

City of Slidell, Louisiana
Zoning Commission
Agenda



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May 18, 2026 immediately after Planning Commission at 7:00pm
Council Chambers, 2045 2nd St, Slidell, LA

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- All Speakers must sign in at the podium before speaking on any issue.
- Public Speaking – 5 minutes is allowed per each side and 3 minutes for additional comments.
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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

2. **Minutes.** Approve minutes from April 20, 2026

3. **Consent Calendar-No Consent Items**

4. **Public Hearing**

a. ~~**ZONING 2026-0021:**~~ A request to amend the zoning map for properties located along 11th Street, between Gause Blvd and Florida Ave; identified as Lots 10A, 14A, and 16, and the remainder of Lots 18, 20 and 21, into Lot 22A, Square 48, Brugier Addition; in Section 10, Township 9 South, Range 14 East; from SPR (Parks & Recreation) and RSF (Residential Single family) to SCI (Civic & Institutional). **DEFERRED TO JUNE 15, 2026.**

b. **CUP2026-0003:** A request for a Conditional Use Permit for a Home for temporary housing support for Children at 306 Clover Drive; identified as Lot 2, Forest Glen East (Addition 2, Unit 3), in Section 34, Township 8 South, Range 14 East, Greensburg Land District, City of Slidell, St Tammany Parish, Louisiana

ITEMS POSTPONED FROM APRIL 20, 2026, ZONING COMMISSION MEETING:

c. **CUP2026-0002:** A request for a Conditional Use Permit for a Women's Transitional Housing Center at 108 Christian Lane; identified as Lot 2B in Section 35, Township 8 South, Range 14 East, Greensburg Land District, City of Slidell, St Tammany Parish, Louisiana

5. **Other Business**

6. **General and Public Comments**

7. **Adjournment**

The next Zoning Commission meeting will be June 15, 2026.



City of Slidell, Louisiana
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Minutes

April 20, 2026 immediately after Planning Commission at 7:00pm
Council Chambers, 2045 2nd St, Slidell, LA

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** Meeting called to order by Chair Washington at 7:43 p.m.

Commissioners Present

Landon Washington, Chair
Gayle Green, Vice Chair
Chad Duffaut, Jr.
Michael Newton
Richard Reardon

Commissioners Not Present

Sandy Hicks

Staff Present

Daniel McElmurray, Planning Director
Erica Smith, Planning Secretary

2. **Minutes.** Motion by Commissioner Green to approve minutes of March 16, 2026 as written; Commissioner Reardon seconded. A vote of 5 YAYS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN approved the minutes.
3. **Consent Calendar**-There were no consent items for this meeting.

4. **Public Hearing**

- a. **CUP2026-0002:** A request for a Conditional Use Permit for a Women’s Transitional Housing Center at 108 Christian Lane; identified as Lot 2B in Section 35, Township 8 South, Range 14 East, Greensburg Land District, City of Slidell, St Tammany Parish, Louisiana.

Introduced by Chair Washington. One person from the public spoke in support of the project. Several people from the public spoke in opposition of the project. Ms. Brenda Wright, Director of Community Christian Concern was present to address the Commission and answer questions. After much discussion Director McElmurray addressed the Commission and recommended this matter be deferred until the May 18, 2026 meeting, as more information from Community Christian Concern is needed. Vice Chair Green made a motion to defer **CUP2026-0002** until the May 18, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Reardon seconded. A vote of 5 YAYS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN deferred **CUP2026-0002** until the May 18, 2026 meeting.

5. **Other Business**-There was none.
6. **General and Public Comments.** There were none.
7. **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Reardon, and a vote of 5 YAYS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN.



Planning Department

Staff Report

Case No. CUP2026-0003

Conditional Use Permit for Children’s Temporary Housing at
306 Clover Drive

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Location: 306 Clover Drive (**Figure 1**)

Owner(s): Thomas A. Moran

Applicant: Michelle’s Safe Haven Youth Center, Carlos Dilbert (Operator)

Zoning: A-6 Single-Family Urban (now R1 Low Density Residential) *

* *application for this CUP was made during the 13 January 2026 to 30 April 2026 flexible use period for UDC and prior zoning code regulations*

Future Land Use: Residential (**Figure 2**)

Request: Conditional Use Permit for a group home

Zoning Commission

Public Hearing: May 18, 2026

City Council (tentative)

Consent Agenda: May 26, 2026

Public Hearing: June 9, 2026

RECOMMENDATIONS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Approval with conditions

ZONING COMMISSION

To be determined

FINDINGS

1. Applicant submitted this request prior to the full effective date of the City’s new Unified Development Code (5/1/2026), thus allowing the review of this conditional use under the zoning district of A-6 Single-Family Urban. Applying the use table in the previous code as Section 2.3. – Permitted residential uses, Group Home is listed as a Conditional Use. (**Figure 3**)
2. The property is developed with one residential structure used as a rental property. (**Figures 1 and 4**).
3. Community and group homes require a Conditional Use Permit in the A-6 Single Family Urban Zoning District, per Municipal Code Appendix A Part 2 Section 2.2215.C.
4. The Property Owner has granted a lease to the “Michelle’s Safe Haven Youth Center”, to provide “temporary home support and guidance to young girls until they can be reunited with their families or placed in permanent adopted homes” (**Figure 5**). Applicant is prepared to serve as many as 4 children.
5. The Applicant shared that this facility is a life’s goal for him and his late Mother, Michelle, providing a warm, structured and supportive home environment where girls between the ages of 12 and 17 can feel comfortable and cared for. This program will be operated and regulated by the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services as a Type IV facility. See Applicant’s summary of the circumstances, factors, and arguments in support of the proposed conditional use (**Figure 6**).

6. Applicant's goal is to provide a "strong, positive presence in Louisiana by providing a safe and nurturing environment for young girls in need".
7. Applicant proposes the following services to the young girls residing in the home with the following features:
 - A live-in caretaker
 - Mentoring
 - Food, clothing and hygiene items
 - Connection to local resources for education and job preparation
 - Transportation
 - Safety and well-being
8. The existing home has an approximate 2344 square feet with 3 bedrooms for the proposed maximum of females residing and the caretaker(s) operating the facility. (**Figure 7 and 8**)
9. This location is within a well-established residential district, with 100% of adjacent properties zoned R1-Low Density Residential (formerly A-6). (**Figure 4**):
10. All conditional uses must comply with the following General Standards per Municipal Code Appendix A Part 2 Section 2.2215.C. (UDC Article 4, Sec. 4.8.E.). The Planning Department staff review of the proposed group home and response to the conditional use general standards are:

(1) *The proposed conditional use must comply with all applicable zoning regulations.*

This group home would allow for more than 4 unrelated individuals to reside in the home, which is not a zoning violation but will this condition of approval will need to include coordination with Building Safety regarding occupancy codes and regulations.

(2) *The location and size of the use, its operation [hours of operation for use], and access shall be such that the use will be in harmony with surrounding land uses.*

The location and size of the use (limited to 4 children and 1 caregiver residing on property) are in harmony with surrounding land uses. The hours of operation are by necessity at 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. A revised floorplan showing the location of the caregiver's lodging space is needed.

(3) *Buffering and/or landscaping above the minimum ordinance requirements.*

Applicant has stated the willingness to provide additional landscaping to enhance the property above minimum ordinance requirements, including foundational planting. Documentation of this additional landscaping will need to be a condition of approval.

(4) *The location, nature and height of structures, walls and fences shall be such that the use will not hinder or discourage the development and use of adjacent land and structures.*

Nothing proposed for this project as proposed will hinder or discourage the development and use of adjacent land and structures.

