CITY OF DEER PARK

710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE

DEER PARK, TEXAS 77536

Minutes

of

A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, HELD AT CITY HALL, 710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET, AUGUST 3, 2020 AT 6:20 P.M. ON THE REQUEST OF JANIE AYALA (HALLELUJAH TO THE LORD), FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A CHURCH AT 1305 W. PASADENA BOULEVARD, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

DOUGLAS COX	CHAIRMAN
STAN GARRETT	COMMISSIONER
DANIELLE WENDEBURG	COMMISSIONER
DON TIPPIT	COMMISSIONER
RAY BALUSEK	COMMISSIONER

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT WERE:

SONIA ACOSTA	DEPUTY CITY SECRETARY
GREG MELCHING	DEPUTY BUILDING OFFICIAL

1. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - The public hearing was opened by the Deputy City Secretary reading the Notice of Public Hearing. (Exhibit A)

2. HEARING OPENED FOR THOSE PERSONS DESIRING TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE REQUEST - Chairman Cox opened the hearing for those persons desiring to speak in favor of the request.

   a. Janie Ayala, 214 Bradshire, Deer Park commented, “I am here on behalf of Hallelujah to the Lord Church. My sister Mary Pavlicek, a minister, my husband Andres Ayala, a pastor and I am a pastor as well, we would like to open that church right there on 1305 W. Pasadena Boulevard. I do believe it would be good for the community, especially at a time like this where people are searching for answers and people are needing help. We would like to give back to the community and help them. I really believe we can do that. I truly believe, just by announcing God, that gives people the hope that there is hope. That is why I am here.”

   b. Andres Ayala, 214 Bradshire, Deer Park commented, “I am married to Janie Ayala and my role is to be a supportive husband, host, greeter and to also minister the word of God when the occasion arises. To touch base on what my wife was saying, we believe that this is the time when people need to hear good messages and to be uplifted. There is a lot of unemployment right now with many people that are seeking answers and we feel that we can help the community. We don’t plan on just being a church, we also plan to do outreach programs as well. The main thing is to try and give people hope and to provide people with ministry and counseling. My wife and I currently are under the leadership of

a bishop from Spring, Texas that is teaching us. We are continually learning so that we can pass on the message. An Apostle, Willie Harper from Shreveport, Louisiana is also teaching us and continues to teach us so we can further advance in the word of God."

Commissioner Balusek asked, "When do you plan on opening this church?"

Ms. Ayala responded, "We plan to open it as soon as possible. As soon as we get permission to open, we would like to go ahead and start getting it ready."

Commissioner Balusek asked, "Do you have a congregation now?"

Ms. Ayala responded, "Yes we do."

Commissioner Balusek asked, "How many members?"

Ms. Ayala responded, "I would say we have about 25-30 members."

Commissioner Tippit asked, "Is this facility down by the Brownies store on Pasadena Boulevard?"

Ms. Ayala responded, "Yes. It is right on the corner of Georgia and Pasadena Boulevard."

Chairman Cox asked, "Do you have permission from the school district for parking?"

Ms. Ayala responded, "Yes."

Commissioner Wendeburg asked, "How many square feet is that space?"

Ms. Ayala responded, "About 2,000 square feet."

Chairman Cox asked, "Mr. Melching, from a parking standpoint and having permission from the school district, does this pose any questions from your department?"

Deputy Building Official Greg Melching responded, "No it does not. The school district is fine with the hours on Sunday and Wednesday evening."

3. HEARING OPENED FOR THOSE PERSONS DESIRING TO SPEAK AGAINST THE REQUEST – Chairman Cox opened the hearing for those persons desiring to speak against the request. No one spoke.

4. HEARING CLOSED – Chairman Cox closed the public hearing at 6:27 p.m.

ATTEST:	APPROVED:
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Shannon Bennett, TRMC City Secretary	Douglas Cox, Chairman Planning and Zoning Commission