

Sunday, June 5, 2022

To whom it may concern.

**District 3 Case 1427-A**

**4601, 4605 39<sup>th</sup> street and 4602 40<sup>th</sup> street, College Heights Addition.**

My name is **Dr Rickey Honea** (known as **Dr H or Preach**) and I have lived at **4605 39<sup>th</sup> street** for over **37 years**. I have a love for our church ministry, neighborhoods, and our city. I have been the Sr Pastor of College Heights Baptist Church located at **4601 39<sup>th</sup> street and 4602 40<sup>th</sup> street for 37 years** and I am still functioning as senior pastor at this time.

Even though we have closed the building and placed the property up for sale; for now, we have relocated our preaching ministry to **8212 Ithaca in the Megaron building** on Sundays and Wednesdays. Please note that we are in the process of relocating to a place that we can afford. <https://LYITL.org>

For the record, I quit taking a salary in 1995 because the church was not able to maintain a financial salary for me. This has been a labor of love for me. I chose to keep pastoring and reaching out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ without pay to our neighborhoods and our city.

**Several factors influenced our decision to sell the property at 4601, 4605 39<sup>th</sup> street and 4602 40<sup>th</sup> street over the last 2 years:**

- \* Covid effected our ministry, and we were not able to assemble publicly.  
(Being a small congregation), this was devastating to our ministry.
- \* Many of our members, experienced illness, death, and loss of jobs. This resulted in extreme loss of financial support to the point it has become impossible to maintain the building financially.
- \* As Sr pastor for over 37 years, I now have become extremely ill for the last 17 months from having shingles and then covid. I have been under a doctor's care, and I am not physically able to maintain the building and or the grounds. Nor do we have the manpower to do the same.
- \* The parking lot has been deteriorated considerably.
- \* The building at 4601 39<sup>th</sup> street needs many needed repairs.
- \* The building at 4605 39<sup>th</sup> street needs many needed repairs.

**It is our desire to have another ministry come in to continue the work of God for this area.**

There is a proposal from a non-profit group to build dormitories (not apartments) for students of the "Adventure in Missions" <https://aim.sunset.bible> program of the Sunset International Bible Institute. This is not apartments but dormitories of a great ministry.

The students will have curfews with no tobacco, no alcohol, no drugs, and they must do community services. They will also be responsible in the caring of the property grounds.

I know that the rebuilding of the structures will enhance the neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods and our city.

Please note that I have added pictures of our properties at **4601 39<sup>th</sup>, 4605 39<sup>th</sup> street & 4602 40<sup>th</sup>**, our neighborhoods, and the cars that already line our streets in the neighborhood.

**I have also attached pictures (pages 3-19)** of properties in our neighborhood that do have apartments and that do complement the neighborhoods that we live in.

You will also see where Bethany Baptist church, just down the street from us, also has housing on their properties for workers.

I wholeheartedly support the change in our neighborhood. I believe this change will be good for the entire neighborhood and that it will continue the mission of the founders of College Heights Baptist Church. To have dormitories that are regulated, funded, and controlled by such a reputable organization and flourishing ministry as the Church of Christ, that they have proven over decades of serving our community and to have our community's best interest at heart.

That fact is, that the building and property is, and will be, for sale.

Whether a drug rehab, church, daycare etc... The property is up for sale.

There is no guarantee that any of our neighbors or ministries will be in the neighborhood in the days and years to come. With life, change will always happen.

It is my prayer and petition that you will pass this zoning change for **Case 1427-A**.

May God's will and grace lead us all, as we seek to bring glory and honor to Him.

To further the Gospel and to bless our city.

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Bethany Baptist Church back housing































Salem and 35<sup>th</sup> Apartments that complement the neighborhood



