

Agenda Item

File ID: 2023-0871

Substitute

10/24/2023

Public Hearing: YES ☐ NO ☒

Department: Planning and Sustainability

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): Commission District 03 Super District 06

Application of First Family Home Care, LLC to request a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) for a personal care home for up to six (6) individuals within the R-75 (Residential Medium Lot-75) zoning district, at 3137 Weslock Circle.

Petition No.: 2023-0871 (SLUP-23-1246540)

Proposed Use: Personal care home for up to six (6) individuals.

Location: 3137 Weslock Circle, Decatur, Georgia 30034

Parcel No.: 15-086-05-078

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PURPOSE:

Application of First Family Home Care, LLC to request a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) for a personal care home for up to six (6) individuals within the R-75 (Residential Medium Lot-75) Zoning District. The property is located at 3137 Weslock Circle in Decatur, Georgia.

RECOMMENDATION:

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Approval with conditions.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Approval with modified conditions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval with conditions

PLANNING STAFF ANALYSIS: The applicant requests a special land use permit (SLUP) for a personal care home in order to accommodate four (4) to six (6) elderly adults at 3137 Weslock Circle. The proposal is in accordance with the *Zoning Ordinance* and aligns with the goals outlined in the *Comprehensive Plan* on page 41 such as increasing health care and assisted living facilities. It appears to support the objectives of the Comprehensive Plan including better community connectivity. The property is located in the Suburban (SUB) future land use character area, where assisted living facilities are designated as a primary land use. The proposal aligns with the R-75 Zoning District and the Suburban (SUB) land use area. The site is 0.31 acres with a 2,589 square foot house, providing adequate space for up to five residents with five bedrooms and driveway space to park up to four vehicles for the proposed four full-time employees. At the planning commission meeting, it was brought to staff attention that tax records only show the house had three bedrooms despite the applicant claiming five in the letter of intent. The two additional rooms are located in the basement area. The proposal conforms with the development and use patterns of the existing neighborhood. The proximity to the South River Trail, bordering the southside of the property, offers adjacent recreational access including a place to walk, access to fresh air, and provides a natural setting fitting for the proposed establishment. Existing public services and utilities are expected to adequately support the proposed use. The site layout, driveway, and proximity to Corbin Avenue appear adequate to manage potential traffic impacts, which are expected to be minimal, as well provide sufficient access

for emergency vehicles. Operational practices are likely to align with typical residential patterns. There are no other personal care homes within 1,000 ft.; with the nearest ones being approximately 4,000 feet away. The proposal complies with supplemental regulations per Sec. 4.2.41. Therefore, after reviewing Section 7.4.6, staff recommends approval of the SLUP subject Staff's recommended conditions.

PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE: (September 2023) Approval with modified conditions 7-0-0. Vivian Moore moved, Jan Costello seconded for approval with staff's conditions with a modification to conditions to read as follows: The 2-year sunset for the SLUP shall begin at the start of the business when the PCH gets its first resident; and, with a max of 5 residents, each shall have their own room.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL VOTE/RECOMMENDATION: Approval with Conditions 6-1-0. Approval with the following conditions: 1) SLUP shall expire in two years and must be renewed to continue operation; and 2) Maximum of 5 individuals.