

# CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

1231 9<sup>th</sup> STREET, SUITE 200, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

**APPLICANT** Edward Varnarde, 189 Sconce Way, Sacramento, CA 95838  
**OWNER** Macedonia Baptist Church, 700 Benton Ave., P.O. Bx. 38296, Sacto., 95838  
**PLANS BY** Drafting Service, J.A. Moran, 538 LaPurissima Way, Sacto., CA 95819  
**FILING DATE** 4/3/86 **ENVIR. DET.** Neg Dec 4/28/86 **REPORT BY** CV:bw  
**ASSESSOR'S PCL. NO.** 237-110-22

- APPLICATION:**
- A. Negative Declaration
  - B. Special Permit to expand an existing church
  - C. Variance to waive the required six foot high solid masonry wall

**LOCATION:** 700 Benton Avenue

**PROPOSAL:** The applicant is requesting the necessary entitlements to develop a 4,860 square foot sanctuary with 386 seats. The applicant is also requesting a variance to waive the required six foot high solid masonry wall along the rear and east interior property lines.

**PROJECT INFORMATION:**

1974 General Plan Designation: Residential  
1984 North Sacramento Community Plan Designation: 7-15 du na  
Existing Zoning of Site: Agriculture  
Existing Land Use of Site: Developed with a church

**Surrounding Land Use and Zoning:**

North: Single Family Residential - Junk yard: A  
South: Single Family Residential - R-1  
East: Single Family Residential - A  
West: Taylor Street School: A

Setbacks:	Required	Provided
Front:	20'	112'
Side(Int):	10'	10'
Rear:	15'	20'

Parking Required: 60 spaces  
Parking Provided: 75 spaces  
Property Dimensions: Irregular  
Property Area: 1.84 acres  
Square Footage of Building: 4,860  
Height of Building: 12 feet, one story  
Topography: Flat  
Street Improvements/Utilities: Existing  
Exterior Building Materials: Stucco  
Roof Material: Composition shingles  
Color: White

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PROJECT EVALUATION: Staff has the following comments:

A Zoning/Land Use: The subject site is zoned Agriculture (A) as is the surrounding property located to the east, west and north. Property located south of the subject site is zoned Single Family Residential (R-1). Surrounding land uses include a school located to the west, single family residential and a junk yard located to the north, residential to the east and south.

B Site Plan/Building Design: The applicant proposes to develop a 1,860 square foot sanctuary with 386 seats. The existing structure, presently used as a sanctuary, would remain and be used as a fellowship and recreation hall. However, the west wing of the existing structure would be removed to provide room for a future parking area as shown on the site plan.

The applicant is requesting a variance to waive the required six foot high solid masonry wall along the rear property line. Presently, a six foot high wood fence is located along the entire rear property line separating the church use from adjacent residential development. The applicant has indicated a future desire to replace this wood fence with a six foot high solid masonry wall. However, the applicant is unable to construct a six foot high solid masonry wall at the present time.

In addition, by locating the new structure between the parking area and the south property line, a permanent buffer will be created to mitigate noise and lights from the vehicles. Therefore, a wood fence would be appropriate. Several evergreen trees should also be planted along the south property line between the two structures.

The applicant is also requesting a variance to waive the required six foot high masonry wall along the east property line. Presently, a six foot high chain link fence separates the subject site from the adjacent property to be owned located on the adjacent parcel. The applicant has indicated that, because he intends to purchase the adjacent parcel to the east, he is not willing to comply with the masonry wall requirement.

Staff recommends if the applicant has not purchased the adjacent parcel to the east prior to building occupancy, a six foot high solid masonry wall shall be required. This wall shall be constructed along the east property line from the front property line to the beginning of the proposed structure's east building wall (see site plan).

Staff has reviewed the proposed elevations and finds them to be architecturally compatible with the existing sanctuary and therefore has no comment.

C Parking: The applicant proposes to restripe the existing paved parking lot to provide a total of 75 parking spaces, 10 more than is required.

Traffic Engineering has reviewed the site plan and indicated a portion of the subject site should be dedicated to the City to provide for a future cul de sac with curb and gutter on Benton Avenue (see site plan). This dedication will be required as part of the building permit process.

1. Landscaping: The site plan indicates the proposed building will be separated from the existing building by a proposed courtyard area. Staff recommends several 15 gallon evergreen trees be planted between the wood fence along the rear property line and the proposed courtyard area to provide an additional visual buffer between the residences located to the south and the courtyard area.

2. Inter-departmental Review: This proposal was reviewed by the City Departments of Traffic Engineering, Engineering and Fire, and the following comment was received:

Traffic Engineering: Dedicate a total of 100 feet for a future cul de sac on Benton Avenue

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The Environmental Coordinator has reviewed the proposed project and has filed a Negative Declaration.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. Ratify the Negative Declaration.
- B. Approve the Special Permit to allow a 4,360 square foot sanctuary with 388 seats;
- C. Approve the variance to waive the six foot masonry wall requirement along the rear and east property lines.

Conditions - Special Permit

1. The proposed sanctuary shall be developed per the submitted site plan and elevations submitted.
2. The existing sanctuary shall be used as a recreation and fellowship hall.
3. The west wing of the existing sanctuary shall be removed as indicated on the site plan.
4. Evergreen trees shall be planted between the rear property line and the courtyard area to provide additional visual buffer for church activities. The number and type of trees shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning Director prior to the issuance of building permits.

Conditions - Variance

1. The existing fence located on the rear property line shall be maintained until it is replaced with a six foot high masonry wall.
2. The existing chainlink fence located on the east property line shall be replaced with a six foot high masonry wall if the adjacent parcel to the east has not been purchased by the applicant prior to obtaining an occupancy permit for the proposed building. This wall shall be constructed along the east property line from the front property line to the proposed building (see site plan).