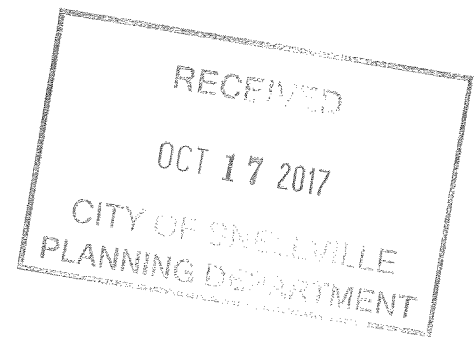


1958 Dogwood Rd.
Zotung Christian Church
Snellville, Ga. 30078



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RE: Letter of Intent
Subject Parcel 5/040/036
1958 Dogwood Rd.
Oct. 15, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

Enclosed is an application for a conditional use permit for the above referenced subject property. The subject property is currently zoned RS-180 and has previously been serving as a place of worship with a conditional use permit under the name New Jerusalem Church. This application requests a conditional use permit so that Zotung Christian Church may occupy the current building at this property as a continued place of worship. The three adjacent properties are zoned RS-180, BN, and BG. This property has been serving as a house of worship and it has one existing building and related parking and entrance drives.

Zotung Christian Church is an ethnic (dialect) based (Zotung) Church established in Clarkston area in 2008 by a group of Zotung people resettled in Clarkston Georgia as refugees. Zotung is an ethnic group from Chin state, located in Western Burma with its own distinctive dialect, Zotung. It consists of 55 different villages and numbered around 35,000-55,000 people throughout the world. Unlike most Burmese ethnic groups, majority of Zotung people are Christians mainly as the result of the dedication and commitment of North American Baptist missionaries and Catholic missionaries from lower Burma. It was for this reason that Zotung people along with other ethnic groups who are mostly Christians from Chin state are persecuted in Burma by Buddhist majority Burmese military dictatorship and government. Like most ethnic groups from Chin state, the United Nations began a resettlement program for Zotung people beginning in 2007. In Clarkston, Georgia, around 70 of Zotung people were resettled as refugees. Most Zotung in Clarkston were not able to worship initially due to language barrier.

In November of 2008, this Zotung community decided to establish Zotung Christian Church (ZCC) in Clarkston Georgia in order to worship God in their very own language of Zotung. Today, ZCC church counts 130 as members with 90-100 weekly regular attendees. The growth of the church has slowed significantly due to the end of the U.N. resettlement program in the last few years. All of the church members' increase in the last couple of years was natural (by birth) growth.

Ever since it's founding, ZCC has been looking for a permanent place of worship. In the first few years, ZCC had to move around due to lack of a permanent place of worship. This year, an opportunity to have a permanent place worship in Snellville Georgia was presented.

Since being resettled in Clarkston Georgia, a number of these hard working Zotung group of people were able to purchase their own properties throughout Dekalb and Gwinnett counties, a number of them in Snellville city limits. It is the hope of the church to become a positive contributor to the city of Snellville not only economically but culturally as well.

Below also are the variances that are being requested to bring this property up to current Snellville municipal codes.

1. Allow variance to Snellville Buffer, Landscape, and Tree Ordinance Article III.sec19.73(f). Allow variance on side (southeastern) and rear landscape strip requirements to let it remain as undisturbed existing tree stands as shown on attached CUP plan.
2. Allow for variance from Snellville Zoning Ordinance Article VII.sec.8.18 relating to curb and gutter requirements to allow site to remain as shown on the attached plan.
3. Allow variance from Snellville Buffer, Landscape, and Tree Ordinance Article III.sec19.74 related to parking islands to allow the parking lot to remain as shown on attached Conditional Use Plan.
4. Allow variance from Snellville Development Regulations Section 6.5.6.2 to allow the existing site building exterior and site outdoor lighting.
5. Allow for variance from Snellville Ordinance Article xi.a.11.2(2) one way interior driveways shall be a minimum of 10 feet in width. Existing drives range from 9.2' to 30.6'
6. Allow for variance from Snellville Ordinance Article III.Sec19.73.(c)(1) relating to landscape strip restrictions. To allow for encroachment by existing parking lot along southwestern property line. Amount of encroachment is 5 feet near front property line and gets smaller as property line extends toward rear as shown on plans.
7. Allow for variance from Snellville Buffer, Landscape, and Tree Ordinance Article II.sec19.32 relating to buffer strip requirements to allow the northwestern property line area to remain as is with existing fence and vegetation from fence area to the back property line and planted near adjacent residence as shown on plan.
8. Allow a general variance for the site to be approved in its current condition except for the items requested on this rezoning application.

Sincerely,

Zolung Christian Church

