AGENDA

City of Alpena Planning Commission Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 7:00 p.m. Alpena, Michigan

CALL TO ORDER:				
ROLL CALL:				
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:				
APPROVAL OF AGENDA:				
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 10, 2015 Regular Meeting				
PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMISSION ACTION:				
BUSINESS:				
PC15-SU-01: Sunrise Mission has filed a petition requesting a Special Land Use Permit to allow for the construction of a 34' x 60' activity center attached to the rear of the existing structure at 622 W Chisholm Street.				
COMMUNICATIONS:				
REPORTS:				
 Update on Planning and Development Projects Redevelopment Ready Community Program Recreation Plan Update ZBA Update 				
CALL TO PUBLIC:				
MEMBERS' COMMENTS:				
ADJOURNMENT:				

MINUTES

City of Alpena Planning Commission Regular Meeting February 12, 2015 Alpena, Michigan

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 7 p.m. by Paul Sabourin, Planning Commission Chair.

ROLL CALL: PLANNING COMMISSION

Present: Heraghty, Dort, Sabourin, Boboltz, VanWagoner, Mitchell, Gilmore, Hunter

Absent: Lewis

Staff: Adam Poll (Director of Planning & Development)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The February 12, 2015, agenda was approved as printed with one addition; New Planning Commissioner.

NEW PLANNING COMMISSIONER:

Sabourin welcomed Dan Mitchell as the new Commissioner of the Planning Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the December 9, 2015, regular meeting were approved as printed with one correction: Motion approving the meeting schedule be added.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMISSION ACTION:

None.

BUSINESS:

Food Truck Regulations

Poll stated that last year the City had some food trucks operating in the City of Alpena. At one point Poll was directed to work on an ordinance. After meeting with the food truck people they stated they would no longer going to be within the City. At this point there is no ordinance, but Poll did draft some language, which was handed out to the Commissioners. Poll reviewed the draft language for the Draft Food Truck Ordinance. Dort would like the trunklines identified and their location included in the Ordinance. Poll would like to know if this is something that needs to be addressed. Would like to see what the concerns are from the

Downtown Development Authority for the downtown area. Hunter stated he doesn't feel that we need an ordinance for food trucks that are invited or allowed by a factory for their employees to purchase. VanWagoner asked if the ice cream truck that drives around the residential areas the same thing as a food truck. Poll stated the way the definition is written the ice cream truck wouldn't qualify as a food truck. Dort stated the ordinance should be written to encourage food trucks.

2. Medical Marijuana

Poll stated he was under the impression that the State Legislature has calmed down and things were actually stable enough on this topic so the Medical Marijuana Ordinance could be reevaluated to make sure that we have the most legal and appropriate ordinance that we can because the rules have been changing from month to month. There have been a number of ordinances that have been invalidated. I would like to get the original committee back together to take a look and reevaluate the Ordinance and see whether we need to make any changes. Poll stated that Commissioner Mitchell has expressed interest to be on the Medical Marijuana Committee. Gilmore also volunteered to be on the Medical Marijuana Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

REPORTS:

1. Update on Planning and Development Projects

LMI Survey

The City is moving forward with the LMI Survey. Contract will be signed in the near future with one of the authorized persons that is authorized to do surveys. Surveys are scheduled to begin in March 2015.

Holiday Inn Express

The Brownfield Plan for the Holiday Inn Express has been approved by the state. After talking to hotel representatives we could potentially be seeing activity on that project by the end of the month.

Centennial Building

The Centennial Building has recently changed hands. Working with the new owner to figure out what the building will be developed into.

Historic Preservation

The City is trying to gauge the interest in historic preservation for the area so surveys will be sent out to downtown property owners to see what their thoughts are and if they want to know more about historic preservation.

2. Redevelopment Ready Community Program

Poll met with a representative of the Redevelopment Ready Community Program. Took a tour of Alpena, talked about some of the different projects and buildings and some of the

challenges for redevelopment. The City should receive the report within the next month or two.

