

# #2013-49 Evangelical Free Church – Variation Project Review for Planning and Zoning Commission

Meeting Date: October 2, 2013

**Request:** Variation from Article 4-700 Fences, Walls and Screening to allow

a 4-foot-high fence within the front yard setback and in the right-

of-way.

**Location:** 575 E. Crystal Lake Avenue

Acreage: 11 acres

**Existing Zoning:** E Estate and R-3B

**Surrounding Properties:** North: R-1 Single Family

South: M Manufacturing (South of the railroad tracks)

East: R-2 Single Family

West: E Estate (Hannah Beardsley School)

**Staff Contact**: Elizabeth Maxwell (815.356.3615)

#### **Background:**

- Existing Use: The site is improved with the Evangelical Free Church. The property in question is a vacant back-parcel adjacent to the Ashton Pointe Subdivision.
- <u>Background</u>: The property owners are having numerous issues with trespassing and dumping of materials. The fence would allow them to properly distinguish their property from the Ashton Pointe property.

#### **Development Analysis:**

# General

- Request: Variation to allow a 4-foot fence along the property lines and across the Oak Hollow Road right-of-way. This would be within the front yard setback for this lot as well as within the platted right-of-way.
- <u>Land Use</u>: The land use map shows the area as Public and Semi-Public. This land use designation is appropriate for the church use.
- <u>Zoning</u>: The site is zoned E Estate. This property received a Special Use Permit, as is the standard, to locate within this zoning district.

#### Site Layout

- The fence would border this vacant parcel and the Ashton Pointe Subdivision property.
- The fence would be a 4-foot high split rail fence.



# **Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2020 Vision Summary Review:**

The Comprehensive Plan designates the subject property as Public and Semi-Public, which allows for existing and future public and semi-public facilities. The following goal is applicable to this request:

#### Land Use - Residential

Goal: Provide area for high quality public and semi-public facilities, such as schools, libraries, municipal facilities and private service providers, throughout the city to suppor the diverse and evolving needs of people in the city.

This can be accomplished with the following supporting action:

**Supporting Action:** The City shall support the school districts, library, park district, neighboring municipalities, private service providers and other public and semi-public agencies.

**Success Indicator:** The number of zoning approvals for public/semi-public projects.

#### **Findings of Fact:**

#### ZONING ORDINANCE VARIATION

The petitioner is requesting a variation from Article 4-700 Fences, Walls and Screening to allow a 4-foot-high fence within the front yard setback and across Oak Hollow Road right-of-way. The Unified Development Ordinance lists specific standards for the review and approval of a variation. The granting of a variation rests upon the applicant proving practical difficulty or hardship caused by the Ordinance requirements as they relate to the property. To be considered a zoning hardship, the specific zoning requirements; setbacks, lot width and lot area must create

a unique situation on this property. It is the responsibility of the petitioner to prove hardship at the Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing.

### **Standards**

When evidence in a specific case shows conclusively that literal enforcement of any provision of this Ordinance would result in a practical difficulty or particular hardship because:

a.	The plight of the property owner is due to unique circumstances, such as, unusual surroundings or conditions of the property involved, or by reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of a zoning lot, or because of unique topography, or underground conditions.			
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b.	Also, that the variati	ion, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality.		
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consider	ation the extent to	ementing the above standards, the Commission may take into which the following facts favorable to the application have been resented at the public hearing:		
a.	That the conditions upon which the application for variation is based would not be applicable generally to other property within the same zoning classification;			
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b.	That the alleged dishaving interest in the	fficulty or hardship has not been created by any person presently e property;		
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c.	That the granting of the variation will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to other property or improvements in the neighborhood in which the property is located; or			
	☐ Meets	Does not meet		
d.	adjacent property, adjacent property,	variation will not impair an adequate supply of light or air to will not unreasonably diminish or impair the property values of will not unreasonably increase congestion in the public streets, se the danger of fire or otherwise endanger public safety.  \[ \int Does not meet \]		
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Where the evidence is not found to justify such conditions, that fact shall be reported to the City Council with a recommendation that the variation be denied.

#### **Recommended Conditions:**

If a motion to recommend approval of the petitioner's request is made, the following conditions are recommended:

- 1. Approved plans, reflecting staff and advisory board recommendations, as approved by the City Council:
  - A. Application (E-Free Church, received 09/16/13)
  - B. Plat of Subdivision (TFW Surveying, dated 07/15/04, received 09/16/13)
- 2. An opening in the fence shall be provided along the north side of the dedicated right-of-way, aligning with the existing sidewalk on Oak Hollow Road, to allow for a future sidewalk extension prior to the full roadway extension by others.
- 3. When the roadway occurs, the fence will need to be removed from the portion that lies within the right-of-way. Additional modifications or fence removal may also be necessary beyond the right-of-way to meet other Unified Development Ordinance requirements.
- 4. Fence posts cannot be placed in any Municipal Utility Easement and the installer will need to verify water main and sewer locations to avoid utility conflicts, especially through the right-of-way.
- 5. Submit final construction plans for review and obtain a building permit from the Engineering and Building Department.
- 6. The petitioner shall address all of the review comments and requirements of the Engineering and Building and Planning and Economic Development Departments.

# City of Crystal Lake Development Application

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	Project Title: EFCCL ~ SOUTHE	MST FENCE RECEIVE
	Action Requested	SEP 1 6 2013
	Annexation	Preliminary PUD
	Comprehensive Plan Amendment	Preliminary Plat of Subdivision
	Conceptual PUD Review	Rezoning
	Final PUD	Special Use Permit
	Final PUD Amendment	Variation
	Final Plat of Subdivision	Other
	Petitioner Information	Owner Information (if different)
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	Address: STS E. COMSTAL MED	Address:
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	Property Information	
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Architect:				***************************************
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NOTE: If the property is held in trust, the trust officer must sign this petition as owner. In addition, the trust officer must provide a letter that names all beneficiaries of the trust.

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE, MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICA-TION OF David Palsgrove, on behalf of fine Evangelical Free Church

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given in compliance with the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the City of Crystal Lake, Illinois, that a public hearing will be held before the Planning and Zoning Commission upon the application of the Evangelical Free Church relating to the following real estate known as 575 E. Crystal Lake Avenue, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014, PM: 19-04-226-026, 19-04-276-018.

This application is filed for the purposes of seeking a Variation from Article 4 Section 4-700 Fences, Walls and Screening to allow a 4-foot high fence in the corner side yard and across the right-of-way for Oak Hollow Road as well as any other variations that may be necessary to allow the plans as presented. Plans for this project can be viewed at the City of Crystal Lake Planning and Economic Development Department at City Hot!.

A public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on the request will be held at 7:30 p.m. on. Wednesday, October 2, 2013, at the Crystal Lake City Hali, 100 West Woodstock Street, at which time and place any person determining to be heard may be present.

Tom Hayden, Chairperson

Planning and Zoning Commission City of Crystal Lake

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