

CITY OF SMYRNA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council

From: Russell Martin, AICP, Community Development Director
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Date: December 6, 2022

CC: Joe Bennett, City Administrator
Planning and Zoning Board

RE: SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT – Z22-013 - Modular Building at 3130 Atlanta Road

BACKGROUND

Covenant Christian School was approved by the Mayor and Council on March 3, 2008 to place a temporary prefabricated modular building on church property at 3130 Atlanta Road. The Covenant Christian School requested that Mayor and Council allow the temporary modular building, as additional classroom space for the 2008 – 2010 school years, while it actively seeks funding for a permanent building through its capital campaign. Covenant Christian School was reapproved for the use of the modular classroom building from 2010 to 2012 by the Mayor and Council on May 17, 2010 (Z10-010). Covenant Christian School was subsequently reapproved for the use of the modular classroom building from 2012 to 2014 by the Mayor and Council on July 16, 2012 (Z12-004). Covenant Christian School was subsequently reapproved for the use of the modular classroom building from 2014 to 2016 by the Mayor and Council on July 21, 2014 (Z14-016). Covenant Christian School was subsequently reapproved for the use of the modular classroom building from 2016 to 2018 by the Mayor and Council on July 18, 2016 (Z16-005). Covenant Christian School was subsequently reapproved for the use of the modular classroom building from 2018 to 2020 by the Mayor and Council on August 20, 2018 (Z18-013).

ANALYSIS

The subject property is 8.831 acres in size and is zoned R-20 (Single-Family Residential). The Smyrna Presbyterian Church, The Covenant Christian School, a single-family home and a sports field occupy the subject property (See Figure 1). The adjacent properties to the west are zoned RAD and R-20 and occupied by single-family residences. The adjoining properties to the south are zoned RAD and occupied by single-family residences. The adjoining property to the east is zoned Office/Institutional (OI) and is the City of Smyrna's Brawner Park. The adjacent properties to the north across Atlanta Road are zoned RAD and occupied by single-family residences.

The Covenant Christian School is a classical Christian school for grades Pre-K through 8th grade. The school is requesting re-approval of the existing modular building used as classroom space. The Covenant Christian School was initially approved for the use of the modular building

by the Mayor and Council by a vote of 4-0 on March 3, 2008 and was unanimously reapproved on May 17, 2010, July 16, 2012, July 21, 2014, July 18, 2016, and August 20, 2018. As part of the initial approval and re-approvals, the Mayor and Council placed a stipulation on the use of the modular building. The stipulation only allowed the use of the modular building for a 24-month period from the date of approval and required the applicant to reapply for approval of modular building should use of the building exceed the 24 month period.

The modular building will allow Covenant Christian School to provide additional classroom space while the school constructs a permanent school building on-site. The modular building is located along Collier Drive next to several existing buildings (See Figures 3 & 4). The building is 56' x 68' with a total area of 3,808 sq. ft. and provides four (4) additional classrooms for the school.

The Planning & Zoning Board recommended approval by a vote of 7-0 at the December 12, 2022 meeting.

STAFF COMMENTS

Covenant Christian School is seeking reapproval for the modular building at 3130 Atlanta Road. The modular building will allow for additional classrooms until a permanent facility is constructed. Community Development recommends **approval** of the requested modular building with the following condition:

1. The modular building shall only be allowed for a period 24 months after the date of approval. If the applicant shall need the modular building for a longer period of time, the applicant shall reapply for approval of the modular building.

Figure – 1



Figure – 2

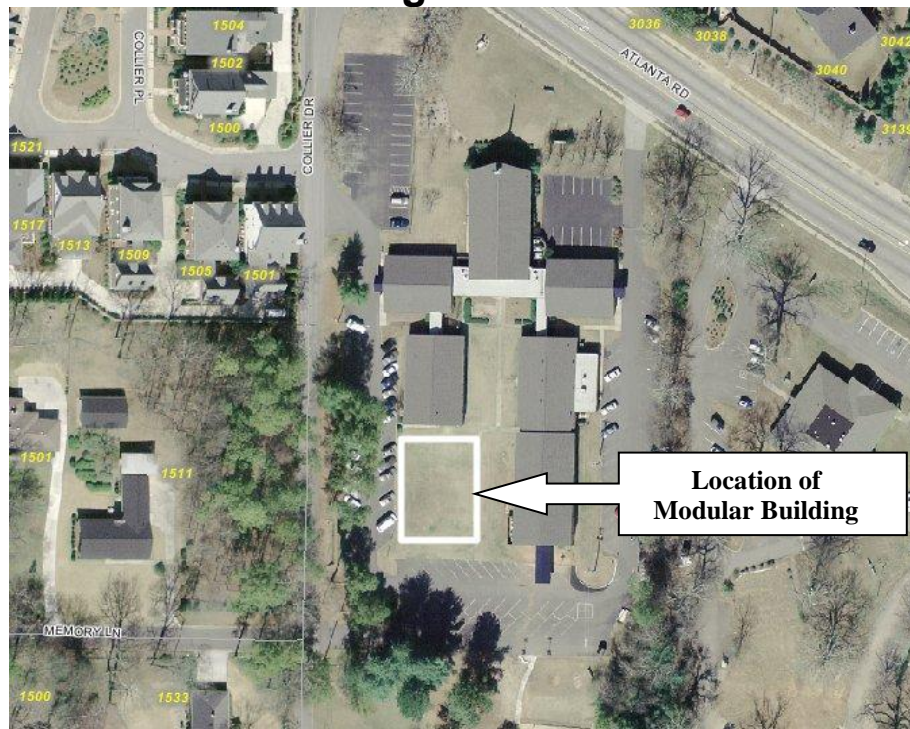


Figure – 3
Modular Building

