COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE TRANSMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUMMARY OF PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

AGENDA TITLE: SP202100002 St. John Family Life and Fitness Center	AGENDA DATE: July 7, 2021
SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Request for a community center use. The community center will occupy an existing, historic 1,500 square foot building on a 6.10 acre parcel that also contains a church and cemetery.	STAFF CONTACT(S): Filardo, Rapp, McDermott, Gleason PRESENTER(S): Mariah Gleason, Urban Designer (Senior Planner II)
SCHOOL DISTRICTS: Monticello HS, Burley MS, Stone-Robinson ES	

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting on May 18, 2021, the Planning Commission (PC) conducted a public hearing and voted unanimously (7:0) to recommend approval of the special use permit with the conditions stated in the staff report.

The Planning Commission's staff report, action letter, and minutes from the meeting are attached (Attachments A, B, and C, respectively).

DISCUSSION:

The Planning Commission was supportive of the project and raised no issues or objections to the special use permit request. Brief discussion on the item included: whether the project would have outdoor interpretive signage or displays, an idea to establish an outdoor memorial patio, and whether restricting the community center use to Monday-Saturday was amenable to the applicant, acknowledging a possible need for special event space. The applicant confirmed that it was amenable to the condition restricting days of operation as proposed by staff, stating that the church building offers sufficient space and facilities to support such gatherings. Since the Planning Commission meeting, minor revisions have been made to the proposed conditions of approval, at the suggestion of the County Attorney's office.

No members of the public spoke during the public comment portion of the Planning Commission meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

With the Planning Commission's support of this application, staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment D) to approve SP202100002 with the conditions attached thereto.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Att. A PC Staff Report
 - Att. A1 Vicinity Map
 - Att. A2 Application Narrative
 - Att. A3 Plan Exhibits provided by the Applicant
- Att. B PC Action Letter
- Att. C PC Meeting Minutes
- Att. D BOS Resolution