

Clare Kurth

From: Diane Burns [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 8:17 PM
To: Planning Department
Subject: First Step and Florence Christian Church

September 15, 2022

Florence Planning Commission

250 Highway 101

Florence, OR 97439

Christian Church Application for Conditional Use Permit: Resolution PC 22 11 CUP 03

I am writing to support the Conditional Use Permit for the Florence Christian Church.

I believe that partnership between the Christian Church and First Step will have a positive impact on homeless families in Florence.

I encourage the Florence Planning Commission to approve the Conditional Use Application submitted by The Florence Christian Church. We have a significant need in our community to support our homeless families and find creative ways to provide affordable housing. This is another good step forward.

Sincerely,

Diane Mouchett Burns

[REDACTED]

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Clare Kurth

From: Graham Ross [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 7:00 AM
To: Planning Department
Subject: FirstStep Florence

To the Planning Department at the City of Florence,

I support the Florence Christian Church expansion of the First Step Housing Program. As you are fully aware, there is a great need for help with our local unhoused population and the Florence Christian Church wants to help address this critical need.

The FirstStep program benefits our community's families and children as well as having a beneficial impact on our city.

Sincerely,

Graham Ross

September 14, 2022

Planning Department
City of Florence
250 Highway 101
Florence, Oregon
97439-7623

To the members of the Planning Committee in the City of Florence,

We are in support of a temporary conditional use permit to place three recreational vehicles on the existing parking lot of Florence Christian Church to serve as temporary housing.

Paul and I are former teachers and knew families who were struggling to provide a safe, stable and healthy place for them to live. We believe that this is an opportunity to offer similar families with necessary support during their time of need.

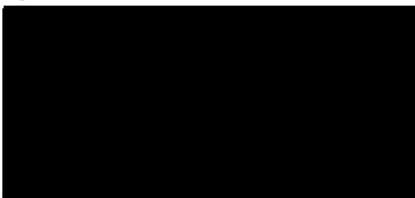
Having served for five years on the First Step Board and as secretary, I know the program is effective. There are rules and guidance for participants in the First Step Program. Applicants are vetted and all school age children must be enrolled in Siuslaw Schools. All families are required to have a savings account and budgeting counseling is offered. The program focuses on ways to provide a pathway to more permanent housing. Each family is unique and goals are set accordingly.

This is a win win for Florence and any community. Who would deny a program that provides dignity and a step forward to becoming a contributor to the community?

Sincerely,

Janet Hirsch
Paul M. Hirsch

Janet and Paul Hirsch



Clare Kurth

From: JJ Skarda home [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 2:03 PM
To: Planning Department
Subject: Approve Conditional Use Permit.

September 15, 2022

Dear Florence Planning Commission,

Regarding the Florence Christian Church application for a Conditional Use Permit: Resolution PC 22 11 CUP 03.

We are writing to ask you to support the Conditional Use Permit for The Florence Christian Church 990 2nd Street.

We believe that a partnership between the Florence Christian Church and First Step, will have a very positive impact on the homeless families in Florence. There already is a great impact with the partnership with the Presbyterian Church and First Step.

We strongly recommend that the Florence Planning Commission approve the Conditional Use Application submitted by The Florence Christian Church.

Sincerely,

John and Joan Skarda
[REDACTED]

Clare Kurth

From: Kristina Rowell [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 11:23 AM
To: Planning Department
Cc: rowell Kristina
Subject: Planning Department at the City of Florence

I support the Florence Christian Church expansion of the First Step Housing Program. There is a great need for help with our local unhoused population. This program benefits families, children, and our city.

Sincerely,

KRISTINA K. ROWELL

Kris Rowell
[REDACTED]

September 18, 2022

Florence Planning Commission
250 Highway 101
Florence, OR 97439

RE: Florence Christian Church Application for Conditional Use Permit
Resolution PC 22 11 CUP 03

Dear Planning Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the Conditional Use Permit for the Florence Christian Church so they may work together with First Step Transitional Housing Program.