(5) *Parking areas shall be of adequate size for the particular use, properly located and suitably screened from adjoining residential uses, and the ingress and egress drives shall be laid so as to achieve maximum safety.*

The applicant has stated that only the caregivers will be driving and parking on the property and the garage will remain operational; the current driveway and garage provide for sufficient parking per the applicant's operational statement.

(6) *Adequate utilities, drainage and other necessary facilities have been or will be provided.*

Adequate utilities, drainage and other necessary facilities are provided at this existing residence.

(7) *Environmental safety devices shall be employed as is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public.*

A condition of approval should be documentation of all fire and building related safety codes and requirements being met as recorded by the St Tammany Parish Fire District 1 and City of Slidell Building Safety & Permits Department. Issuance of State Department of Children and Family Services approval is required for operation of this facility

Link to the Department of Children & Family Services Residential Home Standards Type IV regulations is here:

<https://www.dcfslouisiana.gov/assets/docs/searchable/Licensing/Residential/2021/20210801-Residential-Type-IV-Regulations.pdf>

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Applicant provided a summary of unverified conversations with two neighboring homes at 304 and 305 Clover Drive. (*Figure 9*)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The proposed Michelle's Safe Haven Youth Center group home is appropriate at this location as proposed and in review with the requirements and standards for a group home; staff recommends the conditional use approval to be contingent on the following:

- Successful issuance of State Department of Children and Family Services approval
- Documentation of coordination with Building Safety regarding occupancy codes and regulations.
- Revised floorplan showing the location of the caregiver's lodging space.
- Documentation of additional enhanced landscaping.
- Policy / standard of operation requirement to only allow caregivers use of on-site parking.
- Documentation of all fire and building related safety codes and requirements being met as recorded by the St Tammany Parish Fire District 1 and City of Slidell Building Safety & Permits Department.

FIGURES:

Figure 1. Location and Zoning Aerial



Figure 1. Future Land Use (Comp Plan 2040)

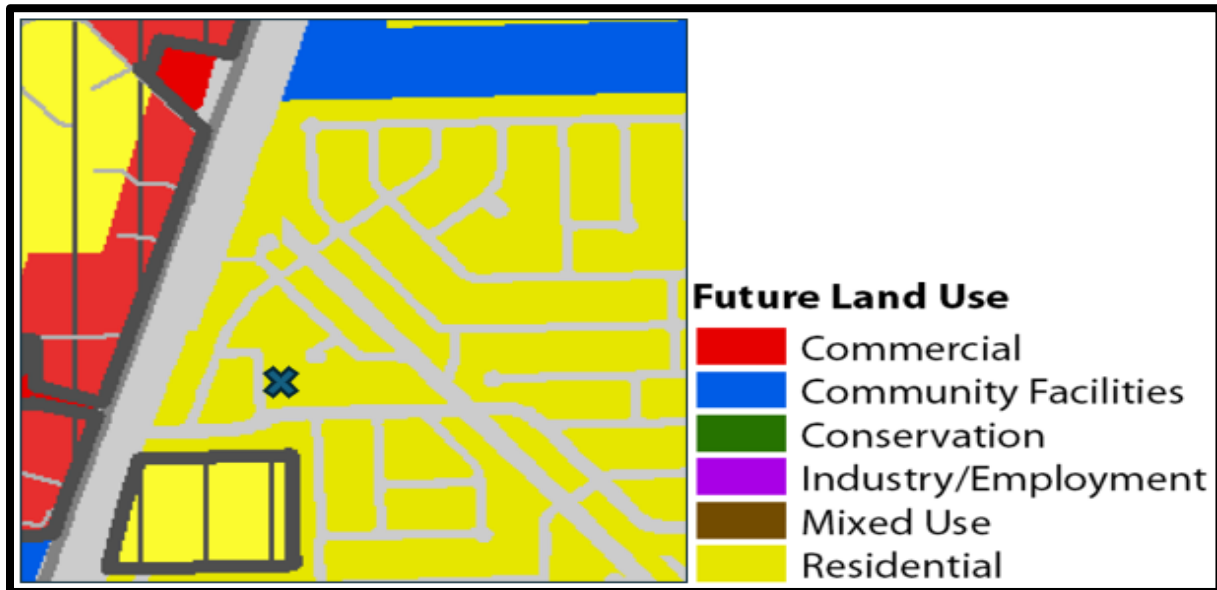


Figure 3. Code of Ordinances

LAND USE	ZONING DISTRICTS								
	A-1	A-2	A-3	A-4	A-6	A-7	A-8	A-9	A-9C
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS									
Single-family	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Multi-family (3-16 units)	-	-	P	P	-	P	P	P	P
Multi-family (17+ units)	-	-	C	C	-	C	C	C	C
Group Homes	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Community Recreation	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Manufactured Housing & Trailers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Figure 4. Street View (Google Nov. 2025)



Figure 5. Property Survey (2026)

