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Concrete Washout Facility Update

(Douglasville, GA) – On March 14, 2017, the City of Douglasville’s Planning and Development Committee approved an application for a concrete washout facility to be located 7765 Malone Street. After approval of this development application, numerous neighborhood residents and concerned citizens began to voice their concerns to the Mayor and City Council during their regularly scheduled public meetings. Concerns were raised on various issues regarding this project ranging from safety concerns for children, adequacy of existing conditions along Malone Street, parking for Jesse Davis Park, street lights, etc.

At the conclusion of comments from concerned citizens at their Legislative Work Session on Thursday, March 30, 2017, the Mayor and City Council requested that the City’s legal department provide City Council correspondence detailing their process for approval and if there was any sort of action that could have been taken by the Planning and Development Committee to the contrary of their approval. This information was brought back before Mayor and City Council at their meeting on Monday, April 3, 2017 where it was determined, through opinion of the City’s legal department, that the Planning and Development Committee approved the application for this concrete washout facility without having the complete history on the zoning/land use for this tract of land. The conditions that were placed on this property in 2008 have some very specific language that does not allow this project to be completed as presented to the committee.

Speaking to the unfortunate situation that was presented to both the residents and the concrete washout facility, Councilmember Mike Miller stated that “The process has worked and Council has listened to the comments.”

During the Planning and Development Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 11th, the Planning and Development Committee voted unanimously to rescind approvals for the project. Attorney Joe Fowler, who was representing the applicant, National Concrete Washout, spoke and had no objection to this reversal.



Staff will continue to work with the applicant to determine their next steps for utilizing their property, which may involve required alternative access to the property and revisions to the 2008 zoning conditions. If revisions to the zoning conditions are requested by the property owner, there will be additional public hearings held before both the Zoning Board and Mayor and Council.

If there are any questions, please contact the City's Community and Development Services Director, Jonathan Lynn, at 678-449-3180 or lynnj@douglasvillega.gov.

