CITY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

MINUTES of Meeting No. 816
Tuesday, April 10, 2001, 1:00 p.m.
Francis F. Campbell City Council Room
Plaza Level of City Hall
Tulsa Civic Center

MEMBERS PRESENT MEMBERS ABSENT STAFF PRESENT OTHERS PRESENT

Dunham, Vice Chair Cooper White, Chair Perkins Turnbo

Beach Boulden, Legal Butler

The notice and agenda of said meeting was posted in the Office of INCOG, 201 W. 5th St., Suite 600, on Monday, April 9, 2001, at 8:55 a.m., as well as at the City Clerk's office, City Hall.

After declaring a quorum present, Chair, White called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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Case No. 18987

Action Requested:

Mr. Beach stated that Staff requests this case be Continued to May 22, 2001 for a site plan and possibly advertisement for more relief.

Board Action:

On **MOTION** of **Perkins**, the Board voted 5-0-0 (White, Turnbo, Perkins, Dunham "aye"; no "nays"; no "abstentions"; Cooper "absent") to **CONTINUE** Case No. 18987 to the meeting on May 22,2001 for site plan and more information.

Mr. Dunham arrived 1:03 p.m.

Case No. 19051

Action Requested:

Mr. Beach informed the Board the applicant has requested a Continuance to April 24, 2001, to allow time to meet with the neighborhood residents.

Board Action:

On **MOTION** of **Perkins**, the Board voted 4-0-0 (White, Dunham, Turnbo, Perkins, "aye"; no "nays"; no "abstentions"; Cooper "absent") to **CONTINUE** Case No. 19051 to the meeting on April 24, 2001 to give applicant time to meet with the neighborhood residents.

Case No. 19046

Action Requested:

Mr. Beach informed the Board that this case needed to be stricken from the agenda. Notice was given, but it was discovered this property is in the county; case needs to go to the County Board of Adjustment. Case was stricken from the agenda.

MINUTES:

On **MOTION** of Dunham, the Board voted 4-0-0 (White, Dunham, Turnbo, Perkins "aye"; no "nays"; no "abstentions"; Cooper "absent") to **APPROVE** the Minutes of March 13, 2001 (No. 814), as amended.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Case No. 19025

Action Requested:

Special Exception to permit Use Unit 5 cultural facility not elsewhere classified/music conservatory and Use Unit 11 music school and Foundation Offices, in an RM-2 district. SECTION 401. PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS - Use Unit 5 & 11; a Variance of Section 1301.D. required parking to permit 90 off-site parking spaces, 4 on-site parking spaces and 60 off-site off-hours spaces available by parking easement. SECTION 1301.D. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS; a Variance of maximum building height from 35' to 60' and from 2 stories to 3 stories. SECTION 403. BULK AND AREA REQUIREMENTS IN THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS: Variance of maximum permitted floor area from .5 to 1.4. SECTION 403. BULK AND AREA REQUIREMENTS IN THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS; a Variance of building setback from 25' to 0'. SECTION 403. BULK AND AREA REQUIREMENTS IN THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS; a Variance of landscaping and screening requirements. SECTION 1002. LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS; and a Variance of frontage 100' and lot width 50' requirements in RM-2 district to 25'. SECTION 403. BULK AND AREA REQUIREMENTS IN THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS. located NW/c E. 14th St. & Cheyenne.

Presentation:

Roy Johnsen, 201 W. 5th St., Ste. 501, stated he is an attorney, representing the Barthelmes Foundation. They proposed to use the facility on the subject property for a Center for Arts, specifically to teach instrumental music. After evaluating the facility the applicants have decided that it is not an adequate or safe structure; and a new structure would be needed to accommodate all of the needs. He submitted a conceptual site plan, use conditions, and photographs (Exhibits A-1, A-2, and A-3).

Mr. Cooper arrived at 1:18 p.m.