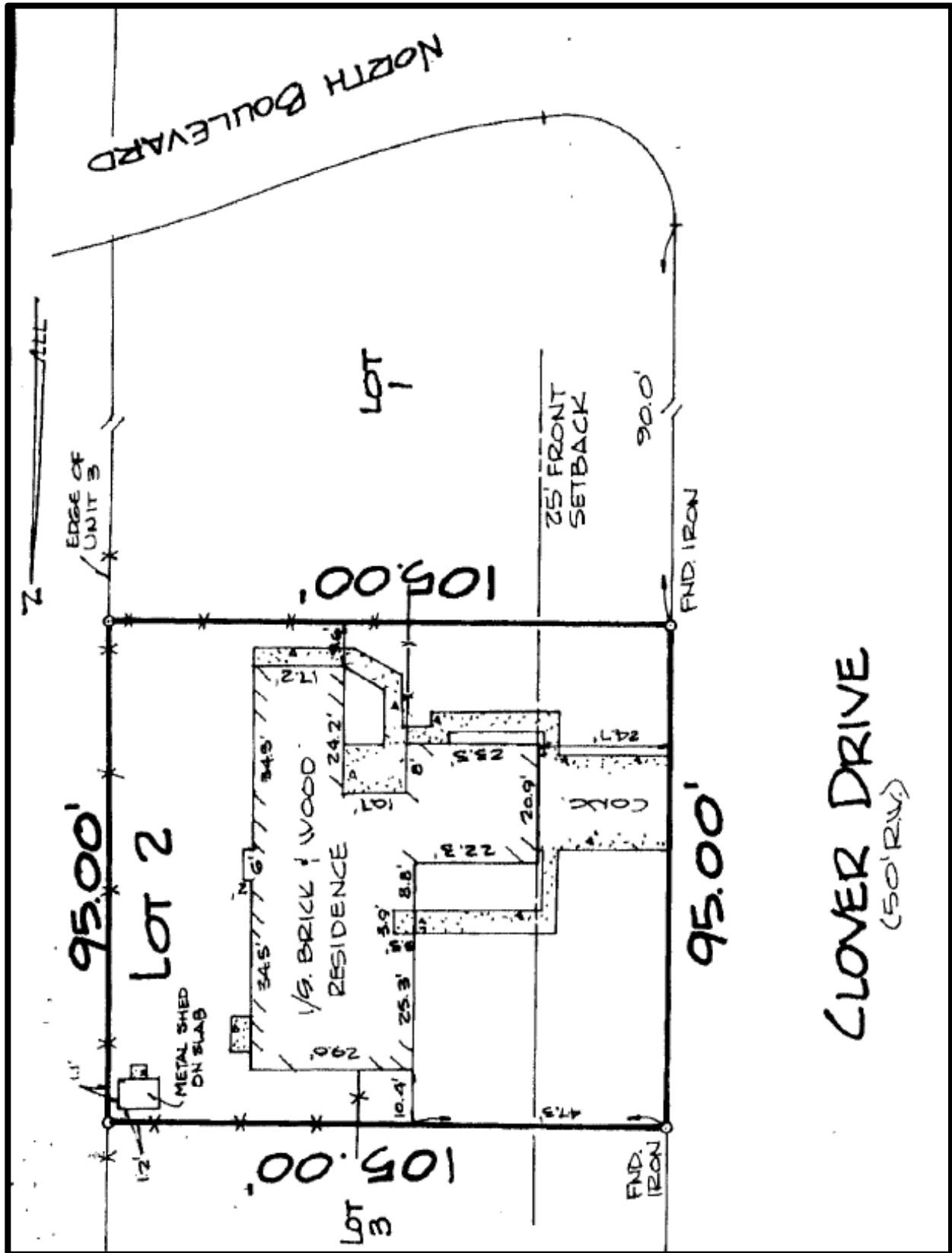


Figure 6. Summary of the Circumstances, Factors, and Arguments in Support of the Proposed Conditional Use

Hi, my name is Carlos M. Dilbert, and I am the owner and founder of Michelle's Safe Haven Youth Center. The program is named in honor of my late mother, Michelle Wilson. Opening a home like this is something we always talked about doing together, and after her passing, I put that dream on hold. Now, I feel it is time to bring that vision to life.

As a lifelong resident of Slidell, where I was born and raised for 36 years, I am passionate about giving back to my community. I am seeking the opportunity to open a girls' group home, with the support of my fiancé, Delette Adams, my sister Brittany Dilbert, LPN, and at least three additional staff members.

Michelle's Safe Haven Youth Center will provide a warm, structured, and supportive home environment where girls can truly feel comfortable and cared for. Each resident will have her own bed, nightstand, dresser, and television. The home will include a dedicated homework station, and residents will receive three meals daily along with snacks. We will ensure that all girls attend school, keep medical appointments, and have opportunities to participate in outings and activities.

The home will serve girls between the ages of 12 and 17. To maintain a family-like atmosphere, we will house no more than four residents at a time in a three-bedroom home. Two girls will have private rooms, while two will share the master bedroom. The home includes two full bathrooms.

The program will operate under the Department of Children and Family Services as a Type IV residential home. My goal is to build a strong, positive presence in Louisiana by providing a safe and nurturing environment for young girls in need.

With that being said, I respectfully ask the City of Slidell for the opportunity and approval to open Michelle's Safe Haven Group Home in honor of my mother. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Carlos M. Dilbert