A partnership between Florence Christian Church and First Step will have a positive impact on families currently living in Florence who are unhoused. There is much research that demonstrates housing as the first key needed to assist a person (in this case a family) to better their circumstances – improving mental health, physical health, employment opportunities, community involvement, and overall well-being of individuals and communities.

I wholeheartedly encourage the Florence Planning Commission to approve the Conditional Use Application submitted by the Florence Christian Church.

Sincerely,

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Norma Wood, LCSW



September 15, 2022

City of Florence Planning Commission
250 Highway 101
Florence, OR 97439

Re: Conditional Use Permit, Resolution PC 22 11 CUP 03, Florence Christian Church

Dear Commissioners:

Please add my support to the Florence Christian Church's application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the placement of trailers on the Church property in furtherance of alleviating family homelessness in Florence.

The underpinning of First Step's partnership, with their supportive programs, gives entire families opportunities to participate fully in our community. I would hope that the next church who applies will be greeted favorably, too.

Please grant this application and accept this opportunity to address the significant plight of unsheltered families with children.

Thank you, sincerely.

Patricia (Pat) Burke



September 15, 2022

Florence Planning Commission



Christian Church Application for Conditional Use Permit: Resolution PC 22 11
CUP 03

I am writing to support the Conditional Use Permit for the Florence Christian Church.

As a member of the Florence Christian Church and as Administrative Assistant at the Presbyterian Church I believe that partnership between the Christian Church and First Step will have a positive impact on homeless families in Florence.

I encourage the Florence Planning Commission to approve the Conditional Use Application submitted by The Florence Christian Church.

Sincerely,

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Vallari J. Niver



September 15, 2022

Florence Planning Commission
250 Highway 101
Florence, OR 97439

Christian Church Application for Conditional Use
Permit: Resolution PC 22 11 CUP 03

I am writing on behalf of the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw. As the pastor of the church and in my role with First Step, I have been very involved in the design of the First Step program and in negotiating the use of the Presbyterian Church and Florence Christian Church properties.

The Presbyterian Church congregation continues to be enthusiastic about the First Step Program having seen a number of families come and then move on to stable work and housing from the site on our church property.

We continue to be in conversation with our neighbors, we find that the complaints we get from them have nothing to do with the First Step housing program. Car campers continue to be a problem, but we are taking steps to discourage their use of the church property. First Step residents have helped us do this.

Overall, the congregation feels that the program has made a positive impact on the community without causing problems to our church or neighborhood.

We encourage the Florence Planning Commission to approve the Conditional Use Application submitted by The Florence Christian Church.

Sincerely,

Rev. Greg Wood
Pastor, Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw



September 15, 2022

Florence Planning Commission
250 Highway 101
Florence, OR 97439

Christian Church Application for Conditional Use Permit: Resolution PC 22 11
CUP 03

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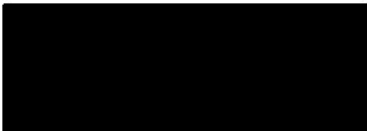
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Sincerely,

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Doug Kopcha



Clare Kurth

From: Dede Amescua [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 3:19 PM
To: Planning Department
Subject: Proposed placement of Rvs at Florence Christian church

To : City of Florence Planning
From : Dorothy Amescua-Wheat
Regarding: Conditional use permit for recreational Vehicles

September 21, 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am writing for further clarity regarding the proposed three recreational vehicles in the parking lot of the Florence Christian Church. Thank you for answering my questions if it is possible. The questions are as follows;

Will the Rvs be used to house parishioners who need housing in the area?

Will they be long term tenants or will they be revolving tenants?

Is this a temporary need or will it be extended indefinitely?