Mr. Johnsen indicated that the landscaping plans should more than cover the requirements. He used the photographs to point out the surrounding zoning and setback footage of the existing buildings, which is comparable to the requests in this application. He went over the square footage of the proposed facility and totaled a number of 84 parking spaces required. They determined that 122 spaces would be needed during performances by comparison of stadium requirements of one space per four seats. Mr. Johnsen reviewed the plans and the greatest need for parking would be 6:00 p.m. and later for the Performance Hall during off-peak hours.

Interested Parties:

There were no interested parties present who wished to speak.

Board Action:

On MOTION of Dunham, the Board voted 5-0-0 (White, Dunham, Turnbo, Perkins, Cooper "aye"; no "nays"; no "abstentions"; no "absences") to APPROVE a Special Exception to permit Use Unit 5 cultural facility not elsewhere classified/music conservatory and Use Unit 11 music school and Foundation Offices, in an RM-2 district; a Variance of Section 1301.D. required parking to permit 90 off-site parking spaces, 4 on-site parking spaces and 60 off-site off-hours spaces available by parking easement; a Variance of maximum building height from 35' to 60' and from 2 stories to 3 stories. SECTION 403. BULK AND AREA REQUIREMENTS IN THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS; Variance of maximum permitted floor area from .5 to 1.4; a Variance of building setback from 25' to 0'; a Variance of landscaping and screening requirements; and a Variance of frontage 100' and lot width 50' requirements in RM-2 district to 25', with the conditions provided by the applicant, except for #1 that it not be limited to a non-profit cultural facility, and that this be subject to the approval of a final site plan to be submitted at a later date, finding that it would not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purposes, spirit, and intent of the Code, or the Comprehensive Plan, on the following described property:

S 25' of Lot 4 and all of Lots 5 and 6, Block 5, Friend Addition; AND Lots 1, 2 and 3 and the N 25' of Lot 4, Block 5, Friend Addition; AND N 30' of Lot 17 and all of Lots 18, 19, 20, and 21, Block 2, Carlton Place Addition, all in the City of Tulsa, Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma.

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Case No. 19026

Action Requested:

Special Exception to allow a 100' cell tower in an RS-2 zoned district. SECTION 401. PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS – Use Unit 4; Special Exception of the required 110% setback. SECTION 1204.C.3.g.1. USE UNIT 4. PUBLIC PROTECTION AND UTILITY FACILITIES, Use Conditions, located 3602 S. Lewis Ave.

Presentation:

John Brightmire, 320 S. Boston, Ste. 500, stated he represented the applicant, Sara Lott. He submitted a packet of exhibits including findings for the required factors. He reviewed the required factors as they apply to this application

Comments and Questions:

Mr. Cooper noted that the Board has approved two cell towers at this corner in the last two years. He asked if there was any possibility to collocate. Mr. Brightmire replied that both companies collocated on the PSO power poles, and there are no new towers. Ms. Turnbo asked about the height of the pole with the emergency sirens. Mr. Brightmire responded that it was about 45' to 50' tall. She noted that the proposed tower would be twice as tall.

Interested Parties:

Kevin Shoemaker, Radio Services Manager for the City of Tulsa, stated the City is not opposed to this application with the stipulation that the weather siren is part of the structure or some amicable agreement at this location that would not interfere with the weather sirens.

Alan Madewell, 3649 S. Terwilleger, stated that his property backs up to the church next door to the fire station. He stated his opposition to the detraction of the tower to the beauty of the church architecture. He commented that the church spire on top of the hill was intended to be the dominant element in view. He pointed out the elevations of the topography and the locations of the sirens, proposed tower and siren pole, indicating the tower would dominate the view.

Mr. White commented that he received a letter of opposition from Mr. and Mrs. Henke.

Les Hilst, 2250 E. 36th St. and 3538 S. Zunis Ct., stated he owns the duplex southwest of the site. He opposes any additional towers and indicated it would set a precedent for more towers.