Figure 7. House Floor Plan

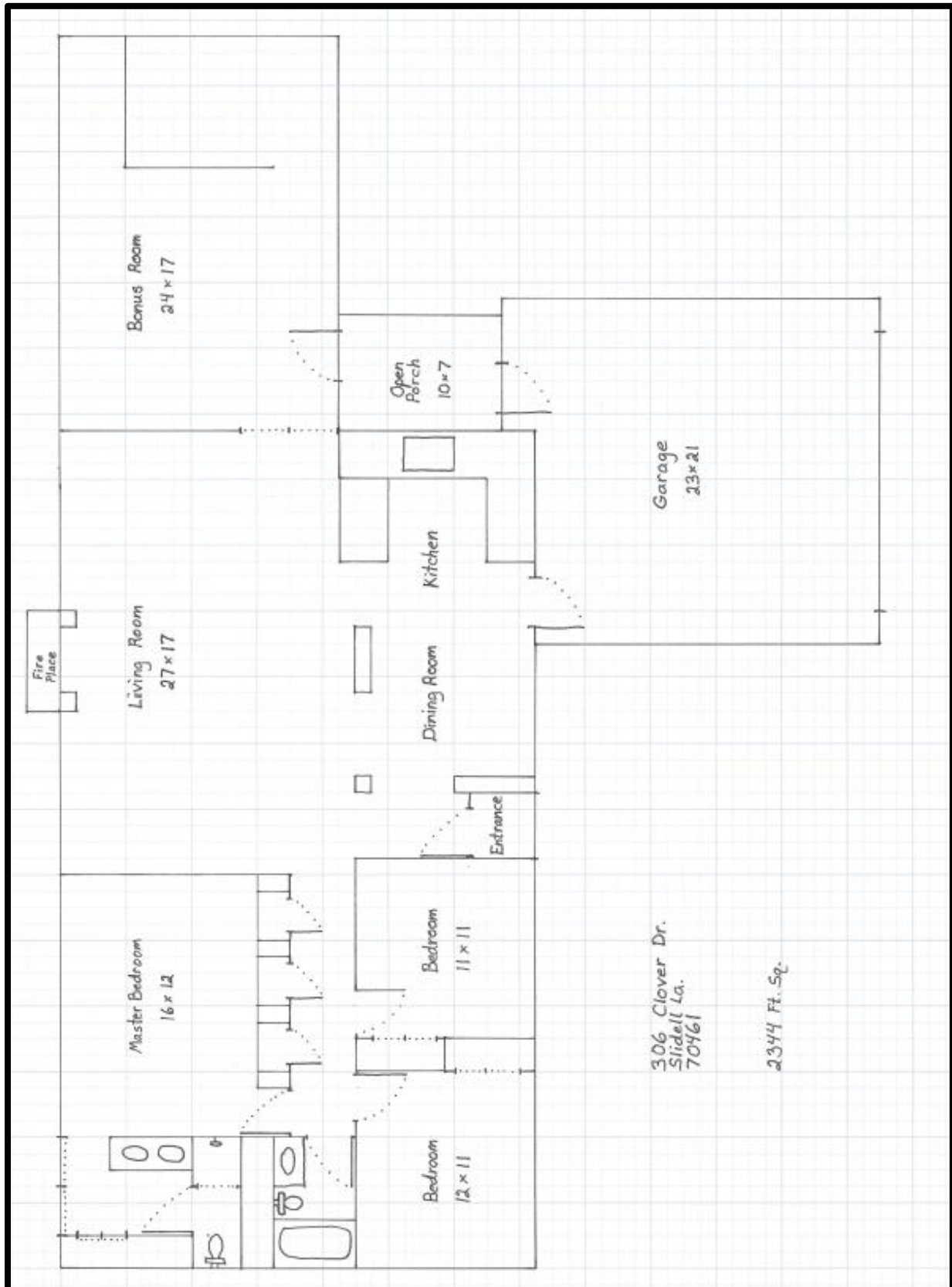
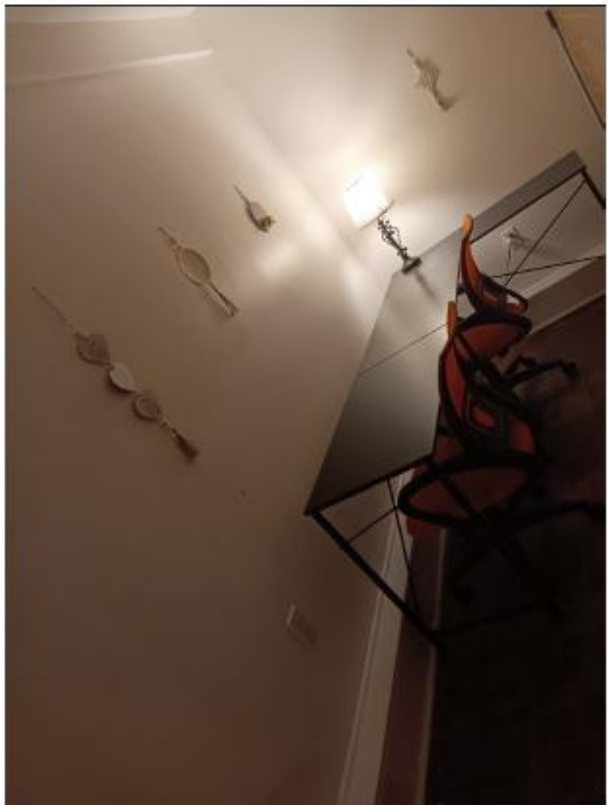
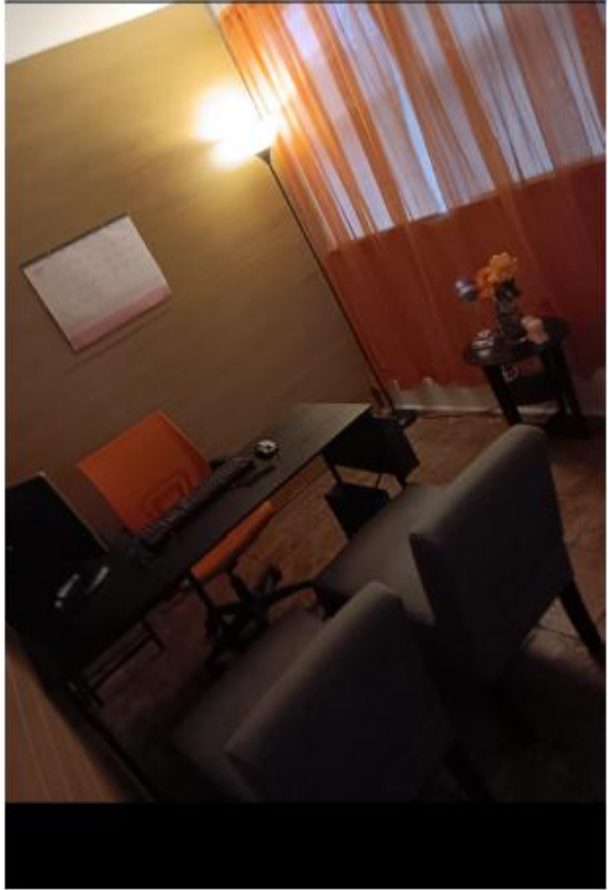
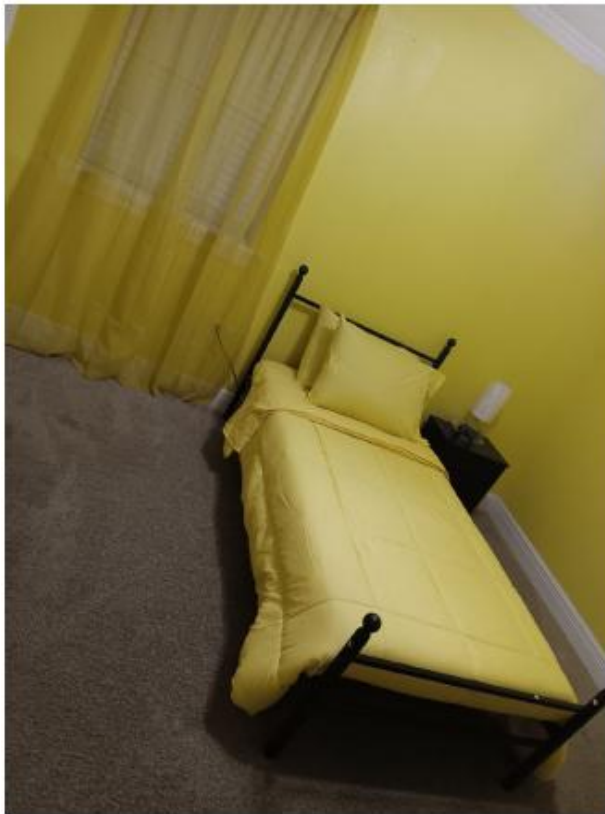
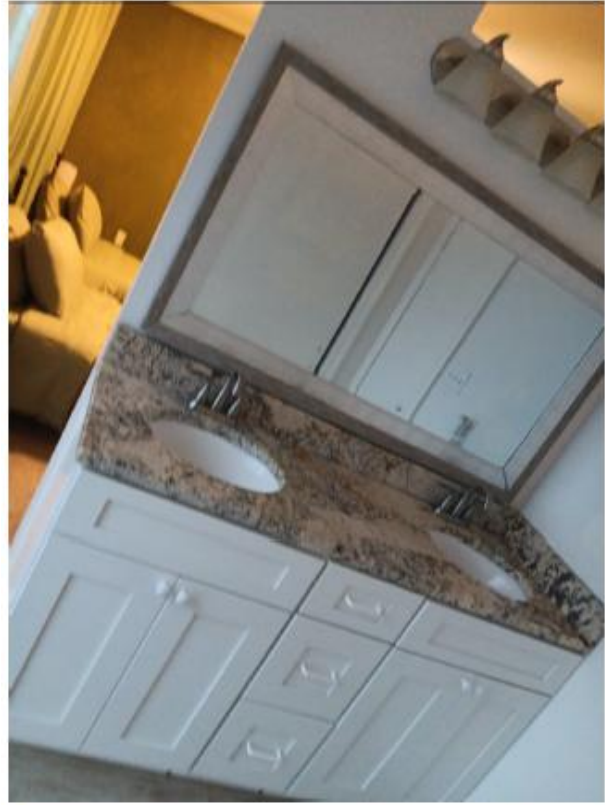


Figure 8. Home Interior Photographs







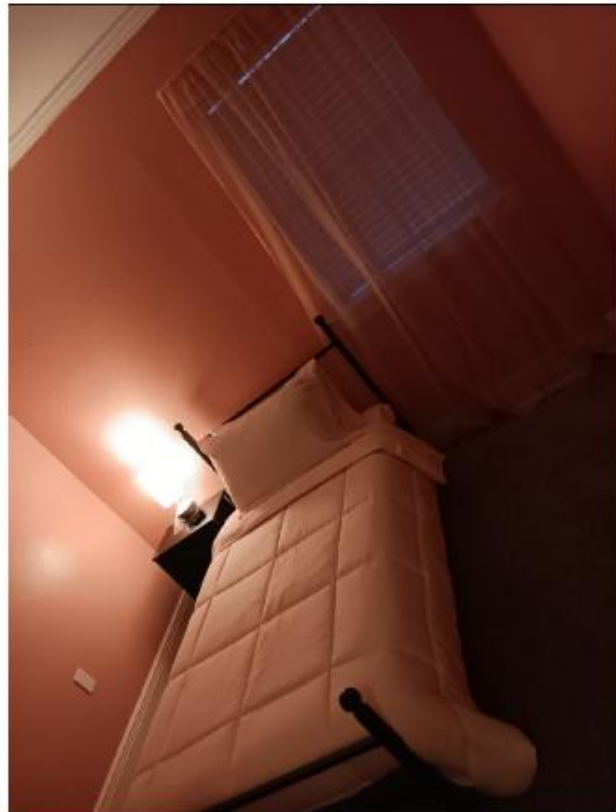
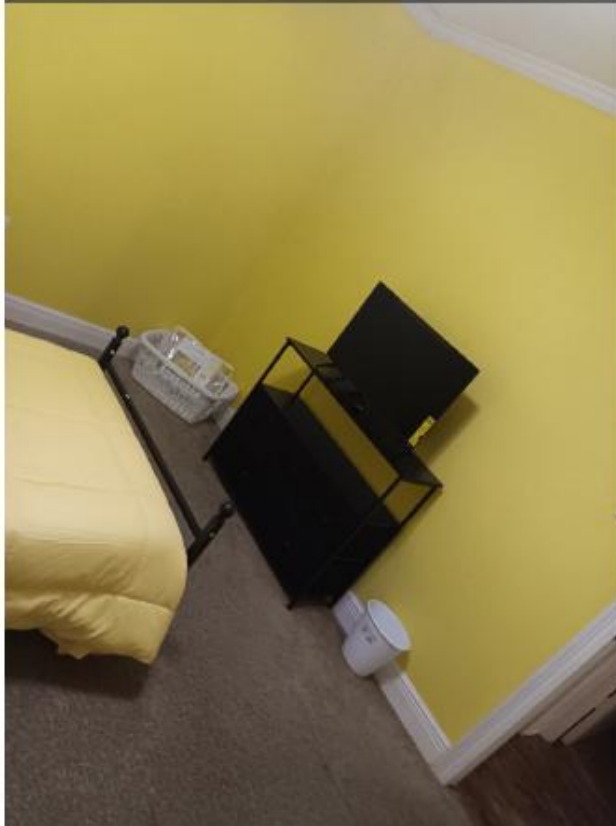


Figure 10. Community Input (UNVERIFIED)

304 Clover St

After I spoke with my neighbor in 304 Clover, Iyona Williams, she expressed that she thinks what we're doing for young girls in need of guidance is wonderful. She also shared that if there's ever anything she can do to help, she is right next door and happy to assist—just let her know.

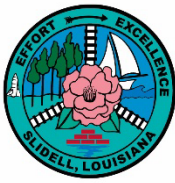
She mentioned that Tommy had already spoken to her about our plans, so she is aware of what we're working on and is fully supportive. She has no concerns and is on board with everything. If we need anything, she encouraged us to reach out.

305 Clover St

After speaking with my neighbors at 305 Clover, Kevin and Tanaya, they expressed support for what we are planning. They shared that they think our efforts to help young girls in need of guidance are a great idea.

Tanaya mentioned that she works with a state-related program and offered her support, stating that if there is anything she can do to help, we should feel free to reach out. She also shared that her husband is fully on board with everything.

They were very welcoming and even gave us a thoughtful card to welcome us to the neighborhood, which we truly appreciated.



Planning Department

Staff Report

Case No. CUP2026-0002

Conditional Use Permit for Women’s Transitional Housing at
108 Christian Lane

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Location: 108 Christian Lane (*Figure 1*)

Owner(s): Great River Region of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Applicant: Community Christian Concern, Brenda Wright, Director

Zoning: SCI (Civic & Institutional)

Future Land Use: Commercial (*Figure 2*)

Request: Conditional Use Permit for a group home

Zoning Commission

Public Hearing: DEFERRED from April 20, 2026 to May 18, 2026

City Council (tentative)

Consent Agenda: May 26, 2026

Public Hearing: June 9, 2026

RECOMMENDATIONS

Planning Department

Approval with conditions

Zoning Commission

To be determined

FINDINGS

1. The subject property is zoned SCI Civic & Institutional and is developed with one structure that was previously used as Community Center for the now shuttered First Christian Church (*Figures 1 and 3*).
2. Community and group homes require a Conditional Use Permit in the SCI zoning district per UDC Section 6.6.3.C. and are subject to the use standards of Article 7 of the UDC. See Article 4– Procedures, Section 4.8 of the City’s Unified Development Code (UDC).
3. The Property Owner has agreed to donate the property and building to the Applicant for use as a Women’s Transitional Housing Center (*Figure 4*).
4. Owner is currently processing a resubdivision to separate the old community center and adjacent land in preparation for the Donation to Applicant.
5. Once the Applicant has received the donation, they plan to serve up to 8 homeless women. The Applicant describes the use as necessary to serve women in Slidell in need for temporary housing and assistance in obtaining a self-sufficient existence. See Applicant’s summary of the circumstances, factors, and arguments in support of the proposed conditional use (see *Exhibit A*).
6. The Applicant provides that there is a significant need for a women’s housing center. Applicant is eager to move forward with this new endeavor and will rely on their experience and knowledge of the operation of such an establishment as with their Men’s Shelter at 2515 Carey Street in Slidell since 2010. (see FAQs in *Exhibit B*)

7. Applicant proposes the following services to the women residing in the housing center with the following features:
 - A live-in caretaker
 - Mentoring
 - Food, clothing and hygiene items
 - Connection to local resources for employment preparation
 - Transportation
 - Mental and physical wellness, and addiction recovery
8. The existing building with an approximate 3,600 square feet currently has 15 parking spaces which would be sufficient for the proposed maximum of 12 women residing and the caretaker(s) operating the facility.
9. Zoning and existing land use adjacent to the proposed property boundaries in the area is as follows (**Figure 3**):
 - To the north is R2, Medium Density Residential (multi-unit single family residential)
 - To the east is RSF, Residential Single Family (single family residential)
 - To the west is MU1, Neighborhood Mixed Use (medical office)
 - To the South is SCI, Civic & Institutional (vacant/shuttered church)
10. All conditional uses must comply with the General Standards as found in Unified Development Code Section 4.8.E.; the Planning Department staff review of the proposed group home and response to the conditional use General Standards are:
 - (1) *The proposed conditional use must comply with all applicable zoning regulations.*

This group home would allow for more than 4 unrelated individuals to reside in the home, which is not a zoning violation, but will this condition of approval will need to include coordination with Building Safety regarding occupancy codes and regulations.
 - (2) *The location and size of the use, its operation [hours of operation for use], and access shall be such that the use will be in harmony with surrounding land uses.*

The location and size of the use as a residential facility are in harmony with surrounding land uses. The hours of operation are by necessity at 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. During the April 20 meeting, this item was discussed at length regarding operational policies which were not provided at the time of initial commission review but which have been provided by the applicant (see **Exhibit C**). A clear operations policy with guidelines is needed. A revised floorplan showing the location of the caregiver's lodging space is needed.
 - (3) *Buffering and/or landscaping above the minimum ordinance requirements.*

Applicant has stated the willingness to provide additional landscaping to enhance the property above minimum ordinance requirements, including buffer yards and fencing. Documentation of this additional landscaping will need to be a condition of approval.
 - (4) *The location, nature and height of structures, walls and fences shall be such that the use will not hinder or discourage the development and use of adjacent land and structures.*

Nothing proposed for this project as proposed will hinder or discourage the development and use of adjacent land and structures.

- (5) *Parking areas shall be of adequate size for the particular use, properly located and suitably screened from adjoining residential uses, and the ingress and egress drives shall be laid so as to achieve maximum safety.*

The existing building with an approximate 3,600 square feet currently has 15 parking spaces which would be sufficient for the proposed maximum of 12 women residing and the caretaker(s) operating the facility.

- (6) *Adequate utilities, drainage and other necessary facilities have been or will be provided.*

Adequate utilities, drainage and other necessary facilities are provided at this existing residence.

