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RE: NPP Neighborhood Meeting Invitation for 3248 Bert Kouns

February 14, 2024

Dear Neighbor:

Faith and Fostering (F&F) owns the home and property at 3248 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop. F&F is a nonprofit that provides housing and support to young adults, ages 18-24, who need extra help living independently. While we focus on youth aging out of the foster care system or having a history of foster care, we actually serve youth from a variety of life circumstances that lead to them being considered homeless or at risk of homelessness. These youth never formed a support system to assist them in life navigation and opportunities. We plan for this property to be developed into a tiny home community that serves young women and young women with children. When complete, it is our plan for the property to provide complete support with a laundry center, a chapel, recreational areas, and a walking track.

Faith and Fostering was established in March 2020 and currently serves young men and women out of two donated 3-bedroom/2-bath homes and three donated apartments. We serve young adults who have the ability to live independently but have yet to have the opportunity. They are served with safe, stable housing and case management for planning and growth, and volunteers provide weekly coaching sessions and transportation. F&F assists them in attaining higher education, if desired, and locating and maintaining employment.

This community at 3248 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop is located in an R-1-12 district. The MPC staff has recommended retaining the existing zoning and requesting a small planned unit development (SPUD) for the proposed project. The SPUD plan will be a special designation for this project, allowing a specialized site plan for this unique project. The site plan will require a public hearing and approval by the MPC.

Because you are a nearby neighbor or otherwise interested in the neighborhood, I invite you to a meeting where you can learn more about what we propose and present questions or concerns. The Shreveport-Caddo Metropolitan Planning Commission must hear our application, and we must do this before our application is deemed complete.

The meeting will take place:

Monday, March 11th, 2024 at 5:30 pm
3248 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop
Shreveport, LA 71118

At the meeting, I'll provide a sign-in sheet to obtain email addresses so I can keep you updated if there are any changes to the project. The home on the property is currently under renovation. The property is being cleared; we expect these to be complete by the end of 2024. If we receive approval, we plan to start constructing tiny homes around the end of 2024 or the beginning of 2025. We estimate that the project should take one to two years to complete. If you cannot attend and would like to receive info from the meeting, please feel free to contact me. If you have any additional questions or comments, here's how to reach me. I hope to see you at the meeting on March 11th.

Sincerely,
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