Phyllis Connelly, 3537 S. Zunis Ct., stated she has lived in a condominium across the street for about 20 years. She stated her opposition, indicating that nothing but clutter has been added to that corner since she moved there. She added that PSO has not taken care of their property, and as trees die they have not been replaced.

Applicant's Rebuttal:

Mr. Brightmire noted that other cellular companies may have good service in this area, but Cricket needs the tower to provide good service. He stated that they contacted the church CEO and they have not filed an objection to putting it on the church property. The existing poles at this location would not accommodate

Comments and Questions:

Mr. Dunham asked if a tower site at Harvard or Peoria on commercial property would be an alternative for the coverage problem. The applicant stated that a commercial site would be their first choice. He asked a Cricket representative to respond.

Russ Cruise, 6933 E. 97th St., responded by calling the Board's attention to the map of coverage areas. He explained the effects of topography on radio frequency; and pointed out that the hole in coverage does not extend to Harvard or Peoria.

Board Action:

On **MOTION** of **Dunham**, the Board voted 5-0-0 (White, Dunham, Turnbo, Perkins, Cooper "aye"; no "nays"; no "abstentions"; no "absences") to **DENY** the request for a **Special Exception** to allow a 100' cell tower in an RS-2 zoned district; **Special Exception** of the required 110% setback, finding the proposed tower to meet factors required: 100' galvanized steel monopole; 125' from nearest residential structure, 99' to adjoining R property line, closest antenna facilities do not allow for collocation; surrounded by R district on north, SWB facility/PSO substation on east, church on south, parking/R district on west; hilly topography; numerous trees; antennas at 90', allowing for collocation of two similar antennas; three metal cabinets six feet by three feet wide would be enclosed by privacy fencing; access would be through fire station; area has little or no in-building coverage; and finding that it would not be in harmony with the spirit and intent of the Code, and would be injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.

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Case No. 19027

Action Requested:

Special Exception to permit temporary outdoor festivals related to Tulsa Talons Arena football on eight weekends for the years 2001, 2002, 2003 (months of April through August). SECTION 701. PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED IN COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS – Use Unit 2, located SE/c W. 3rd St. & Houston.

Presentation:

Todd Rogers, 9128 E. 46th St., stated that last year they had tailgate parties last year before the Tulsa Talons games on north side of convention center, with permission of American Parking, and Tulsa Parking Authority.

Interested Parties:

There were no interested parties present who wished to speak.

Board Action:

On **MOTION** of **Dunham**, the Board voted 5-0-0 (White, Dunham, Turnbo, Perkins, Cooper "aye"; no "nays"; no "abstentions"; no "absences") to **APPROVE** a **Special**

Exception to permit temporary outdoor festivals related to Tulsa Talons Arena football on eight weekends for the years 2001, 2002, 2003 (months of April through August), on condition that the festival end no later than 8:00 p.m., and subject to the clean up time in agreement with American Parking.

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Case No. 19028

Action Requested:

Variance of rear yard setback requirement of 25' down to 3.7" to attach a detached garage. SECTION 403. BULK AND AREA REQUIREMENTS IN THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS – Use Unit 6, located 2403 S. Troost Ave.

Presentation:

Jean Kline, 2403 S. Troost, Terwilleger Heights Addition, stated she had submitted a site plan with her application, including proposed plans for addition. She plans to build a clubroom and another bathroom between the house and garage. She pointed out the improvements she has made and the sloping topography, and submitted the photographs (Exhibits C-2 and C-3). The addition would be in keeping with the architectural design of the house and gabled into the garage. She informed the Board that at 2237 S. Troost, and at 24th Place and Terwilleger similar additions have been made and would be an improvement to the neighborhood. She has discussed the plans with the neighbors and found no objections.

Interested Parties:

Linda McGowan, 2404 S. Utica, stated she owns this home and leases it out. She had no objection to the application.

Comments and Questions:

Mr. Beach indicated that it is most likely a 3.7' rear yard setback rather than inches.