- (7) *Environmental safety devices shall be employed as is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public.*

- A condition of approval should be documentation of all fire and building related safety codes and requirements being met as recorded by the St Tammany Parish Fire District 1 and City of Slidell Building Safety & Permits Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Planning Department received an emailed statement in opposition of this project from Ms. Theresa Braud, who copied James Braud, and kathy@ferryandferry.com, on Saturday May 2 (0450am) which included public comments on this proposed conditional use. (**Exhibit D**)

RECOMMENDATION:

The proposed Women's Transitional Housing Center is appropriate at this location as proposed and in review with the requirements and standards for a group home; staff recommendation of conditional use approval to be contingent on meeting the following conditions:

- Successful recordation of property subdivision and donation by church.
- Documentation of coordination with Building Safety regarding occupancy codes and regulations.
- Provision of a clear policy statement / standards of operation document regarding provision of services and program participants, including length of stay.
- Provision of a revised floorplan showing the location of the caregiver's lodging space.
- Documentation of additional enhanced landscaping.
- Documentation of all fire and building related safety codes and requirements being met as recorded by the St Tammany Parish Fire District 1 and City of Slidell Building Safety & Permits Department.

FIGURES & EXHIBITS

Figure 1. Location and zoning map



Figure 2. Future Land Use (Comp Plan 2040)

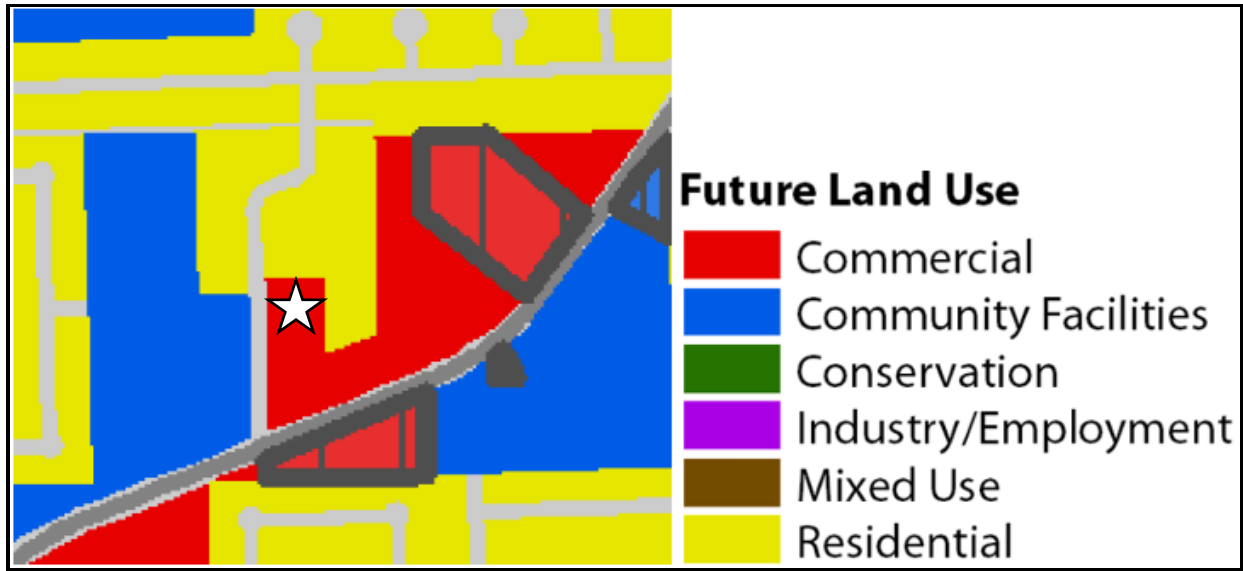


Figure 3. Street View (Google Nov. 2025)



Figure 4. Property Survey (2026)

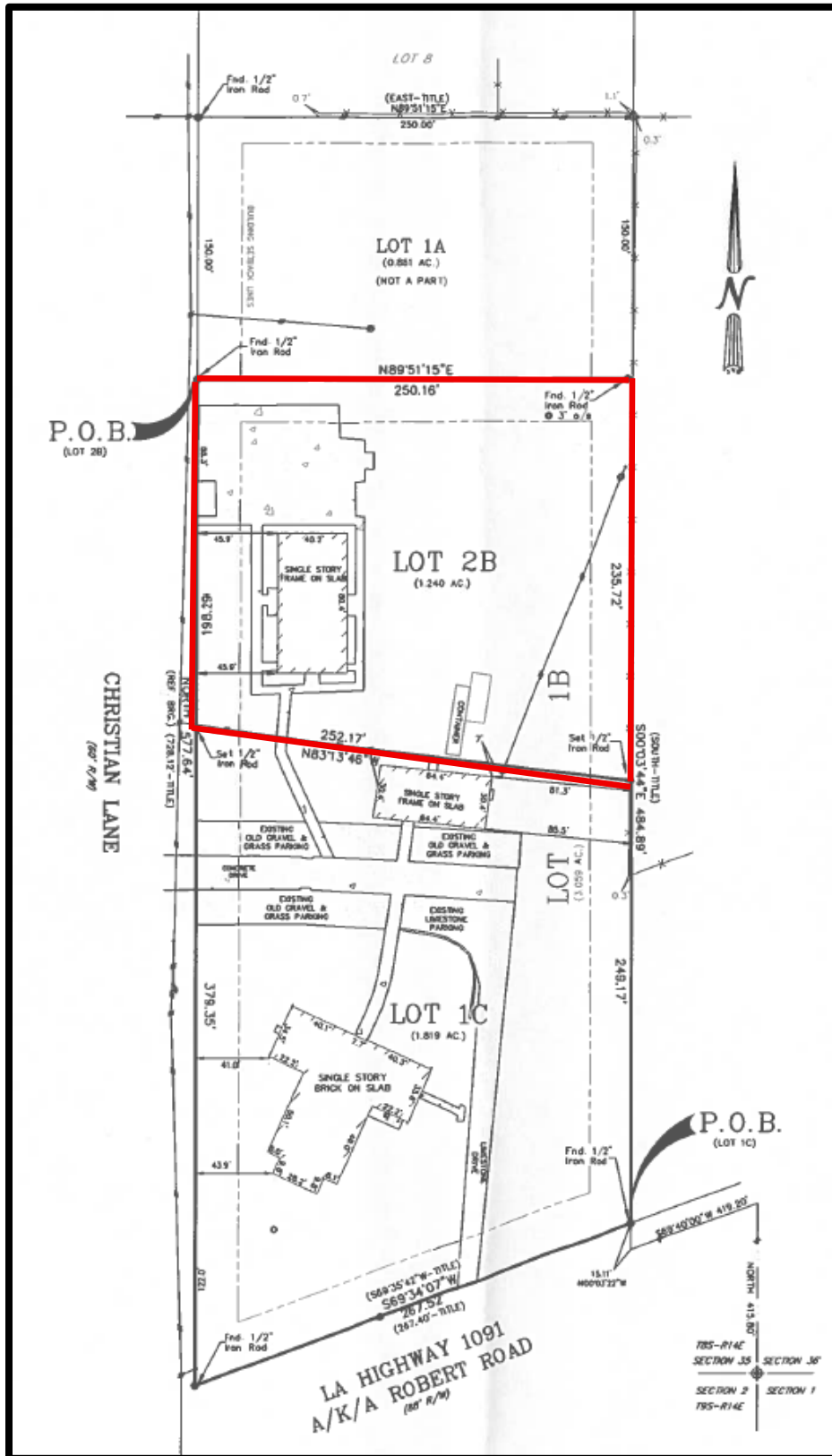


Exhibit A.

Summary of the Circumstances, Factors, and Arguments in Support of the Proposed Conditional Use

Statement of Argument - statement containing summary of circumstances, factors, and arguments that petitioner offers in support of the proposed special use permit.

