

Memorandum



Date: January 31, 2007

To: Diane O'Quinn-Williams, Director
Department of Planning and Zoning

From: Jose Gonzalez, P.E., Assistant Director
Environmental Resources Management

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Subject: C-15 #Z2007000015
Bishop Simeon L. Downs
21450 S.W. 112th Avenue
Special Exception to Permit an Expansion to a Religious Facility,
Unusual Use to Expand a Daycare Center,
Modification of a Resolution to Permit a New Site Plan, and
Non-Use Variance of Setback, Area, Right-of-Way, and Parking Requirements
(RU-2) (1.23 Acres)
07-56-40

The Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) has reviewed the subject application and has determined that it meets the minimum requirements of Chapter 24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the Code). Accordingly, DERM may approve the application, and the same may be scheduled for public hearing.

Potable Water Service and Wastewater Disposal

Public water and public sanitary sewers can be made available to the subject property. Therefore, connection of the proposed development to the public water supply system and sanitary sewer system shall be required, in accordance with Code requirements.

Existing public water and sewer facilities and services meet the Level of Service (LOS) standards set forth in the Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP). Furthermore, the proposed development order, if approved, will not result in a reduction in the LOS standards, subject to compliance with the conditions required by DERM for this proposed development order.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and in light of the fact that the County's sanitary sewer system has limited sewer collection, transmission, and treatment capacity, no new sewer service connections can be permitted, unless there is adequate capacity to handle the additional flows that this project would generate. Consequently, final development orders for this site may not be granted, if adequate capacity in the system is not available at the point in time when the project will be contributing sewage to the system. Lack of adequate capacity in the system may require the approval of alternative means of sewage disposal. Use of an alternative means of sewage disposal may only be granted, in accordance with Code requirements, and shall be an interim measure, with connection to the public sanitary sewer system required upon availability of adequate collection/transmission and treatment capacity.

Stormwater Management

All stormwater shall be retained on-site utilizing properly designed seepage or infiltration drainage structures. Drainage plans shall provide for full on-site retention of the stormwater runoff of a 5-year/1-day storm event.

Site grading and development shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 11C of the Code.

Any proposed development shall comply with County and Federal flood criteria requirements. The proposed development order, if approved, will not result in a reduction in the LOS standards for flood protection set forth in the CDMP, subject to compliance with the conditions required by DERM for this proposed development order.

Pollution Remediation

The subject property is located within a designated brownfield area. The applicant is advised that there are economic incentives available for development within this area. For further information concerning these incentives, contact the Pollution Remediation Section of DERM at 305-372-6700.

Operating Permits

Section 24-18 of the Code authorizes DERM to require operating permits from facilities that could be a source of pollution. The applicant is advised that the requested use of the subject property may require operating permits from DERM. It is, therefore, suggested that the applicant contact DERM concerning operating permit requirements.

Wetlands

The subject property does not contain jurisdictional wetlands, as defined in Section 24-5 of the Code; therefore, a Class IV Wetland Permit will not be required.

The applicant is advised that permits from the Army Corps of Engineers (305-526-7181), the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (561-681-6600), and the South Florida Water Management District (1-800-432-2045), may be required for the proposed project. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact these agencies.

Natural Forest Communities

The subject property lies near a designated Natural Forest Community (NFC). NFC's are upland natural areas (Pine Rockland and Hardwood Hammocks) that meet one or more of the following criteria: the presence of endangered, threatened, rare or endemic species; low percentage of site covered by exotic plant species; high overall plant diversity; wildlife habitat values; and geological features. This NFC will be maintained by the use of periodic ecological prescribed burning. This management technique reduces the wildfire threat and is beneficial to wildlife and the rare plant species harbored by this plant community. Such burning is generally performed once every three years. The subject property lies within the potential smoke dispersion corridor of this pineland. Consequently, the subject property may be affected by the periodic smoke events from the prescribed burns or unexpected wildfires.

Tree Preservation

According to the site plan submitted along with the zoning application, specimen-sized tree(s) (trunk diameter 18 inches or greater) may be impacted. Section 24-49.2 of the Code requires preservation of specimen trees whenever reasonably possible. Prior to the removal or relocation of any tree on-site, which is subject to the Tree Preservation and Protection provisions of the Code, a Miami-Dade County

Tree Removal Permit, which meets the requirements of Sections 24-49.2 and 24-49.4 of the Code, is required. Be advised that, pursuant to Section 24-49.2(II)(1) of the Code, evaluation of permit applications for the removal of specimen trees include, but is not limited to, factors such as size and configuration of the property, as well as any proposed development, location of tree(s) relative to any proposed development, and whether or not the tree(s) can be preserved under the proposed plan or any alternative plan.

The applicant is required to comply with the above tree permitting requirements. DERM's approval of the subject application is contingent upon inclusion of said tree permitting requirements in the resolution approving this application. The applicant is advised to contact DERM staff for additional information regarding permitting procedures and requirements prior to site development.

Enforcement History

DERM has found no open or closed enforcement record for the subject property.

Concurrency Review Summary

DERM has conducted a concurrency review for this application and has determined that the same meets all applicable LOS standards for an initial development order, as specified in the adopted CDMP for potable water supply, wastewater disposal, and flood protection. Therefore, the application has been approved for concurrency, subject to the comments and conditions contained herein.

This concurrency approval does not constitute a final concurrency statement and is valid only for this initial development order, as provided for in the adopted methodology for concurrency review. Additionally, this approval does not constitute any assurance that the LOS standards would be met by any subsequent development order applications concerning the subject property.

This memorandum shall constitute DERM's written approval, as required by the Code.

If you have any questions concerning the comments, or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Enrique A. Cuellar at (305) 372-6764.

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