Board Action:

On **MOTION** of **Dunham**, the Board voted 5-0-0 (White, Dunham, Turnbo, Perkins, Cooper "aye"; no "nays"; no "abstentions"; no "absences") to **APPROVE** an **amendment** of the **Variance** requested for a rear yard setback requirement of 25' down to 3.7' to attach a detached garage, per plan submitted, finding the lot is small and there are similar additions to homes in the neighborhood, on the following described property:

Lot 1, Block 8, Terwilleger Heights, City of Tulsa, Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma.

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Case No. 19029

Action Requested:

Variance of the required setback from an R district from 200' to 140' for an outdoor advertising sign. SECTION 1221.C. USE UNIT 21. BUSINESS SIGNS AND OUTDOOR ADVERTISING, General Use Conditions for Business Signs and SECTION 1221.F. USE UNIT 21. BUSINESS SIGNS AND OUTDOOR ADVERTISING, Use Conditions for Outdoor Advertising Signs — Use Unit 25; and a Variance of the maximum display surface area from 495 sq. ft. to 672 sq. ft. for an outdoor advertising sign. SECTION 1221.E. USE UNIT 21. BUSINESS SIGNS AND OUTDOOR ADVERTISING, CG, CH, CBD, IL, IM, and IH Use Conditions for Business Signs, located 17701 East Admiral Place.

Presentation:

Andrea Delgiorno, 3800 First Place Tower, 15 E. 5th St., stated she had submitted a site plan with the application. The applicant proposes to place a standard size billboard in the extreme northwest corner of the subject property. They are requesting the variances because the abutting residential property is vacant, therefore, actual distance from residences would be greater. Photographs were submitted (Exhibit D-1). She stated that the hardship is that the tract is long and narrow in an IL zone, which would make it difficult to find a use for it.

Interested Parties:

Burt Skelton, 621 S. 277th E. Ave., Catoosa, Oklahoma, stated he represented Frank Murphy, Jr. who owns the property nearby. He indicated there are already numerous billboards in this area. They are concerned that if a house was built on the R zoned property next to subject property it would diminish the house.

Dominic White, 17717 E. Admiral Pl., stated he owns the business at this address, Aberdeen Dynamics. He stated his concern that a sign 150' from his would obstruct the view of his sign from traffic going west on I-44.

Comments and Questions:

Mr. White asked how tall his sign is. He replied that it was probably between 50' and 60' tall. Mr. Cooper asked Mr. Beach why separation is not an issue in this case. Mr. Beach responded if this is an outdoor advertising sign off-site, there is no spacing requirement. Ms. Perkins asked the applicant for a hardship. Ms. Delgiorno responded that the lot is narrow compared to the wider industrial properties in the area. She added that they would like to use the front of this tract of land for used mobile homes sales.

Board Action:

On **MOTION** of **Dunham**, the Board voted 2-3-0 (White, Dunham, "aye"; Turnbo, Perkins, Cooper "nay"; no "abstentions"; no "absences") to **APPROVE** a **Variance** of the required setback from an R district from 200' to 140' for an outdoor advertising sign; and a **Variance** of the maximum display surface area from 495 sq. ft. to 672 sq. ft. for an outdoor advertising sign, finding the size of the lots in this

area would meet the minimum size requirement for a billboard. The motion to approve failed for lack of three affirmative votes. The Variances were **DENIED**.

Case No. 19030

Action Requested:

Special Exception to modify a previously approved site plan, located 9119 E. 61st St.

Presentation:

Jerry Ledford, Jr., 8209 E. 63rd Pl, with Tulsa Engineering, stated he was presenting for the Woodland Hills Church of Christ. This application was to modify the site plan.

Interested Parties:

There were no interested parties present who wished to speak.