Affordable housing is a significant need in Slidell and St. Tammany Parish. Although St. Tammany Parish is one of the most affluent parishes in Louisiana, almost half of its residents are struggling to get by. In Slidell, 15.1% of us are living below the poverty level and another 33% are classified as ALICE by the United Way. This stands for **A**ssets **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed. These are people who are working hard, and are above poverty level, but are not making enough money to meet the cost of living demands of our area. Together, this suggests that 48% of Slidell residents are one crisis away from potential disaster. A major medical issue, major car repairs, or job loss can begin a spiral that could lead to homelessness.

Slidell is a beautiful, dynamic, wonderful community and we have the opportunity to make it an even better place to live for the women most in need.

Both the Slidell 2040 Comprehensive Plan (adopted in 2022) and the CDBG Grant 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan discuss the need for affordable housing and shelters for the homeless. The Comprehensive Plan states that over half (58.9%) of Slidell renters are cost burdened, and that housing in Slidell is in high demand and short supply. It also states that “the number of unsheltered individuals in Slidell at any one time is between 25 and 35 persons, and there are about 20 homeless persons sheltered in emergency housing per night.” Our homeless friends assure me that there are actually significantly more than this that manage to stay under the radar.

Goal H-2 of the Slidell 2040 Comprehensive Plan is to “Increase access to affordable homeownership. The first strategy listed is to “Support credit counseling and homeownership education. (Strategy H-2-1). Strategy H-2-3 is to “provide additional temporary and permanent shelter for homeless residents of Slidell.”

The Near Term action to Implement Housing Goal H-2 is to “Coordinate with housing providers to create additional temporary and permanent shelter for homeless residents of Slidell. (Action H-2).

Community Christian Concern has been providing assistance to the needy of this community for over 40 years. We operate a food pantry, a thrift store, and a Men’s Housing Center. Last year alone we served over \$10,000 people and shared \$614,000 worth of basic necessities and financial assistance to those in need in Slidell and Pearl River.

Since 2010, we have housed over 200 men in our Men’s Housing Center. We supplement food, clothing, hygiene items, and household goods and provide mentoring, work experience, and skill development with a goal of self-sufficiency. We connect them with the Northlake Homeless Coalition and other local resources. Since 2020, 61% of these men have successfully transitioned out. Although there was originally resistance to opening a Men’s Housing Center in

our current location, we have operated in Olde Towne for over 15 years with no significant incidents or complaints.

The vision of Community Christian Concern is to meet needs, encourage self-sufficiency, and build a stronger community. One of the ways we do this is by addressing homelessness. Last year we handed out almost 2500 bags of food to the homeless (they can pick up a bag of ready-to-eat items from us every weekday.) We handed out countless tents, sleeping bags, socks, coats, blankets, and hygiene items. We also developed relationships with them.

We collaborate with over 30 non-profit agencies and churches, and more than 20 local politicians and community leaders have stated their support for the establishment of a women's housing center in St. Tammany parish.

Unfortunately, there are very few options for homeless women in St. Tammany Parish. As an example, Christina lived in the cemetery across the street from us until someone complained and she was arrested. She's now homeless again. Or Misty, a nurse who always gave money to people in need until one day she had a major heart attack, lost her job, and became homeless herself. Or the young female trying to make it in the music business who said she could get a real job if only she didn't have to spend every day begging for enough money to stay in a motel that night. A girl living in a hotel with her brother was brought to our door when he was arrested. She had no ID, didn't know her social security number, and had no clue what to do next. Another woman was living with a couple that abused her. When they were done with her, they dropped her and her belongings at our door. She didn't qualify for Safe Harbor because the abuse was not coming from a romantic partner. Then there's the 16-year old girl who came to us many years ago with nowhere to go. We were able to help her and she now credits CCC with giving her a fresh start. That girl is Kendra Maness, who you probably know as the founder of Slidell Magazine.

There are SO many stories! For most women, though ... try as we might, the best we can do for them is a tent and sleeping bag, some snacks, and some prayers. It's not enough! The only options available in all of St. Tammany Parish are 1. The Caring Center at \$600/month, which is cost prohibitive, 2. Family Reach Alliance, if they have children and no criminal record, and if there is space in their program or 3. Safe Harbor, if they are actively fleeing domestic violence from a romantic partner and if there is space available. So many vulnerable women in our community are encountering barriers to receiving even the assistance that is available.

Because of the work CCC has done, First Christian Church of Slidell is willing to donate a very valuable portion of a property to us expressly for the purpose of establishing a women's housing center here in Slidell! The property at 102 Christian Lane needs to be subdivided and rezoned so the church can sell the remaining property. Our portion of the property already has an existing structure that can be used for a housing center. We are ready and willing to do the work to set up the structure for this use.

This property is located within walking distance to medical facilities, a grocery store, a public library, and numerous employment opportunities. This meets the goal of being near services and jobs, since many women in this situation do not have transportation.

CCC is supported by churches and individual donors. We also bring in significant revenue from our thrift store and are successful in our fundraising efforts. We will be applying for federal, state, and local grants and will pursue corporate funding specifically for the Women's Housing Center.

We plan to house 6-12 homeless women in this facility, as well as a live-in caretaker. We will provide mentoring as well as food, clothing, and hygiene items and will provide connection to local resources for employment preparation, transportation, mental and physical wellness, addiction recovery, and permanent supportive housing, with the ultimate goal of self-sufficiency.

We look forward to partnering with the City of Slidell to bring a Women's Housing Center to St. Tammany Parish!

Exhibit B.

Women's Housing Center Frequently Asked Questions

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Community Christian Concern has operated a Men's Housing Center since 2010, with no significant incidents or complaints. Since 2020, 61% of the men who exited our program successfully obtained housing.

What are the mission and core objectives of the Women's Housing Center?

The Women's Housing Center will provide a safe, supportive, and empowering environment for women experiencing homelessness, with the goal of transitioning them into stable, permanent housing.

Why was this location selected?

This property was donated to CCC specifically for this purpose. It is an ideal location due to its proximity to medical facilities, groceries, the library, and potential places of employment.

How many women do we plan to "house"?

At this time, we plan to house a maximum of 8 women at a time. This will allow for 2 people in each room. Each will have their own bed, dresser, and closet.

What is the length of time a woman can stay?

Women will be allowed to stay for up to 6 months, with a possible 6 month extension.

What is the criteria for acceptance/non-acceptance?

The center will be focused on accepting homeless adult women who need help getting on their feet, with the goal of helping them obtain self-sufficiency. We will employ a sophisticated vetting process and will partner with other agencies to help meet the needs of those we are unable to serve.

Will children be permitted?

At this point, we don't have the capacity to house children. We will direct families to agencies that are better equipped for this purpose.

Will pets be permitted?

We are not currently equipped to handle pets, but will work with local agencies to determine possible solutions.

Will women under the Influence be permitted?

All potential residents will need to pass a drug and alcohol test to be admitted.

Will Domestic Violence victims be permitted?

All those currently fleeing violence from a domestic partner will be referred to agencies better equipped to handle such situations.

Will transgender women be permitted?

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We will not knowingly admit a transgender woman to the facility

What if a woman has no income?

Women will be expected to pay a program fee to stay at the facility, but will be allowed a 30-day grace period to obtain the funding.

Will a violent or sexual offender be permitted?

All potential residents will be required to pass a background check. Violent offenders and sexual offenders will not be admitted into the facility.

What would be grounds for dismissal?

Residents will be asked to leave the facility for serious rule infractions, such as violent or threatening behaviors, theft, destruction of property, or drunkenness.

What kind of security protocols will be in place?

A caretaker will live on site and strict security protocols will be followed. Security cameras and an alarm and key system will be installed. The doors will remain locked from the outside, no guests will be allowed in the facility, and a curfew will be enforced.