3. ZBA Update

The Sunrise Mission has a project that will be presented to the ZBA Board. They are applying for a Variance to put an addition on the rear of the building for an activity center. Right now there is not sufficient parking. There are a couple other variances as well as far as parking stall width, parking setback, and the building setback along the alley that is part of that variance request. If the variances are granted it will then come to the Planning Commission.

CALL TO PUBLIC:

Commissioners were asked what was going on with the Federal Building. Poll stated there is a private individual living in the building and is not aware of any changes in the near future. It was stated that the first floor couldn't be used for residential and that the had to live up above and the Planning Commission gave him permission to live on the first floor because of health conditions, but thought it was only for a limited time. Heraghty stated he thought there was some discussion of a time frame but it may have been until his medical condition improved. Poll stated he will look into that for the next meeting.

MEMBERS'	COMMENTS:
None.	

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by Chair Sabourin.

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Memorandum



Date:

March 6, 2015

To:

Planning Commission

Copy:

Greg Sundin, City Manager

From:

Adam Poll, Planning and Development Director

Subject:

Special Land Use Permit- Staff Report and Recommendation

RE:

PC15-SU-01: Sunrise Mission has filed a petition requesting a Special Land Use Permit to allow for the construction of a $34' \times 60'$ activity center attached to the rear of the existing structure at 622 W Chisholm Street.

Background: In 2001 the Sunrise Mission received permission to enlarge the original structure at 622 W. Chisholm Street, doubling its capacity from 12 to 25 beds and in 2008 the mission was granted to utilize the adjacent home at 616 W Chisholm to house up to two families with no charge to the guests and expand their capacity to 33 beds. The property at 608 W Chisholm is owned by the mission, but consists of 4 units that are rented out, so it is not included in the special permit that was granted to the mission as those rental units are open to anyone, and are regulated by the City's rental registration and inspection programs.

The mission is now requesting to allow the construction of a 34' x 60' activity center attached to the rear of the existing structure at 622 W Chisholm Street. The applicant has indicated that the activity center would be utilized for life skills training and congregate meals at holidays. In addition, the applicants listed the uses including 12 step groups, community Bible study, classes, and staff and guest group needs within their newsletter.

Several variances were required for the proposed activity center for which hearings took place at the February 25, 2015 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. Those variances were denied as the ZBA did not feel that the requests met the required variance standards. The applicants have an opportunity to appeal and if there appeal is successful, Planning Commission approval of the Special Permit request is still required. If the Planning Commission denies the request, Special Land Uses are appealed directly to Circuit Court, and will not go to City Council.

Zoning Issues: The property is currently zoned CCD Commercial Corridor District, which permits Residential Human Care Facilities as Special Land Use Subject to Special Conditions (Special Use),

subject to Planning Commission approval following a public hearing. The conditions specific to Residential Human Care Facilities are listed in the Zoning Ordinance:

- A. **LICENSE**: Such facility shall have received a State of Michigan license to operate prior to seeking a Special Use Permit under this Ordinance in those instances where a license is required by the State.
- B. **TIME LIMIT:** Residency by persons shall be limited to a maximum of six (6) months in any one (1) year period. Longer periods shall be permitted if directed by the court or if necessary to satisfactorily complete prescribed rehabilitative treatments or if approved by the Planning Commission. Such facility shall not become the full time residence for any person.
- C. **OCCUPANCY**: The occupancy of such a facility shall not exceed twenty-five (25) persons, excluding the supervisor(s).
- D. **SPACING**: No such facility shall be located within two thousand five hundred feet (2500') of the property line of a similar facility.
- E. **PARKING**: Parking shall be provided for staff and residents based upon a level necessary to meet the needs of the facility and agreed upon by City staff and the Planning Commission. The number of spaces required shall be included in the Special Use Permit. If, in the future, the City determines that additional parking is required, such a finding shall be provided in writing and shall be remedied by the facility within sixty (60) days or a request submitted to the Planning Commission for modification.
- F. **OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE**: In those instances where child care is to be provided as a part of such facility, not less than one hundred fifty (150) square feet of outdoor play space shall be provided per child. Such play space shall be fenced.
- G. **SUPERVISOR**: A supervisor designated by the operating agency shall be present at all times while the facility is open for use. On-site staff shall be at a level sufficient to properly supervise residents.
- H. **HOURS**: The facility shall be open to serve persons at designated hours, as approved by the Planning Commission so as to discourage loitering outside such facility. Outside loitering shall not be permitted, and will be subject to prosecution under City Ordinance.
- I. GUEST REGISTER: When permitted by law, a guest register shall be kept with names of occupants and dates and times of check-in and check-out for each occupant.
- J. Specific rules and monitoring procedures for individuals entering/leaving the facility during late evening and early morning hours shall be provided to the Building Official.
- K. Any structure or part of a structure utilized as a shelter