Board Action:

On **MOTION** of **Dunham**, the Board voted 5-0-0 (White, Dunham, Turnbo, Perkins, Cooper "aye"; no "nays"; no "abstentions"; no "absences") to **APPROVE** a **Special Exception** to modify a previously approved site plan, as submitted, on the following described property:

A tract of land in the SW/4 SE/4, Section 36, T-19-N, R-13-E of the IBM, City of Tulsa, Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: Beg. at the SE/c of said SW/4 SE/4; thence W 135' to the POB; thence N 209'; thence W 387'; thence S 209'; thence E 387' to the POB, less and except the S 50' thereof, said 50' being as measured perpendicularly to the S line of the SE/4 of Section 36, T-19-N, R-13-E

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Case No. 19032

Action Requested:

Special Exception to allow an outdoor activity and to allow a possible five tents for outdoor wedding/reception in an RE zoned district (tents A & B will be used only if it rains). SECTION 401. PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS – Use Unit 2; and a Variance to exceed allowable sq. ft. for accessory buildings. SECTION 402.B.1.d. ACCESSORY USES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, Accessory Use Conditions, located 4141 Oak Rd.

Presentation:

John M. Allen, 4141 Oak Road, stated the date of the wedding is June 9th. He added that the tents would go up on the 7th or 8th and would be taken down no later than June 11th.

Interested Parties:

There were no interested parties present who wished to speak.

Board Action:

On **MOTION** of **Dunham**, the Board voted 5-0-0 (White, Dunham, Turnbo, Perkins, Cooper "aye"; no "nays"; no "abstentions"; no "absences") to **APPROVE** a **Special Exception** to allow an outdoor activity and to allow a possible five tents for outdoor wedding/reception in an RE zoned district (tents A & B will be used only if it rains); and a **Variance** to exceed allowable sq. ft. for accessory buildings, finding it would not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purposes, spirit, and intent of the Code, or the Comprehensive Plan, on the following described property:

Lot 8, Block 3, Bolewood Acres, City of Tulsa, Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma.

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Case No. 19033

Action Requested:

Variance of required frontage in a CS zoned district from 150' to 50' and 0' to allow a lot split. SECTION 703. BULK AND AREA REQUIREMENTS IN THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS – Use Unit 12a; and a Variance to meet parking requirements for bar on another lot (24 spaces required; 4 on principle use property and 34 on adjoining lot). SECTION 1301.D. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, located N of NE/c E. 3rd St. & Garnett Rd.

Presentation:

Jeff Lower, 7666 E. 61st St., Ste 240, stated he was representing the owner of Tract A, where a bar has been in business for twenty years. The tract is 150' by 125' deep and has four parking spaces. He stated that his client approached the owner of the property shown as Tracts B and C, which is the Cosmopolitan Club, a non-profit corporation. His client was interested in Tract B for additional parking. He would be willing to have a tie agreement to Tract A, and proposed to construct a wooden privacy fence on the south boundary of Tract B. He added that the Cosmopolitan Club is in agreement with the proposal.

Interested Parties:

Nancy Creighton, 245 S. 120th E. Ave., president of Western Village Neighborhood Association stated that they have several people in protest of the application. She submitted a packet of exhibits (Exhibit E-1). She stated that they prefer to meet with the applicant in advance of the meeting. She stated she did not get a response to her attempts to communicate with the applicant. Their concerns were for the safety of the children attending Kerr Elementary, Elsie Clark Park and patients/visitors/employees at Brookhaven Hospital that abut the subject property.

She cited a mugging in this area, finding razors on the playground, numerous 911 calls from this location. They are questioning activities in the building used by the Cosmopolitan Club for dances, and bingo as to whether they have open bars. They would like to know if there are restrictions on the activities that take place there. They also have complaints regarding traffic safety, drainage problems, an opening in the fence allowing easy access to the school and Tract C. They request to know the name of the purchaser and the proposed plans since two businesses on the property had to close for remodeling. She showed photographs from the exhibits, a letter from the principal of Kerr Elementary School listing concerns, and a copy of the list of 911 calls from the Magic Bottle and Cosmopolitan Club.

Wayne Bohanon, 10617 E. 1st St., president of the Wagonwheel Neighborhood Association, stated they are in agreement with Ms. Creighton's protests.

