



City of Stevenson

Planning Department

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TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Ben Shumaker
DATE: October 10th, 2022
SUBJECT: Conditional Use Permit 2020-01 – Nazarene Church, Periodic Review

Introduction

The Planning Commission approved reuse of a building as a church through CUP2020-01. The permit involved a periodic review along with other permits in October 2022. At their October meeting, the Planning Commission was concerned the conditions of approval for CUP2020-01 were not being met and requested a public hearing to gather additional information on the building's occupancy and neighborhood impact.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends extending the review period for CUP2020-01 until the first meeting in October 2024 to reevaluate the vegetation/screening.

Draft motion: *"I move to adopt the modification to CUP2020-01 as presented."*

Guiding City Policies

Zoning Code

SMC 17.39.020: "Conditional Use Permit Review"

- A. The planning commission shall review all applications for conditional use permits...
- C. The Planning Commission may attach reasonable conditions to a permit, including but not limited to, the term of a permit's duration and the need for periodic review to ensure that the terms of a permit are being met.

CUP2020-01 – Nazarene Church

Overview

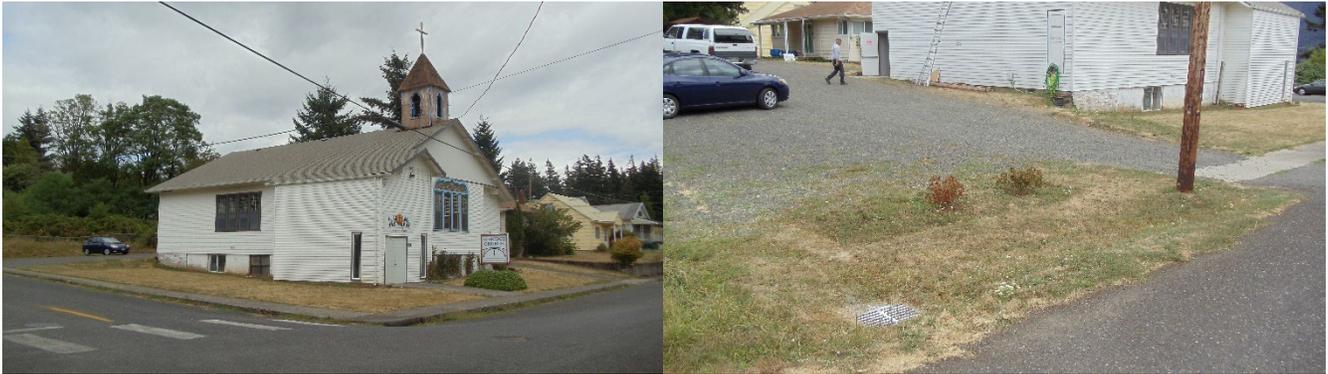
This conditional use permit was issued to the Stevenson Church of the Nazarene in July 2020. The permit included the following conditions. Staff's assessment of compliance appears in **bold**:

1. This Conditional Use Permit shall be valid only for the applicant at the location above. **(In Compliance)**
2. Noncompliance with the conditions of this permit shall render this Conditional Use Permit invalid. **(In Compliance)**
3. The proponents of this project shall provide some form of financial assurance regarding their participation in the future street, sidewalk, and/or drainage improvements on NW Jefferson and McKinley streets. One acceptable method would be to enter into a waiver of protest agreement with the City, which will obligate their participation in any local improvement district that may be formed in the next ten (10) years for street, sidewalk, and/or drainage improvements on these streets. Alternatively, the proponents may install a sidewalk extension along the south side of NW Jefferson Street and ADA ramp at the southwest corner of the Jefferson/McKinley intersection. The extension shall comply with the Stevenson Engineering Standards and may include a Type 2 curb ramp. The

financial assurance/agreement/extension shall be complete prior to the periodic review required in Condition #7. **(In Compliance)**

4. If, after consultation with the Public Works Director, the Planning Commission finds gravel migration has been a problem, paved driveways shall be required. This shall be evaluated as part of the periodic review conducted through Condition #7, below. **(In Compliance)**
5. The parking area shall be fenced and/or screened from the street and nearby residential uses. This condition shall be satisfied as soon as possible and no later than April 4th, 2021. **(Questionable Compliance)**
6. Signage related to the use shall be limited to 24 square feet of maximum individual sign area. No street frontage shall have more than one sign larger than 12 square feet. **(In Compliance)**
7. The proposal shall be subject to periodic review by the Planning Commission to ensure the terms of this permit are being met and/ or determine whether changes to these terms are warranted. **(In Compliance)**

