ported in LDR areas, including allowances for rebuilding structures.







Staff Proposed Conditions

- 1. Restoration of the previously required landscape buffer surrounding the 8th street fenced in playground as described in the 2020 Conditional Grant Order for 105 Dow Rd.
- 2. At least 8% of the gross paved area of a parking facility shall be landscaped and located in the interior.
- 3. The refuse collection site must be enclosed on three (3) sides by a minimum six (6) foot opaque fence.
- 4. Pervious gravel drive aisles will meet NCDEQ Permeable Pavement design criteria.
- 5. Any proposed signage will have to meet all standards zoning requirements in the future.
- 6. Fire recommends a Knox box to be installed on building.

Town Council may include additional conditions (i.e. landscaping, sidewalks, design guidelines, buffers, infrastructure improvements, pedestrian, street and ROW improvements)

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Commission voted 4/2 to approve the K-5th Grade school at 105 Dow Rd. with the suggested staff conditions and added an additional condition:

• Requires once per year the town receives, from the applicant, certification of a properly functioning pervious driveway.

Motion

Approval: The Town Council, whereas in accordance with the provisions of the NCGS, does hereby find and determine that the adoption of the Conditional Zoning District to allow for a school (K-5) at 105 Dow Rd. is consistent with the goals and objectives of the adopted Land Use Plan and other long-range plans and the potential impacts on the surrounding area, are mitigated by the approved conditions.

Denial: Based on inconsistencies with the goals and objectives of the adopted Land Use Plan and/or other long-range planning documents and the potential impacts on the surrounding area.