

**DALTON-WHITFIELD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**503 WEST WAUGH STREET**  
**DALTON, GA 30720**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City of Dalton Mayor and Council  
Kim Witherow  
Jason Parker  
Gandi Vaughn  
Jean Price-Garland

**FROM:** Jim Lidderdale  
Chairman

**DATE:** December 3, 2019

**SUBJECT: The request of Dalton's Greater Works, Inc. for a special use permit for a homeless shelter on a tract of land totaling .34 acres located at 201 Bryant Avenue, Dalton. Parcel (12-257-18-000) (City)**

The most recent meeting of the Dalton-Varnell-Whitfield County Planning Commission was held on November 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Wells Fargo Building fifth floor Whitfield County Commissioner's Chambers, 201 S. Hamilton Street. A portion of the agenda included a public hearing concerning the above matter. A quorum of four members of the Planning Commission was present. All legal requirements for advertising and posting the public hearing were met.

The petition was represented by Robert Hill, the petitioner.

**Public Hearing Summary:**

Mr. Calhoun oriented the audience to the subject property and summarized the staff analysis which was in favor of the requested special use permit for a homeless shelter.

Robert Hill, the petitioner, stated his desire to expand his ministry's footprint on an adjacent property onto the subject property by way of creating a men's shelter. He went on to state that this property will not be a conventional homeless shelter or halfway house since they will not be offering drug or addiction counseling on the site. He summarized the mission of his ministry to provide counseling and spiritual guidance to paroled men.

With no other comments heard for or against this hearing closed at 8:25

**Recommendation:**

Chairman Lidderdale sought a motion on the requested special use permit for a homeless shelter. **Mr. Sanford then made a motion to recommend approval for the special use permit based on his agreement with the content of the staff analysis. Mr. DeLay seconded the motion and a unanimous recommendation to approve the requested special use permit for a homeless shelter followed, 3-0.**