The mission currently operates under these conditions and as the proposed activity center would be part of the mission, it would also be expected to operate under these conditions. Beyond that however, the activity center is intended to be utilized for a gathering place for different uses, many of which would not appear to be limited to guests of the facility. Some of these uses include life skills training and congregate meals at holidays, 12 step groups, community Bible study, classes, and staff and guest group needs. Normal residential care facilities require 1 parking space per bed and 1 space per staff member. Being that the mission services individuals that generally do not drive, those requirements seem excessive. Staff would have concerns with the proposed activity center and the house located at 608 W Chisholm. As the house is not part of the mission,

and is available for anyone to rent, it is required by ordinance to provide 6 parking spaces. The activity center requires 34 parking spaces. It would be be part of the mission, but would be open to the public for a number of different functions. Assuming there are two staff members at the mission, there would be a need for 42 parking spaces for the associated structures, only 25 of which are provided.

It should be noted that the Planning Commission can potentially reduce parking requirements for a special use. Although it is not specified, this provision is for special uses that intend occupy existing buildings and not for building additions. When reducing parking requirements for new construction, the Planning Commission must look at the future use of the property, and consider the possibility that the mission could move or cease operations in the future. If that occurs there are very few other uses that could utilize the mission property due to the parking needs that most other uses have.

In addition, allowing the proposed activity center and associated parking would increase the nonconformity of 608 W Chisholm Street. The property at 608 W Chisholm is a legal nonconforming use, the proposed parking area would appear to eliminate nearly the entire rear and side yards. If the property were ever to be split and sold, a 10' rear and side yard setback would need to be maintained around the structure, and 6 parking spaces would have to be included with the residential structure.

An alternative to locating the proposed activity center at the existing mission site would be to locate the activity center offsite. The mission could construct or utilize an existing building for the activity center in a nearby location within a walkable distance which could meet zoning requirements. Such an arrangement may not be as easy to operate for the mission as it would probably require additional staffing, but it would appear to address land use concerns.

In reviewing the site plan further, the applicants are proposing to construct a 6' privacy fence along the alley that would create a visual barrier and restrict vehicles from entering and exiting off the alley. The site plan also points out that there is an existing 6' privacy fence at 117 S Seventh Avenue. Staff would ask that if approved that a condition be added requiring a privacy fence along the alley, but also along 117 S Seventh Avenue.

Recommendation: The Sunrise Mission provides and important service for Northeast Michigan. They assist a population that is often underserved, and have done so for 25 years. The desire to increase the services available to those they assist is commendable. As the mission is not requesting any space for additional beds, this analysis pertains to the impact of the requested activity center and the long term land use issues that the activity center may or may not produce.

Although the Sunrise Mission does offer an important and sometimes underappreciated service to our community, there would not appear to be adequate space for the proposed activity center and the amount of parking it would require as the activity center is open at times to the public. If the mission were to relocate or cease operations 25 parking spaces would not be adequate for other potential uses for the property. In addition, the proposed parking lot would increase the

non-conformity of the home at 608 W Chisholm and make it difficult to split off that home without requiring additional variances.

