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The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, met in Special Session on Tuesday, November 9, 1976, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with the following Councilmembers present: Betty Chafin, Louis Davis, Harvey Gantt, Pat Locke, and Joe Withrow.

ABSENT: Mayor John M. Belk, Mayor pro tem James B. Whittington, and Councilman Neil C. Williams.

Sitting with the City Council as a separate body for the hearing was the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission, with the following members present: Chairman Allan Tate, and Commissioners Thomas Broughton, Winifred Ervin, Kimm Jolly, Nancy Johnston, Harry Kirk, Margaret Marrash, W. Crutcher Ross and William Royal.

ABSENT: Commissioner Howard Campbell.

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ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN PRO TEM.

Councilwoman Locke moved that Councilman Joe Withrow be elected as Chairman pro tem for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chafin and carried unanimously.

PURPOSE OF MEETING.

Chairman pro tem Withrow announced the purpose of the meeting is to hear Petition No. 76-71 by the YWCA for conditional use approval of a proposed Group Home in a residential district, located on the west side of Park Road, at the intersection of Park Road and Townes Road.

He also advised that the hearing would be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Hearing Procedures for Conditional Use Permits adopted by the City Council.

PROCEEDINGS RECORDED BY CITY CLERK.

Chairman pro tem Withrow advised the proceedings are being recorded by the City Clerk, and copies of the proceedings can be obtained from the Clerk.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 76-71 BY YWCA FOR CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED GROUP HOME IN A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF PARK ROAD, AT THE INTERSECTION OF PARK ROAD AND TOWNES ROAD.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, having been sworn, explained the location of the property, the existing zoning pattern and existing land uses of the area, and the site plan.

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During his presentation he placed into evidence the following exhibits:

- No. 1 Map on existing land uses in the vicinity of the property involved in the petition.
- No. 2 Map on existing zoning patterns in the area.
- No. 3 Site Plan of the YWCA Group Home.

The petitioner was represented by Mr. Ben Hawfield, Jr., Attorney with Moore and Van Allen. No exhibits were placed into evidence by Mr. Hawfield.

He presented the following witnesses to place evidence into the record:

- No.1 Mrs. Pat Wilson, Director, Charlotte Treatment Center for Women (Resigned November 1, 1976.)
- No. 2 Mrs. Leon C. Riddick (Micki), Executive Director of YWCA.

Mr. W. M. Marley, 1323 Townes Road, stated he was present not in opposition, but not in support either. That he loosely represented his neighbors and friends from Hillside Drive to Princeton Avenue and to Sugar Creek on the east side of Park Road.

Mr. Marley asked a number of questions about the maximum number of clients in the group home, and the supervision of the visitors to the group home.

PETITION REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMISSION FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

After all the evidence was presented, Chairman pro tem Withrow advised the petition would be referred to the Planning Commission for recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman pro tem Withrow declared the meeting adjourned.

Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk