CITY OF MARION BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING STAFF REPORT

November 12, 2019

APPLICANT: Pastor Gregory Draper

OWNER: Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

LOCATION: 606 Grant Street

LOT: .3 acre parcel that was formerly two lots. The parcel measures 100 feet wide by

130 feet deep.

ZONING: R-1C- Single-Family District, High Density

REQUEST:

1. Minimum House Size:

Variance of section 1154.01 Uniform-Single-Family Home Regulations parts 1 (Minimum building width of 22 feet at the narrowest point), and 3a (The minimum floor area for a single-family dwelling unit shall be 900 square feet).

- 10 foot variance for required house width
- 533 square foot variance from minimum house square footage

BACKGROUND:

The parcel in question was formerly owned by the City Land Bank and used grant monies to demolish a blighted home. This request comes from Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, as a pilot program to develop transitional workforce housing. The original proposal for 606 Grant Street was to have three (3) "tiny houses" on the parcel. Each would be 12 feet wide by 24.6 feet long with a total square footage of 367 feet.

After review of the application, RPC staff recommended to the applicant that they amend their proposal to include only two (2) houses on the lot and add storage sheds to help accommodate for the lack of interior storage space. Under the current R-1C zoning the Grant Street parcel would allow for two houses. The applicant agreed to amend their plan and submitted an updated site plan which is attached. The updated proposal includes two (2) two-story houses that measure 12 feet wide by 24.6 feet long for a total of 367 square feet.

The proposed site plan meets required front yard distance of 30 feet, exceeds required side yard on each side as well as the sum of both sides required for side yards, and exceeds required rear yard setback of 30 feet. The proposal also calls for asphalt finished parking in the rear to accommodate four (4) parking spaces. Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church plans to maintain the parcel with both houses

on it, however if in the future there was a desire to split the parcel into two, it would still meet required side yard setbacks.

COMMENT:

In favor of the request, we find that:

- 1. The proposal would take a parcel of a formerly blighted house demolished by the City Land Bank and return it to useful life.
- 2. Marion has a critical need for workforce housing
- 3. Renderings of the tiny houses look attractive and the site plan layout includes landscaping, parking, and sheds for each tiny house to provide needed additional storage

Against the request, we find that:

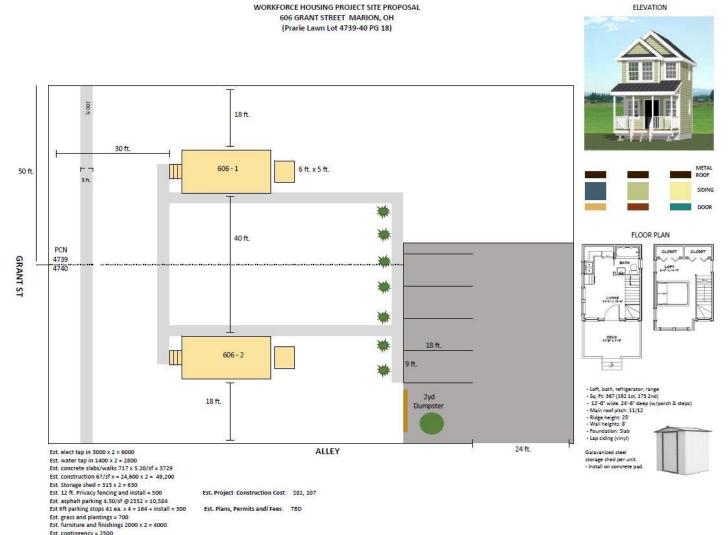
1. The proposal calls for 367 square footage, significantly less than the required 900 square feet

RECOMMENDATION:

RPC Staff recommend approving the request, granting the variances, and monitor and evaluate this pilot program to see if it is a viable solution to bridging the need for workforce housing using former Landbank properties.







Est. Plans, Permits andl Fees: TBD

Est. contingency = 2500