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MEETING MINUTES

Location: Hammond Community Center, 3312 W. 12th Street

Date of Meeting - September 12, 2024

In attendance: Council Member Tyrona Clark-Murray, District 9, Deborah Patrick, Constance DeVaughn, Sallies Barnes, Cynthia Brown, Rachelle Gross, L. Monique Gillins Highsmith, Curtis Hart.

Meeting Convened: this meeting started at 5:06 p.m.

Call to Order

Council Member Tyrona Clark-Murray welcomed the attendees and explained the purpose of the notice meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the zone changes for bills 2024-0520 and 2024-052 and have the applicant's representative, Curtis Hart, discuss the applicant's intentions for the parcel.

Discussion

Council Member Clark Murray invited Curtis Hart to the microphone to provide more information about the applicant's plans for the parcel. Mr. Hart explained that two parcels in the bills discussed are being changed from their current land use designation to CGC. He noted that in the original application, automobile storage was included, but this has been removed and replaced with an additional 10-foot buffer. Mr. Hart further stated that the parcel could accommodate various uses, such as a small business, retail store, or office space. Council Member Clark Murray let the community know that McCoy's Creek runs through this property and let them know this property would be a great place to put a greenspace with benches and well-shaded trees for everyone to enjoy.

O&A

- Ms. Constance asked if the owner had decided what to do with the property? Mr. Hart replied that he was considering opening a Dollar Tree there. She then inquired about the owner of the parcel, and Mr. Hart informed her that it was Mr. William Taylor. Ms. Constance followed up by asking how this change might affect their property values? Mr. Hart reassured her that the change would not negatively impact the value of their homes and provided an example to illustrate why it wouldn't affect property values.
- Ms. Patrick asked where in the district is this parcel? The southeast corner of McDuff and Commonwealth

Public Comment

- Ms. Cynthia Brown expressed her disagreement with the property owner's plans for the parcel. She noted that the neighborhood already has enough Dollar Tree and Dollar General stores and believes there should be more housing in this residential area.
- Ms. Sallie Barnes expressed concerns that the ideas for this property do not provide enough space for what the owner wants to accomplish. She informed us that she had spoken with the owner, who mentioned considering uses such as car storage, a junkyard, and other options. Ms. Barnes advised him to take the opinions of others in the community into account.
- For further information please refer to the meeting link below:

Clark Murray Town Hall 9-12-24

Meeting adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 6:30

Minutes: Breyuanna White, District 9 ECA

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NOTICED ON: December 12, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to 15.103(c), Ordinance Code