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a. Public Hearing and Action on Ann Arbor Guest House Annexation, Zoning and Area Plan Waiver Request, 4.77 acres, 2000 Dhu Varren Road. A request to annex this site into the City, zone it R4B (Multiple-Family Dwelling District) to allow a maximum of 12 adults (10 guests and 2 caretakers in 6 bedrooms), and to waive the area plan requirement because no new construction is proposed - Staff Recommendation: Approval

Kahan explained the proposal and showed photographs of the property.

Larry Unruh, representing USA Missions Incorporated which is affiliated with the Church of God in Christ, stated that the plan was to accommodate a boarding house to provide temporary housing to individuals and families with relatives who are hospitalized at University of Michigan. The project would mainly house adult relatives, provide a quiet place for them to make decision that are oftentimes a matter of life or death and allow time to relax and recuperate after the long hours spent at the hospital. He said the project would be a non-profit organization and operated on the donations received. He stated that the project would not include a restaurant, but there would be a small kitchen provided for the guest.

Noting no further speakers, Bona declared the public hearing closed.

Postponed

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Nays: 0

Woods asked staff for the property's current zoning designation.

Kahan said after the Planning Commission's action the request for annexation would be sent to the Michigan Department of State Office of the Great Seal for review. In the meantime, he said, staff would bring the request for the zoning and the waiver of the requirement for an Area Plan before the Planning Commission. He said after approval of annexation the project would go better City Council. He commented that Council could not take action on a Zoning District until the property had been annexed into the City.

Recommended for Approval

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