Who will be in charge and who will they report to?

A live-in caretaker will report directly to Community Christian Concern.

What will residents do all day? (Can they leave the facility at will?)

Residents will be allowed to leave the facility, but will be expected to honor the curfew. Educational programming will be instituted and chores will be assigned. Obtaining or keeping employment will be a high priority.

What services/resources will we provide?

CCC will provide food, clothing, household items, and hygiene. We will direct residents to local resources for housing, employment, wellness, credit counseling and financial literacy, and will bring in partner agencies to provide educational training.

Will we honor the neighbors and preserve the landscaping?

Definitely! Part of CCC's vision is to build a stronger community. We look forward to working with the neighbors and are happy to address any concerns that may arise. No expansion of the footprint of the building is being considered at this time, and we will meet all zoning requirements.

Exhibit C.

Operational Plan for Transitional Housing Program for Homeless Women

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1. Mission & Objectives

Mission:

Provide a safe, supportive, and empowering environment for women experiencing homelessness, with the goal of transitioning them into stable, permanent housing.

Core Objectives:

- Ensure immediate safety and basic needs.
- Provide life skills, education, and employment support.
- Facilitate a smooth transition to independent living.

2. Facility & Capacity

- **Location:** Secure, accessible, near public transport and essential services.
- **Capacity:** 8 - 12 individuals (dormitory style rooms with shared common areas).
- **Amenities:** Communal kitchen, dining area, bathroom facilities, play area, laundry, outdoor play space.
- **Security:** 24/7 video monitored entry, CCTV in common areas (no cameras in private spaces), live-in caretaker, locked facility, daily curfew.

3. Staffing Structure

- **Program Director:** Oversees operations, compliance, and partnerships.
- **Live in Manager:** Manages day to day operations, assists with conflict resolution, and meets with residents regularly to assess progress with transition plans.
- **Neighbor Advocate:** Meets with residents to determine eligibility, needs, and linkage to public and private entities.
- **Mentors:** Volunteer community members to provide guidance, compassion and mentorship.

4. Intake & Eligibility

- **Eligibility:** Homeless women (18+)
- **Intake Process:**
 1. Self-referral or referral from shelters, hospitals, or social services.
 2. Safety and needs assessment.
 3. Must sign a resident agreement and agree to participate in the housing program.
 4. Must pass a drug and alcohol screening and a criminal background check.

5. Program Services

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- **Basic Needs:** Safe housing, clothing, hygiene supplies, food assistance through CCC Food Pantry, clothing through CCC thrift store.
- **Advocacy:** Neighbor advocates will be available through CCC for assistance with basic needs & linkage to public and private assistance agencies
- **Mentorship:** Volunteer mentors will meet with residents during monthly fellowship meetings. Residents will be required to choose a personal mentor
- **Life Skills Training:** Budgeting, cooking, job readiness, tenant rights, physical, mental, and financial wellness . Achieved through monthly educational meetings.
- **Housing Navigation:** assistance with applications and landlord communication.
- **Employment Support:** Assistance with resumes, clothing for interviews and / or employment
- **Application Assistance:** (SNAP, Medicaid, TANF).

6. Safety & Confidentiality

- Resident confidentiality
- Strict security protocols
- Emergency evacuation and disaster preparedness plan

7. Partnerships

- Job training programs
- Housing authorities
- Financial literacy programs
- Assistance agencies
- Veterans' programs
- Wellness resources
- Churches

8. Funding & Sustainability

- **Sources:** Grants, donations, government contracts, fundraising events.
- **Budgeting:** Prioritize staffing, facility upkeep, and program delivery.
- **Evaluation:** Quarterly reviews of resident outcomes and program effectiveness.

9. Transition & Aftercare

- **Transition Plans:** Secure permanent housing within 6–12 months. Extensions may be granted on a case by case basis.
- **Aftercare Support:** Follow-up calls, resource referrals, alumni support groups.

Exhibit D. Public Comment

SEE ATTACHED PUBLIC COMMENT EMAIL (5/02/2026)

From: [Theresa Braud](#)
To: [PlanningDept](#); [James Braud](#); kathy@ferryandferry.com
Subject: 108 Christian Lane
Date: Saturday, May 2, 2026 4:50:17 AM
Attachments: [108 Christian Lane Zoning.docx](#)

Some people who received this message don't often get email from mombraud@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Please see the attached letter with the explanation of why I am opposing the rezoning property 108 Christian Lane. The residents are greatly concerned about how the rezone will effect our quality of life and residential value. We live here and this is our everyday!

Respectfully,
Theresa Braud
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mombraud@gmail.com

Slidell City Council Members and Zoning Members

I am writing concerning 108 Christian Lane. I left last night's (April 20) meeting of the Slidell Zoning Committee very upset about the decisions the zoning board is allowing on my residential street. Christian Lane consists of 9 homes which are now being subjected to businesses that will reduce the property values and make it increasingly more difficult to sell our properties. This one street currently has all of the following:

- WIC clinic (SMH)
- Psychiatric clinic
- Drug rehab clinic (Acer) with a camera shining into a neighbor's home
- Multi-family housing (5 patio homes)
- Nursing home facility on western property line with lights shining in homes at night
- And now the potential for a homeless shelter

These homes carry a large property tax burden. The newest infringement on our properties is a proposed homeless shelter. One side of the property would border a residential property that is currently on the market for \$775K. Of the 9 homes on this short street, 5 residents are in their 80's and worried about their safety.

How can this continued degradation of the neighborhood and this concentration of undesirable properties not deteriorate property values? Despite numerous reductions, one home has been on the market for 5 years and potential buyers are expressing concerns about the neighborhood. My home is affected by drug clinic client's disagreements until the late hours of the night (they close at 10 but the clients hang in the parking lot). Group sessions are held in the back area of the clinic and are audible from inside neighboring homes. On multiple occasions, I have witnessed the police escort the patients in strait jackets into an ambulance from the psychiatric clinic. The other side is a nursing home that has staff gatherings, shift changes, and ambulances at all hours.

We are already upset over the fact that High density (R2) housing has been allowed on a single-family housing street without the neighbor's knowledge. We are a small street. How much are residents expected to bear? Surely there are other places for another homeless shelter? According to a recent study there are multiple empty spaces (over 200) available in Slidell.

Numerous questions were asked and unanswered at last night's meeting, thus delaying any decision of the board until next month.

- It will be a homeless women's shelter--not a home for divorced women trying to get their feet as I was told by one council person
- Length of stay is not limited (I was told that the existing shelter has had a permanent homeless resident for 15 years)
- Children may be permitted--has not be decided

Public Comment
Theresa Braud, 403 Christian Lane

Received by Email
Saturday, May 2, 2026

- Trans women Has not be decided
- Security will be provided around the clock? Why?
- I have and worked with the homeless though Good Sam's and through teaching. Things are not always what they seem.
- Drug addicted individuals will be admitted they think and possibly later transferred for proper help.
- 8 to 12 people (not decided) will be continually housed with another person permanently assigned as caretaker--another high-density project
- Frequently other groups (unknown number, size or frequency) will provide additional unspecified services.
- Unasked question: What about fencing?

This is a single-family neighborhood that somehow is being allowed to be transformed into a high-density population with a concentration of undesirable property uses. Please consider what you are doing to the taxpayers. You represent us. You are our voice. Do we have a homeless population? Yes. Do they need help? Yes. We are not the same as Carey Street where the residential area is a few blocks down; we are next door. We live here. This is every day for us. For some of us this is our major investment. We need your help in preserving our neighborhood.

Respectfully submitted,

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