

Memo

To: City Council
From: Bryan Myrkle, Community Development Director
Date: August 20, 2020
Re: Rezone requests – Pray Funeral Home

Following the first readings by City Council, the Charlotte Planning Commission conducted the necessary public hearings for the two requests for rezone from Pray Funeral Home at its August, 2020 meeting.

Joe E. Pray made a presentation regarding the funeral home's future plans, and answered questions from the Commission. He also talked about the efforts they have made to inform the neighborhood about the project.

There were a couple important points raised in the Planning Commission discussion of the requests:

- This is not the type of rezoning action that would allow for other commercial uses. Instead, this Planned Development District locks in the current uses of these properties as a funeral home and as residences as long as this zoning designation is in effect.

Similarly, the P1 zoning restricts the future use of that site to auxiliary parking for the funeral home.

These limitations provide assurance to nearby property owners that the use of these properties will remain as approved in this plan, and cannot later become a different type of commercial use.

- Another item is the addition of 238 South Sheldon Street to the P1 district. When I originally prepared the documentation for this action, I did not realize that the now empty lot on South Sheldon

included two addresses – 244 and 238 South Sheldon. Mr. Pray pointed this out to me, and we have corrected this error for the Planning Commission and on the documents now presented for final reading and adoption.

Please note that there were no public comments or objections offered during the Planning Commission hearings, and **the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of these requests to the City Council.**