

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WESLEY CHAPEL TOWN HALL
6490 Weddington Road, Wesley Chapel, NC 28104
November 4, 2017 – 10:40 AM

The Village Council of Wesley Chapel, North Carolina met in the Town Hall at 6490 Weddington Road, Wesley Chapel, North Carolina.

Council Present: Mayor Pro Tem Kenary, Council Members Kaperonis and Rodriguez

Council Absent: Mayor Kapfhammer, Council Member Como

1. Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation and Determination of Quorum

Mayor Pro Tem Kenary led the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation was said. A quorum was present.

2. Resolution for Siler Church Historical Designation

Mayor Pro Tem Kenary noted this meeting is to discuss the Resolution for Historic Designation of Siler Church. She got additional information from DOT, and spoke with Amber Kidd from the NC State Historic Preservation Office.

Council Member Kaperonis commented on the new Highway 84 road going through Weddington, the need for a coffee shop in Wesley Chapel, and the need to be proactive about development. He added he was here to support Siler, who has been here since 1895.

Council Member Rodriguez noted he learned a lot about the history of this area from the history book and was in favor of this church and any church, and finding out that what we're going to do here today will not have any negative impact.

Mayor Pro Tem Kenary related Mayor Kapfhammer's concern was the impact of the Resolution on the road project and he was not willing to sign the document. He felt there were things that could be done from Siler or the Historic Commission that could impede the road from going through.

After speaking with Ms. Kidd, Mayor Pro Tem Kenary replied to the Mayor's concerns in an email. From that email, "The Commission will hear an application for appropriateness if necessary from NC DOT or its agent and will have to evaluate it using the guidelines laid out from the Department of the Interior. The Commission cannot impede a project. At worst case they can ask for a delay (and we are talking if the building were to be torn down) in order to see if an alternative solution is available. If after the 365 day period no alternative can be made the plan moves forward. The church has been working with DOT and my understanding from Liz at Calyx and Mr. Barry, they have reached solutions for concerns brought up from the Church." Also, "Per Ms. Kidd, the church has no authority on whether the road gets built or not with or without the designation, nor does the Commission. The Commission can only ask for reasonable

requests, for example, if two trees need to be removed, the Commission can ask for two trees to be planted elsewhere on the property.”

Mayor Pro Tem Kenary added that in the worst case scenario, there are also appeal processes and so forth. She noted this is one of maybe two or three historical buildings in our community and is the cornerstone landmark. I do not attend Siler Church but feel it’s the right thing to do to have this designation. The building is the most important part of this designation. In speaking with Ms. Kidd, who reviewed the application, she said although five acres were being requested to be designated historic, she did not feel five acres was warranted, and new additions are not the historical building. From a historical perspective, the building is most important. Also there are congruous and incongruous requests, for example a wall around the church would be an incongruous request and not be able to be done. You have to ask for reasonable things. Mayor Pro Tem Kenary said the motion is to approve the Resolution for Siler Church to allow the Union County Commission to move forward with their evaluation of the request of the designation, we are not designating, we are just showing support for it. The vote was unanimous.

3. Adjournment

Council Member Kaperonis motioned to adjourn; Council Member Rodriguez seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at approximately 10:57 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Bennett, Clerk

Mayor