My other question and a concern I have involves the aesthetics of the neighborhood. As a resident, I enjoy walking in the neighborhood as do many others. It is such a pleasure to see all the beautiful bushes, trees, flowers, etc that fill people's yards. Will there be a landscaping requirement so the Rv's become an esthetic contribution to the neighborhood? It is my hope that as the church community moves forward in meeting their needs, they will also value the needs of the people who live here, which is to have a nice neighborhood. .Thank you for your attention to my letter and I look forward to any reply.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Amescua-Wheat
[REDACTED]

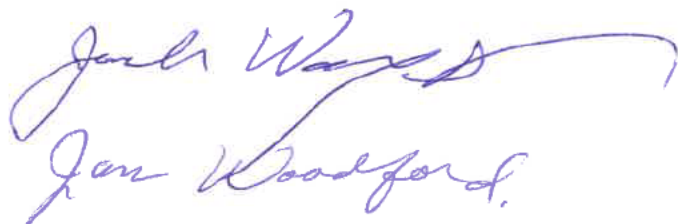
To the Planning Department at the City of Florence

We support the Florence Christian Church's expansion of the First Step Housing Program. This program has been going on for a while at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, with great success.

Families with young children have been taken out of the cold and put in more comfortable, warm, safer surroundings. Our community needs this program.

Sincerely,

Jack and Jan Woodford

Handwritten signatures in blue ink. The top signature is "Jack Woodford" and the bottom signature is "Jan Woodford".

Clare Kurth

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 12:55 PM
To: Planning Department
Subject: Florence Christian Church First Step Temp Housing Program

To the Planning Department at the City of Florence,

As both a resident of the City of Florence and a small business owner in which I have a lot of contact with residents of all ages, I support the Florence Christian Church expansion of the First Step Housing Program. There is a great need for help with our local unhoused population. This program benefits families, children, and our city. We need this program to keep young families and citizens in our community in order to grow a stronger City.

Thank you

Corey Burgess, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Clare Kurth

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 3:52 PM
To: Planning Department
Subject: PUBLIC HEARING FLORENCE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

September 22,2022

Florence Planning Commission
Public comment on:

RESOLUTION PC 22 11 CUP 03
FLORENCE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FIRST STEP TEMPORARY HOUSING PROGRAM

We would like to start by stating that we are very sympathetic to the great need for affordable housing and support for people that are homeless in Florence.

We own an adjoining property to the proposed location for 3 RVs or trailers for temporary housing at the Christian Church.

We have read the application, policies, tenant lease agreement etc. and have gone to the First Step Website to learn more about the program.

Our comments:

We would be much more comfortable if the program was designed to have more on site supervision, especially at night.

- * A closer eye could be kept on potential noise, clients in crisis etc.
- * As a neighbor, we would feel that adequate oversight would take care of any disturbances quickly.

We have concerns about the density proposed in the Application.
First Step advertises their program as Transitional Housing.

- * As is posted on the website, the City of Florence Code #10-10-2 Residential Uses shows that Transitional Housing is not permitted in Medium Density Residential Zoning.
- * This proposed site is located in an MDR zoned area.

While we recognize the need for this type of housing program; we feel that this proposal as presently structured is not good fit for this location.

Thank you for your consideration.
Mark and Cynthia Chandler

[REDACTED]

Clare Kurth

From: James Pittenger [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2022 5:16 PM
To: Planning Department
Cc: Paul Pearson
Subject: Florence First Step Temporary Housing Project

To the Planning Department at the City of Florence,

I support the Florence Christian Church expansion of the First Step Housing Program. There is a great need for help with our local unhoused population. This program does much more than providing housing as it offers guidance and mentorship as well as other opportunities that benefit the families and their children. This program addresses one of the major problems of our community, that of homelessness. At the same time, First Step offers a process to help lift individuals and families from poverty to prospering and thereby making a contribution to our community. I anticipate that climate change will result in increased migration to our area. In light of that likelihood, it behooves us to develop proactive means to incorporate these individuals in the best ways possible for them as well as for our community at large. This expansion is a win-win for everyone, the sponsors, the participants and our community. Please approve Resolution PC 22 11 CUP 01-990 W. Second Street-Florence Christian Church First Step Temporary Housing Program. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jim and Jane Pittenger
[REDACTED]