



# DeKalb County Government

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## Legislation Text

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File #: 2019-4353, Version: 1

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Public Hearing: YES  NO

Department: Planning & Sustainability

**SUBJECT:**

**COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 5 & 7**

**Application of Guyana Association of Georgia c/o Mr. Carl Lashley for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to allow the development of a cultural facility up to 16,000 square feet in the O-I (Office Institutional) District, at 1970 & 1978 Panola Road.**

**PETITION NO: N9. SLUP-19-1243515**

**PROPOSED USE:** Cultural Facility

**LOCATION:** 1970 & 1978 Panola Road

**PARCEL NO. :** 16-038-03-012 & 16-038-03-021

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**PURPOSE:**

Application of Guyana Association of Georgia c/o Mr. Carl Lashley for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to allow the development of a cultural facility up to 16,000 square feet in the O-I (Office Institutional) District, in accordance with Chapter 27, Article 4, Table 4.1 Use Table. The property is located on the east side of Panola Road, approximately 350 feet south of Marbut Road at 1970 and 1978 Panola Road in Lithonia, GA. The property has approximately 290 feet of frontage along Panola Road and contains 4.13 acres.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL: APPROVAL**

**PLANNING COMMISSION: APPROVAL with CONDITIONS**

**PLANNING STAFF: APPROVAL with CONDITIONS**

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** The proposed cultural facility within an O-I (Office-Institutional) District is appropriate within a Suburban Character Area and consistent with the following 2025 Comprehensive Plan policy: Create neighborhood focal points by locating schools, community centers at suitable locations within walking distance of residences. Located on Panola Road (a four-lane major arterial), there should be no significant impact on traffic. The proposed cultural facility is compatible with an existing institutional use located directly across from the site on Panola Road. Existing mature vegetative screening along perimeter property lines provides a transitional buffer to mitigate the impact on adjacent residential zoned properties. The Department of Planning

and Sustainability recommends “Approval with Staff’s recommended conditions”.

**PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE: Approval 8-0-0.** V. Moore moved, A. Atkins seconded for approval with Staff’s conditions.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL VOTE/RECOMMENDATION: Approval 9-0-0.**