

Tuesday, September 28, 2010, 6:50pm

The Wilmore Neighborhood and Greater Galilee Baptist Church Diaconate and Trustee Leadership Meeting was called to order by Facilitator, Deacon Dexter Snead.

He covered safety issues – showed all exits in the McKissick Fellowship Hall.

He talked briefly about the previous meeting held with the Wilmore Neighborhood Association. He explained why we are now requesting rezoning. The original request was denied in 2009. Since then we (some members of GGBC) have met with the City Zoning and Planning Departments and the City Historical District Commission.

In January, a meeting was held with those departments (HDC, Zoning and Planning Departments) to determine ways to help us petition the City Council again.

1. Project Development Guiding Principles  
Need for Greater Galilee Baptist Church and the Wilmore Neighborhood Association to work together for a common cause i.e., the HDC overlay and GGBC new sanctuary.

Building scale less than the existing buildings

2. The City of Charlotte brought in Victor Vines, an Architect from Raleigh, NC. Mr. Vines was a neutral person in this zoning issue.
3. Parking – area on W. Park Avenue with green space, Wilmore Drive and Spruce Street and beside the Red Sea Store. (Green space includes trees, shrubs and landscape).

Deacon Snead gave a visual presentation of the landscape and the new building and how it is to be connected to the existing buildings. He also showed the houses backed up to the property. The parking lots on W. Park Ave, the property around the Red Sea Store and property on Spruce Street was shown.

In April 2010, there was a meeting with the City Council that approved the WNA/HDC overlay and GGBC was given a letter of permission to go before the City Council again.

The new parking lot on W. Park Ave will be available when the following moves are made and construction begins.

508 W. Park Ave house is moved to Spruce Street  
504 W. Park Ave house is moved to the corner of Wilmore Drive & W. Park Ave  
512 W. Park Ave (clothing house) will be moved to Merriman Ave

Deacon Snead explained the need for the change – there was a sense that the building mass along Spruce Street was too large. There was a continual agreement about the screen wall with a 3 foot brick wall with a 2 foot wrought iron fence along the street frontal to screen the parking areas. The change also required the new building not be as tall as the existing buildings (the McKissick Building and the existing sanctuary). All this information is online.

The next meeting for rezoning is Monday, October 18, 2010, at 6:00pm.



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Judge Shirley Fulton, Attorney for GGBC, talked about the original zoning denial. The normal wait time to apply for rezoning is 2 years. The City Attorney became involved because there appeared to be a problem with the original voting. After meeting with the City Attorney and the City Planning and Zoning Departments, we were allowed to work to get this matter back to City Council in 1 year. Judge Fulton said there was also divine intervention.

Deacon Snead opened the meeting up for questions from those in attendance. Since there were no questions, he thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Deacon Clifton Burgess

Time – 7:13pm

Clerk, Virginia McManus



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