Dr. Larry Cowen, 201 S. Garnett, stated his concern for the safety of the neurological patients at Brookhaven and the public. He informed the Board that they have had three incidents in the last three years involving patrons of the Magic Bottle that were intoxicated and caused damage to their property. The noise and disturbances at the bar cause agitation and problems for the neurological patients. They have had incidents of the bar patrons jumping the fence into the private yard of the hospital.

Robert Cartner, 11322 E. 3rd St., stated he is a long time resident of the neighborhood. He complained of incidents of loud fights, music, automobile wrecks, ammunition and gun shells on the bar parking lot, public drunkenness.

Councilor Art Justice, 1302 S. 122nd E. Ave., stated he is opposed to bars in such close proximity to the schools. He mentioned his concern for public safety in regards to this application. He added that Garnett is going to be widened and there will be more traffic. He is opposed to the application.

A list of signatures for interested parties in opposition (Exhibit E-2) and present at this hearing was entered for the record.

Applicant's Rebuttal:

Mr. Lower, stated that anything at the Cosmopolitan Club on Tract C would be outside of the scope of this application. He stated that it would just be the remainder tract after the lot split, and only Tracts A and B are involved. The plan is to make a parking lot on Tract B and the distance from the school is not going to change. The fence line for Tract C would be out the control of the applicant.

Comments and Questions:

Mr. Dunham commented that this bar has been non-conforming for parking and questioned why it should be allowed to continue. Mr. Beach noted that no one noticed that this bar did not come into compliance with the Code requirements until

they applied for a new liquor license. It may not be the applicant's intent to have anything to do with Tract C, but they do have because it is part of the property. A lot split may not be approved that would create any violation of the Zoning Code. Mr. Beach noted that there is no one present to represent the Cosmopolitan Club to inform the Board regarding the use of their building. Mr. Cooper asked the applicant if the bar existed there before the school and hospital. Mr. Lower replied that it was there before the hospital but he was not sure about the school. Mr. Cooper asked if they intend to increase the size of the bar. Mr. Lower offered to let his client respond.

Kenneth Teague, 3060 N. Hemlock Circle, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, stated his business owns Tract A. He responded that the process began with an offer to lease Tract B for parking, and the counter-offer from the Cosmopolitan Club was for the applicant to purchase the property. The bar would not be enlarged and the small beauty shop business moved out. They have plans to tear out an interior wall, renovate the building to meet all City Zoning Codes, deal with the drainage problem, build privacy fence between R district and commercial property.

Mr. Cooper suggested that the case should be continued until someone could represent the Cosmopolitan Club. Mr. Beach was in agreement if the lot split were to be approved. Mr. Dunham suggested that it would help to clear things up if there were more communication between the applicant and the neighborhood. He asked Ms. Creighton if they would be open to discussion with the applicant. She replied that they are always open to communication. She added that Tract C frontage would be affected by the Variance.

Ms. Turnbo informed the Board she has a conflict of interest, and stated she would abstain in this case.

Board Action:

On **MOTION** of **Dunham**, the Board voted 4-0-1 (White, Dunham, Perkins, Cooper "aye"; no "nays"; Turnbo "abstained"; no "absences") to **CONTINUE** Case No. 19033 to the hearing on May 8, 2001 to allow the applicant to communicate with the neighborhood.

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Case No. 19034

Action Requested:

Variance of required 1,000' spacing from another sexually oriented business to 675' to permit a gentlemen's club. SECTION 705.B.1. LOCATION OF SEXUALLY-ORIENTED BUSINESSES, Prohibition – Use Unit 12a, located 514 E. 2nd St.

Presentation:

Brian Hoff, 514 E. 2nd St., stated the request for a Variance is based on the following reasons: the two sexually oriented businesses face different streets; the locations are not visible from one another; each business has a different customer base; plans are for a high-dollar reparations to the vacant facility; to bring diversity and revenue to downtown; and a draw for other businesses.

