



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Rev. David Hood, Lead Pastor for Congregational Ministry
Rev. Mark Coulter, Lead Pastor for Campus Ministry

AGENDA #3a(6)

May 3, 2004

RE: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Request for Expedited SUP Review

Joyce Smith, Town Clerk
Chapel Hill Town Hall
306 N. Columbia Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

I write on behalf of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church to request an expedited review of our pending Special Use Permit application for 220 Rosemary Street. We propose to demolish the existing dilapidated sorority house currently on the site and to construct a building, which will house a new sanctuary space for our growing congregation.

We are asking for expedited review of our SUP application for the following reasons:

- The property was purchased over two years ago and we would like to be underway with demolition and site preparation in order to remove the unsightly building currently on the property, thus improving safety for the immediate neighborhood and community in general;
- We are rapidly out-growing our current sanctuary located across the street and need additional space for increasingly popular programs; given the location and vintage of our existing facility meeting the challenge of growth and expansion is not practical or feasible for that location and structure;
- We have enjoyed a very favorable capital campaign and need to get the building underway so as not to lose that momentum;
- Finally, we have the support of our contiguous neighbors and the initial support of the Historic District Commission for our proposed design of a memorable building of historic character with lasting value for the community.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and welcome the opportunity to provide any needed additional information. I can be reached at 919-942-2677 (leave message in the church office).

Sincerely,

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