Solon Community Living

A NON-PROFIT, LONG-TERM SUPPORTIVE & ACCESSIBLE LIVING OPTION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

PUBLIC HEARING – SEPTEMBER 24, 2019
R-3-C SPECIAL NEEDS ZONING
Who we are

ARA, LESLIE, JULIE & ALEX BAGDASARIAN

PATRICK, LESLIE & STEVE OWENS

Along with many other families that share the same goal
Tonite’s Goals

- Establish the need for quality, community-accessible, sustainable housing for individuals with disabilities in Solon
- Introduce you to the housing project concept & the need for the new zoning
- To have R-3-C Special Needs zoning language approved and recommended to Solon City Council for March 2020 ballot
- Answer your questions, get feedback and proceed with the process
Why are we doing this project?

- To create a safe, sustainable neighborhood for our children that would take care of their housing needs when we are no longer here.
- Wanted a housing option that was different than a traditional group home.
- Provide our children and others more access to the community by having them live within walking distance of city amenities.
- Wanted them to be able to work, socialize and age in place in Solon.
According to Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD), there are over 508 individuals with disabilities living in Solon.

After having lived here for 21 years, we have found the community to be very supportive of our special loved ones.

The Blue Ribbon Adaptive Recreation Program at the Solon Recreation Center, which serves over 300 individuals, provides numerous opportunities for individuals with disabilities to participate in recreational activities in the broader community.
Why Solon?

- Many business establishments nearby for potential work and volunteer opportunities
- Excellent city services, including police & fire
- Project site is ideally located walking distance from:
  - Recreation Center with local transportation options
  - City Parks
  - Library
  - Giant Eagle and other shopping
Why Solon?

- **Solon’s Master Plan states:**
  
  “Promote housing opportunities to meet the unique preferences and needs of all age groups so as to enable residents to reside within Solon throughout the various stages of life.”

- Current R-3B zoning for Seniors 55+ (Carrington)
- Current R-3A zoning for multi-family assisted living for Seniors 50+ (Emerald Ridge, remote from city center)
- Currently NO zoning or place for young adults with disabilities under 50 to live and age in place

- **Solon Planning Department has now created R-3-C Special Needs zoning to meet this need**
Unique Community-Accessible Location
Basic Aspects of the Project

- Create a safe, secure and accessible environment
- 10-12 High-quality 2 bedroom units
- Flexible to handle a variety of individual needs
- Minimum of 1 trained staff on site 24/7
Welcome House

- We plan to enter into an agreement with Welcome House, an experienced provider for Professional Property Management and Service Coordination.
- 47 Years in operation with excellent record for providing residential services to individuals with disabilities.
- Welcome House currently serves 230 individuals in 48 congregate settings and 26 independent settings.
GOAL: Improve Quality of Life for Residents & Families

- **Residents:**
  - Can have a home and live in a safe, supportive and accessible neighborhood
  - Live in a community where they can work, socialize and age in place
  - Have an enriched social life with programs on-site and nearby in the community
  - Have professional, personalized care and support

- **Families:**
  - Peace of mind
  - Ability to provide your loved one with quality of life in a safe, secure, sustainable and community-inclusive home

- **Progress:** We have already secured 1/3 of funding for the project
Request to Solon Planning Commission and Solon City Council:

Approve **R-3-C Special Needs Zoning** and grant Solon Community Living the opportunity to secure the uniquely located vacant public land adjacent to Portz Parkway for this important public project.
Questions...  
Comments...
Thank you!

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