

Planning commission

Hotel, housing sought for mentally disabled

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The Grove City Planning Commission approved Aug. 22 a special use permit for the Palmer Donavin House, 4196 McDowell Road. Commission Chairman Marv Holt said the procedure was unusual, but that the commission wanted to enable the proposal to go to city council at the earliest opportunity.

“Normally, we try to approve these after the development plan,” Holt said.

The development plan for the project had originally been scheduled for Aug. 22 also, but attorney Don Plank, representing applicant Creative Housing, Inc., asked that the development plan be postponed until the next commission meeting Sept. 12.

The proposal from Creative Housing, Inc. calls for a new facility to be built on the McDowell Road site, on land owned by Franklin County Residential Services, Inc., to provide a four-bedroom hotel for persons with mental retardation, and also a day care facility for up to eight children with mental retardation.

The building would be one story, 6,114 square feet, according to city documents. The facility would include eight parking spaces, two of which would be designated as handicapped parking.

Variations from ordinary zoning requirements sought by the applicant include a 30-foot setback from adjacent residential properties instead of 60-foot, and eight parking spaces instead of 18.

In other business, the commission postponed until Sept. 12 consideration of a development plan by The Anchor Companies for Gateway to the City, named, “Gateway Business Center.”

The plan calls for the construction of seven office building, six of which would have 8,200 square feet area. A seventh building, expected to be occupied by the Ohio State Board of Cosmetology, would have an area of 12,000 square feet. The plan calls for 335 parking spaces, in excess of the zoning requirement of 306.

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