

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

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jim Lidderdale
Chairman

DATE: April 16, 2020

SUBJECT: The request of Julia Garcia for a special use permit for a medical clinic on a tract of land totaling 1.53 acres located at 1906 Shields Road, Dalton, Georgia. Parcels (12-260-07-010) (12- 260-07-016) and (12-260-07-009) (City)

The most recent meeting of the Dalton-Varnell-Whitfield County Planning Commission was held on April 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via video/telephone conference as posted to the Whitfield County website. A portion of the agenda included a public hearing concerning the above matter. A quorum of five members of the Planning Commission was present. All legal requirements for advertising and posting the public hearing were met.

The petition was represented by Dr. Julia Garcia.

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 medical clinic. Mr. Sanford asked staff why medical clinics were required to obtain a special use permit when other commercial uses were permitted outright in C-1. Ms. Price-Garland stated that the special use permit was intended to address opioid treatment centers and allow staff to ensure that the clinics are legitimately operated and that hours of operation would not negatively impact adjacent residential neighborhoods.

Dr. Garcia had no additions after hearing the staff analysis.

With no other comments heard for or against this hearing closed at 7:40

Recommendation:

Chairman Lidderdale sought a motion on the requested special use permit for a Medical Clinic. **Mr. Sanford then made a motion to recommend an approval for the special use permit for a Medical Clinic. Mr. DeLay seconded the motion and a unanimous recommendation to approve the requested special use permit for a Medical Clinic followed, 4-0.**