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City of Winston-Salem
Zoning and Subdivision
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Re: Redeemer Presbyterian Church Rezoning – **Neighborhood Outreach Summary**

Mr. Aaron King,

On Tuesday, November 12, 2019, Redeemer Presbyterian Church mailed approximately 85 letters to the properties owners that are within five hundred feet of the parcels associated with the Redeemer Presbyterian Church properties being rezoned. The PIN numbers for these parcels being #6825-30-6400, #6825-30-5497, #6825-30-4448, and, #6825-30-3345. The address labels were generated through the online Forsyth County GIS system. The letters detailed the requested rezoning of the parcels from RS9 to IP-S and invited the neighbors to an open house to review the rezoning petition. An open house date was set for November 20, 2019 with a drop-in time listed between 6:00 – 7:00 pm. These letters were sent approximately seven days in advance of the proposed open house.

The open house was held on the date advertised with representation from Redeemer Presbyterian Church and MLA Design Group present to review the plans with neighbors and answer any questions. Rezoning meeting signs were posted at the properties along Miller Street directing neighbors to the meeting location within the church building. During the hour-long open house, approximately twelve neighbors dropped by and those attending included representation from the Ardmore Neighborhood Association, residents of the Ardmore area, and, residents with properties immediately adjacent to the church properties. The open house ended at 7:00 pm. Overall, Redeemer Presbyterian Church and MLA Design Group found the open house to be beneficial in terms of relaying correct information on the proposed rezoning to the attendees while giving a forum to answer questions and potential concerns of those neighbors living within the vicinity.

Several comments and questions that were brought up by the neighbors, which the representatives were able to adequately and seemingly satisfactorily address include the following:

- Questions of why the church was rezoning the properties.
- Need to keep the residential feel along Miller Street by keeping the existing homes on the rezoned lots and keeping the associated driveways.
- Concerns of using the proposed driveway improvements as a school drop-off area (the church will not be utilizing proposed improvement areas for school drop-off)
- Questions on traffic flow and potentially having the proposed driveway interconnectivity as a cut through between Miller Street and Melrose Street.
- Questions concerning off-site parking not related to proposed improvements.
- Need to keep existing trees within the rezoning area (the rezoning site plan removes only one tree for proposed improvements).
- Would like proposed buffer plantings to be residential in nature and not look like a commercial planting.

Thank you,
Paul Fidishun
Director of Landscape Architecture/Land Planning
MLA Design Group, Inc.

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Dear Neighbor,

We want to invite you to the second informational meeting about the rezoning of a portion of our property from residential to institutional (this excludes the house on Hawthorne Road). You may have attended the first meeting on October 17th. We have hired Miller Landscape Architecture to examine the possibility of modifying Redeemer's current visitor parking lot and traffic patterns on Miller Street so that it can be expanded and ingress/egress to and from the church can be safer for both the neighborhood and for church attenders.

Our meeting will take place on Thursday, November 20th at 7pm in the main lobby of the church. We hope you'll join us so that we can hear any ideas or concerns you may have.

Redeemer always seeks to be a blessing to our neighbors. Please call the front office at (336)724-2217 with any questions you may have about the meeting.

Grace and Peace,

Giorgio Hiatt   **Susan Nash**
Senior Pastor   Director of Staff