

APPLICATION NUMBER: RZ 08-1338 (PD)

THE REZONNING OF THE PROPRETY LOCATED AT 6410 E. HILLSBOROUGH AVENUE.

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: DECEMBER 15, 2008 IS RESCHEDULED FOR:

**JANUARY 20, 2009 TIME: 6:00PM**

LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARING: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BOARDROOM. 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, COUNTY CENTER 601 E. KENNEDY BLVD., TAMPA, FLORIDA

PLEASE CONTACT PLANNING AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT PRIOR TO JANUARY 20, 2009 TO CHECK ON ANY ADDITIONAL SCHEDULE CHANGES.

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**Submitting testimony and/or evidence:**

All interested parties wishing to submit testimony or other evidence for the record in this matter must submit such in at least one of the following manners:

- 1) In writing to the office of the Zoning Administrator at least 14 days prior to the hearing in order to be given consideration in the preparation of Staff's Final Report to the Land Use Hearing Officer;  
or
- 2) In writing to the office of the Zoning Administrator at least 2 business days prior to the hearing in order to be included as part of the record of the hearing;  
or
- 3) Spoken or in writing during the public hearing before the Land Use Hearing Officer.

Testimony or evidence submitted prior to the hearing should be addressed to the attention of the Zoning Hearing Master and delivered as follows:

- 1) Hand delivered to the 20th floor of the County Center, 601 E Kennedy Blvd. in Downtown Tampa.
- 2) Mailed to PO Box 1110, Tampa, FL 33601
- 3) Via e-mail using the PGM webpage located at <http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/pgm/about/contactus2.cfm>  
Select the Departmental Service: "Zoning", then  
Under "Send To:" select: "Zoning Hearings / Meetings"

All documentation submitted should reference the application number as listed at the top of page 1 of this notice.

**About the Hearing:**

The recommendation of the staff of the Planning and Growth Management Department must be filed six (6) days prior to the hearing.

The participants before the Land Use Hearing Officer shall be the County staff, the applicant (and/or the applicant's agent(s)), and the public. The order of presentation will be:

1. The applicant and the applicant's witnesses shall present their case.
2. The Staff of the Planning and Growth Management Department will give a summary of the request, and present the County Staff's findings and recommendations.
3. The Staff of the Planning Commission shall state whether the request is in compliance or non-compliance with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
4. You and other witnesses shall present their case.
5. County Staff will have the opportunity to make additional comments.
6. The applicant will have the opportunity for rebuttal and summations.

The Land Use Hearing Officer may question witnesses as he/she deems necessary and appropriate and may permit responses to evidence or testimony received.

Time will be allowed for a reasonable amount of questioning of the witnesses for the applicant, public agencies and opposition, but questioning should be limited to direct testimony already presented.

Each side will be given 15 minutes to present its case, however the Land Use Hearing Officer may grant additional time for good cause. The public as a whole is considered as one participant, so large groups may wish to designate a spokesperson. The staffs of each separate County agency are considered individual participants.

The recommendation of the Land Use Hearing Officer will be filed with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) within 15 working days after the conclusion of the public hearing.

Review of the application by the Board of County Commissioners is restricted to the record as created at the hearing before the LUHO, inclusive of the documentation submitted prior to the hearing. In order to present testimony to the Board, you must be a party of record, and you must file a Request for Oral Argument within ten (10) days following the filing of the hearing officer's recommendation.

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## Temporary Soft Shelter for the Homeless

Pinellas Hope is a temporary tent shelter facility that provides homeless men and women privacy and a safe place to leave their belongings during the day, while they are conducting job interviews or are at work. Pinellas Hope's case managers assess client needs and connect them to essential support services necessary to meet their individual needs and to transition them out of homelessness. A resident's average length of stay is five months. During this time they work towards securing a job if they do not already have one and saving money to afford security deposits, rent, and an emergency fund – *for unplanned situations that may arise*. When the resident is stabilized they work together with their case manager on securing an appropriate housing referral followed by the next steps in the resident's self-sufficiency process.

The program offers residents the opportunity to sleep undisturbed, take a daily shower, utilize on-site laundry facilities and have a comforting evening meal. A strict code of conduct requires that residents agree to rules associated with the shelter facility. Background checks are completed on every prospective resident to increase all resident's safety and security. Individuals are not allowed inside Pinellas Hope if the presence of that individual could threaten the safety of other clients, volunteers and/or personnel. Participation in the program is voluntary and during peak winter months, full capacity can reach between 250 and 280 adults on a daily basis.

To-date, Pinellas Hope is the only tent city serving adult homeless in Florida. The program's established goal to transition 40% of Pinellas Hope residents out of street homelessness has been exceeded with total goal achievement of 55% from the project's inception on December 2007 through November 14, 2008. This represents 801 unduplicated client admissions to Pinellas Hope who were placed in permanent housing and successfully transitioned from homelessness.

These strong program outcomes and positive impact on our community have been recognized by Hillsborough County which has a tremendous need for shelter and support services for homeless adults. Therefore, we would like to replicate the zoning of Pinellas Hope to create Hillsborough Hope and bring these much needed services to Hillsborough County.

Catholic Charities has more than 15 years successfully building and managing affordable housing in Hillsborough County. Mr. Frank Murphy, former Bay Care CEO, serves as Catholic Charities' President and has been the driving force behind Pinellas Hope. Catholic Charities' Shelter Ministry includes housing for HIV/AIDS, HUD 202 (Elderly), San Jose Mission (farm worker) and Bethany Family Apartments, a 10-unit apartment complex for the disabled. The Catholic Charities Team will serve turn their expertise to Hillsborough.

According to the County-wide Homeless Census conducted in Hillsborough County on January 25, 2007, there are just over 9,500 homeless living on the streets, in emergency shelters or temporary housing, with Veterans accounting for 18% of this figure.

The need is evident. The hope and help we provide are essential.