Discussion



The Church has been operating since 2020. The public has not relayed concerns to the City about its operation. The sidewalk on the south side of Jefferson Street was extended to the McKinley Street intersection where there is an ADA ramp. There are 3 signs associated with this use. A building sign faces Jefferson Street. A freestanding sign is located between the building and Jefferson Street. A building-mounted cross faces Jefferson Street. Several bushes have been planted to the west and southwest of the parking lot. The bushes have yet to fully take hold and screen the parking lot and the pastor reports they have been replaced at least once.

Public Involvement

Notice of the hearing was published in the Skamania County Pioneer, mailed to all owners within 300', and posted on utility poles in the vicinity. At the time of this writing, one exploratory phone call and no written comments have been received by staff.

Prepared by,

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Community Development Director

Attachments:

- CUP2020-01
- Draft modification to CUP2020-01



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Conditional Use Permit #2020-01

PROPONENT: Stevenson Church of the Nazarene
LOCATION: 347 & 363 NW Jefferson Street (Tax Lot #03-07-36-3-4-4900)
DECISION DATE: July 20th, 2020
REVIEW DATE: The first Planning Commission meeting in October, 2022.
PURPOSE: As provided by SMC 17.39 and SMC 17.15, this Conditional Use Permit allows use of property in the R3 Multi-Family Residential District as a "Church or Other Religious or Charitable Organization" and associated signage.

Findings of Fact:

1. The Planning Commission has reviewed this application for a Conditional Use Permit.
2. The Planning Commission advertised and held a public hearing on July 13th, 2020 and continued the hearing until a special meeting on July 20th, 2020.
3. The applicant has paid the required application fees.
4. The proposed re-use of the church building requires a conditional use permit under SMC 17.15, but is not considered a wholly new use under SMC 17.42 or the Stevenson Engineering Standards.
5. If considered a new use under the Stevenson Engineering standards, paved driveways would be required. Paved driveways prevent migration of gravel onto public streets. Gravel on public streets can impact public safety and neighborhood harmony.
6. The property frontages on Jefferson and McKinley streets contain substandard pedestrian, vehicular, parking and storm drainage facilities, and this proposal will adversely impact those systems' abilities to serve the community at the current level of service.
7. Street frontage improvements along the subject property-only would inadequately address the substandard aspects of the adjacent street corridors. It is preferable to address the corridor through a more comprehensive improvement approach. However, a delay in improvements may lead to unacceptable impacts in the short term.
8. The proposal includes onsite parking areas visible from the street and adjacent residential uses. Visibility of these areas is out of harmony with the neighborhood setting of the area. Parking serving similar development in other districts is required to be "fenced and/or screened from the street and nearby residential uses".
9. As it relates to signage, the church building has property frontage along NW Jefferson and NW McKinley streets and the former parsonage building has property frontage along NW Jefferson Street.
10. The conditions imposed by this permit further the compelling governmental interests of mitigating this project's impacts to the neighborhood atmosphere and its traffic and stormwater systems; these conditions are the least restrictive means of furthering these interests. As a result, the City has satisfied its requirements under the RLUIPA.

Conditions of Approval

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Conclusions of Law

Based on these findings and conditions, the Planning Commission is satisfied that this Conditional Use proposal:

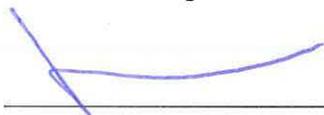
1. Will not endanger the public health or safety;
2. Will not substantially reduce the value of adjoining or abutting property;
3. Will be in harmony with the area in which it is located; and
4. Will be in conformity with the comprehensive plan, transportation plan, or other plan officially adopted by the council.

THIS CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (**CUP2020-01**) FOR:

**A Church or Other Religious or Charitable Organization and associated signage in the
R3 Multi-Family Residential District
at 347 & 363 NW Jefferson Street, Tax Lot # 03-07-36-3-4-4900.**

IS HEREBY ISSUED.

For the Planning Commission:



Date

9/28/2020



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