NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM A DECISION BY THE METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION ON NOVEMBER 10, 2015

An application was made by the St. Mark's Day School which requested a conditional use permit be issued for certain modifications to a house owned by the St. Mark's Day School located at 514 W. College in Jonesboro, Arkansas. A request was presented to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission to allow the R-1 single family district home to be modified pursuant to appropriate standards so the house could be used to provide a day care for up to twelve children between the ages of 6 weeks to 12 months. The request was made by St. Mark's Day School for the structure to remain within R-1 single family designation so that it could be operated as a day care.

Mike Gott, a resident of Jonesboro, who owns an adjoining home objected to the approval of a conditional use of the structure at 514 W. College asserting various objections such as child safety, traffic, and that modification of the property would make it appear more industrial than residential. St. Mark's Day School had retained the services of Mark Enos, an architect with the Stuck firm in Jonesboro to insure that the structure could be modified to meet appropriate safety standards and remain residential in character.

St. Mark's Day School contends that the decision by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission was arbitrary and capricious in that the decision by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission failed to take into consideration proposed modifications to the structure that will address each and every concern raised before the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission concerning traffic, child safety, and residential appearance of the structure.

A land site modification is in the works and will be presented to the City Council to address all issues objected to at the Hearing in this matter. St. Mark's Day School proposes that a formal Hearing be allowed in which land site modifications that have been made or will be made to insure that any objection to the proposed conditional use request will not be an issue.

Please allow this letter to represent a formal Appeal of the decision by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission in the above styled case and that the matter be set for a Hearing before the Jonesboro City Council at the next scheduled meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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