

**City of Decatur  
Planning Commission**

**March 8, 2022 Meeting Summary**

Decatur City Hall  
City Commission Room  
509 North McDonough Street  
7:00 PM

Members Present: Buckley, Jr. (Chair), Chilik, Ohlandt, Cogburn

Members Absent: Travis, Leland-Kirk, Greco

**I. Call to Order at 7:02 PM**

**II. Old Business:**

- a. Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2022 Regular Meeting.

*Motion by Mr. Chilik, seconded by Mr. Ohlandt, the minutes were approved as presented. There were two abstentions from Chair Buckley, Jr. and Ms. Cogburn. Motion carried, 2-0.*

**II. New Business:**

- a. Smarties Academy c/o Julie Sellers, Dillard Sellers Attorneys at Law, has requested a change in land use designation from RL – Low Density Residential to I – Institutional for property at **465 Clairemont Avenue**.

*Motion by Mr. Chilik, seconded by Ms. Cogburn, the requested land use designation was unanimously recommended for approval. Motion carried, 4-0.*

- b. Smarties Academy c/o Julie Sellers, Dillard Sellers Attorneys at Law, has requested a rezoning from R-60 – Single Family Residential to I – Institutional for property at **465 Clairemont Avenue**.

*Motion by Ms. Cogburn, seconded by Mr. Ohlandt, the requested rezoning was unanimously recommended for approval with the condition to cap the enrollment at 148 students. Motion carried, 4-0.*

- c. Smarties Academy c/o Julie Sellers, Dillard Sellers Attorneys at Law, has requested a conditional use permit to operate a daycare at **465 Clairemont Avenue**.

*Motion by Mr. Ohlandt, seconded by Mr. Chilik, the requested conditional use permit was unanimously recommended for approval with the condition to cap the enrollment at 148 students. Motion carried, 4-0.*

- d. Parkland Communities, Inc. c/o Dani Blumenthal, Battle Law LLC, has requested a change in land use designation from RL – Low Density Residential to RM – Medium Density Residential for properties at **614, 618 and 622 East Lake Drive**.

*Motion by Mr. Ohlandt, seconded by Ms. Cogburn, the requested land use designation application was unanimously tabled until the applicant brings the application back. Motion carried, 4-0.*

- e. Parkland Communities, Inc. c/o Dani Blumenthal, Battle Law LLC, has requested a rezoning from R-60 – Single Family Residential to RM-43 – Multiple Family Residential for properties at **614, 618 and 622 East Lake Drive**.

*Motion by Mr. Chilik, seconded by Mr. Ohlandt, the requested rezoning application was unanimously tabled until a future date as determined by the applicant. Motion carried, 4-0.*

- f. Parkland Communities, Inc. c/o Dani Blumenthal, Battle Law LLC, has requested a special exception to canopy coverage standards for affordable housing for properties at **614, 618 and 622 East Lake Drive**.

*Motion by Ms. Cogburn, seconded by Mr. Chilik, the requested special exception was unanimously tabled until the applicant brings the application back. Motion carried, 4-0.*

### III. **Other Business:**

In light of a situation that occurred during public comment, Chair Buckley, Jr. asked staff to look at how we handle speakers and the identification of their addresses when there are individuals with sensitive situations.

### V. **Meeting Adjourned** at 9:33 p.m.