Development Review Committee

Staff Report

September 19, 2018



Case No: 18WAIVER1037
Project Name: Building Entrance

Location: 1630 West Muhammad Ali Blvd.

Owner: Portland Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses Representative: Mark Madison, Milestone Design Group

Jurisdiction: Louisville Metro

Council District: 4—Barbara Sexton Smith

Case Manager: Steve Hendrix, Planning Coordinator

REQUEST:

Waiver of Land Development Code section 5.5.1.A.1.a. **not** to have the principal building entrance facing the primary street.

CASE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND

The congregation is proposing to replace their existing church with a new 3,696 square foot structure. The site is located on the southeast corner of the West Muhammad Ali Boulevard and South 17th Street within the Russell Neighborhood. Since the property is within a Traditional Neighborhood, the entrance is supposed to face the primary street which is Muhammad Ali Boulevard. The site plan shows the proposed entrance from the parking lot that is on the south side of the property, same as the existing conditions. The corner includes residential dwellings to the north across Muhammad Ali Blvd., the African-American Museum to the northwest, and Russell Apartments to the west. The African-American Museum has its primary entrance from a parking lot that is situated behind the museum and south of Cedar Street.

STAFF FINDING

The request is adequately justified and meets the standard of review.

TECHNICAL REVIEW

There are no outstanding technical issues associated with this request.

INTERESTED PARTY COMMENTS

Staff has received no comments from interested parties concerning this request.

STANDARD OF REVIEW AND STAFF ANALYSIS FOR WAIVER

(a) The waiver will not adversely affect adjacent property owners; and

STAFF: The waiver will not adversely affect adjacent property owners, since the development will have the same overall design as the existing church.

(b) The waiver will not violate specific guidelines of Cornerstone 2020; and

STAFF: The waiver will not violate specific guidelines of Cornerstone 2020, since the other site design criteria such as building height, setbacks, wall animation and parking are being met.

(c) The extent of the waiver of the regulation is the minimum necessary to afford relief to the applicant; and

STAFF: The extent of the waiver of the regulation is the minimum necessary to provide relief to the applicant, since the other Land Development Code requirements will be met.

(d) Either:

- (i) The applicant has incorporated other design measures that exceed the minimums of the district and compensate for non-compliance with the requirements to be waived (net beneficial effect); **OR**
- (ii) The strict application of the provisions of the regulation would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or would create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant.

STAFF: The strict application of the provisions of the regulations would create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant, since the floor plan of the church would have to be modified..

REQUIRED ACTIONS

APPROVE or DENY the Waiver

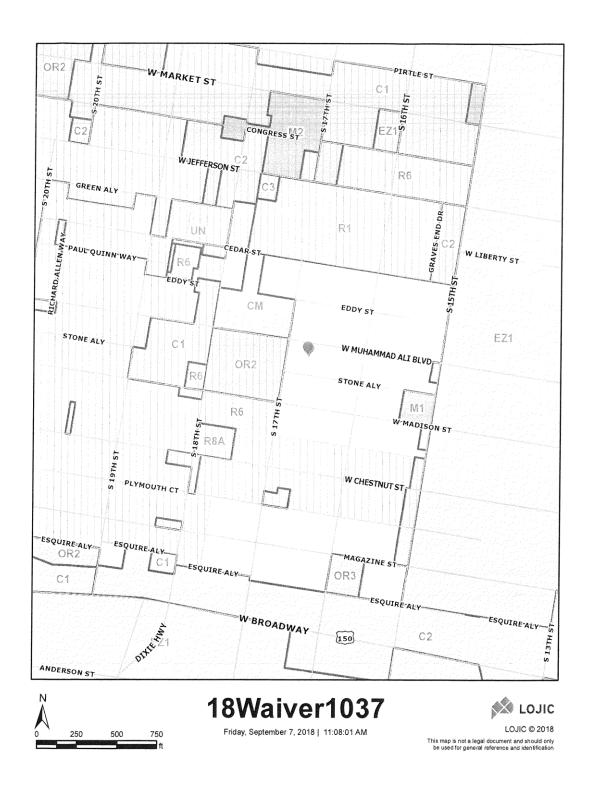
NOTIFICATION

Date	Purpose of Notice	Recipients
9.5.2018	Hearing before DRC	1 st tier adjoining property owners
9.7.2018		Registered Neighborhood Groups in Council District 4

ATTACHMENTS

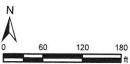
- 1. Zoning Map
- 2. Aerial Photograph
- 3. Elevations
- Site Plan

1. Zoning Map



2. <u>Aerial Photograph</u>





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Top Elevation: Front, Facing South, Parking Lot Other Elevation: Right Side, Facing East,