Comments and Questions:

Mr. White asked for a hardship. Mr. Hoff had no hardship to offer due to the land.

Interested Parties:

Wilson White, 3126 E. 58th PI, stated he is part owner of Block 110 since 1978. He opposed the application because of: no parking on the site; closest parking is across the street; second street is one way; closest street light is one block away; no hardship; within 1,000' of another sexually oriented business; a draw for other businesses of the same type; close proximity to the new Williams Tower and other future important economic developments.

David White, 5020 E. 68th, stated he is part owner of Block 110, and was speaking for himself and his sister also co-owner, in opposition of this application. They are in full agreement with the statements of Wilson White. He added that it would cause a hardship for surrounding property owners to police their properties, and for trash removal caused by this type of business.

Ray Meldrum, 111 S. Greenwood, Tulsa Development Authority, stated they are also opposed to the application. He assumed that the Board received a letter from Brenda Miller. They are opposed for the above-mentioned reasons and do not want to see this type of district started.

Jim Norton stated he is president of Downtown Tulsa Unlimited. Speaking for the businesses and property owners of Downtown Tulsa Unlimited and the Special Improvement District he stated they are very opposed to this application. They have made a contract with a planning and engineering firm to do a master plan and market study for the development of a broad area of downtown, including this property. This would be most inappropriate use for the long-term future of downtown. He added that George Shahadi, Vice-President of real estate for Williams Co. asked that he relate to the Board that they are very concerned that this use would detract from the business and prospective employees for their new development.

Roger Coffey, 3519 S. Birmingham, stated he is with Olsen Coffey Architects, and he and his partner own property at 324 E. 3rd St., and he owns another downtown property. He stated that the Tulsa downtown has been struggling and we need more positive things to turn it around. He does not consider this use to be positive and asked the Board to deny this application.

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Bill White, 414 E. 4th, stated he owns a business at this address. He is opposed to the application stating it would be a step backward in revitalizing downtown. Mr. White commented that he would expect any business that would require 150 parking spaces would out of courtesy contact the neighboring business regarding lease or use of parking space. He noted that no such contact has been made, and it would appear that they intend to use neighboring parking space without consent.

Nancy White, stated that she and her family are very concerned about this application. She described this use as a negative impact on downtown Tulsa. She added that as the owner of the block to the east of the subject property, she is opposed to this case.

Randy Frederick, stated he has worked around the block from the subject property. He added that they have had to fence their parking lot to protect the property from evidences of use by bar patrons.

George Paden, interim administrator for the First Baptist Church at 4th and Cincinnati, stated he represented the members and requested denial of the variance.

Amy Finkston, attorney, stated she represented the Mary C. Harder Trust and H & M Beveling Machine Co. The Trust owns property at 214 S. Elgin, a parking lot, and at 311 E. 3rd St., the company facility. Both entities are opposed to the variance for all of the above reasons.

Mr. White noted three letters of opposition from Brenda Miller, Tulsa Development Authority, John D. Williams, of John D. Williams Land and Commercial Investments, and Donna Sack, of Sack and Associates.

Applicant's Rebuttal:

Mr. Hoff indicated that since the property is located in a central business district, there is no actual requirement for availability of parking. He reminded the Board that office employees would use parking during the day and the club would need the parking at night. The same is true of the traffic; it is heavier during the day and much less at night. He described the business as very respectable and would not pose a threat to daytime employees. He added that it would be policed inside and outside.

Comments and Questions:

Ms. Perkins asked about the hours of operation. Mr. Hoff responded the hours would be from 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. during the week and on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m., and closed on Sundays.

Board Action:

On **MOTION** of **Dunham**, the Board voted 5-0-0 (White, Dunham, Turnbo, Perkins, Cooper "aye"; no "nays"; no "abstentions"; no "absences") to **DENY** a **Variance** of required 1,000' spacing from another sexually oriented business to 675' to permit a gentlemen's club, finding lack of a hardship.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Date approved: TUK 26, 2001

Chair