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Re: August 21, 2008 Meeting Agenda
Petition 89TCH-08 PB
Proposed Amendment to Five Points Special Area Plan

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of Christian Prison Ministries, Inc. ("CPM") regarding the above-referenced August 21, 2008, agenda item which is of great importance to CPM, a property owner within the Five Points Special Area and an affected party in this matter. CPM opposes the City's petition to broaden the list of uses that would be prohibited within this area.

CPM is a private not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide substance abuse treatment to persons who have come into contact with the state's criminal justice system. Since 2002, however, neither CPM nor anyone else has proposed that such a use be approved for its property at this location. CPM fully appreciates the City and others' efforts to improve the Five Points area and wishes to be a constructive part of that process.

In view of the time constraints imposed under your rules for formal quasi-judicial hearings, please review the information contained in my July 15, 2008 letter to the City's

Plan Board prior to the upcoming City Commission hearing. The substance of my letter is primarily background historical information documented in the City's public records.

Ms. Elizabeth Nix, a planner with Environmental Consulting & Design, Inc., has reviewed all of the applicable planning documents of the City and is prepared to explain to the Commission on August 21, 2008, in our allotted ten minutes, the bases of CPM's objection to the proposed changes from a planning perspective.

I am also writing to request that a formal quasi-judicial hearing be held and CPM be granted affected party status. In addition, CPM requests that it be granted forty-five minutes within which to present evidence at the hearing on August 21, 2008.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jennifer B. Springfield, Esq.

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