Therefore, based on the reasons listed above, staff recommends $\underline{\text{denial}}$ of the request for a Special Land Use Permit for the construction of a 34' x 60' activity center.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN PLANS FOR:

BUILDING ADDITION

ALPENA, MICHIGAN

CODE DATA SUMMARY PER 2012 MICHIGAN BUILDING CODE

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

BUILDING ADDITION SLAB ON GRADE, ONE STORY, FOOTPRINT 34' X 60'

BUILDING DATA

PROPOSED ADDITION GROSS SQUARE POOTAGE = 2,040 SFT (BUILDING ADDITION POOTPRINT)

CHAPTER 3. USE GROUP AND OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION

USE GROUP AS, ACTIVITY CENTER (ACCESSORY SPACE FOR EXISTING R-3 BUILDING)
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CHAPTER 5. GENERAL BUILDING HEIGHTS AND AREAS TABLE 503: ALLOWABLE HEIGHT AND BUILDING AREAS LIMITATIONS

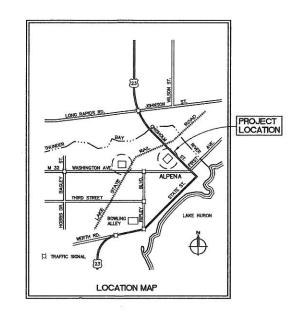
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211 SPT/200 = 2 OCCUPANTS

TOTAL OCCUPANCY LOAD = 65 OCCUPANTS



ABBREVIATIONS

ABOVE FINISH PLOOR	ED.	FL
ALIMINIM	FIN	FIN
ANODIZED	FI.R.	FL
ASSISTANT		FA
FILI DING		GA
BLOCK	G.C.	6E
BOARD	HT.	HE
CASEMENT	HTR.	HE
CENTER TO CENTER	HVAC.	HE
CEILING		AIF
CLEAR	INSUL.	INS
CONCRETE MASONRY UNIT	LAM.	LA
CONCRETE	MACH.	MA
CONSTRUCTION	MAINT.	MA
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CENTER	MAX.	MA
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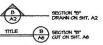


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BATT INSULATION

RIGID INSULATION

SYMBOLS



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HINDOH #5

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- 5 EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS

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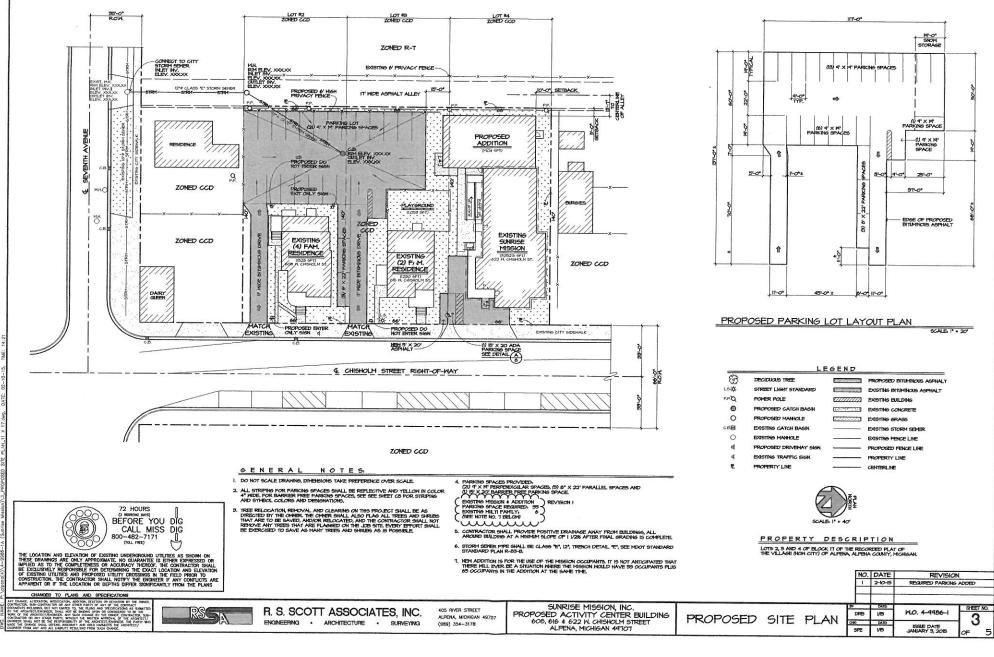
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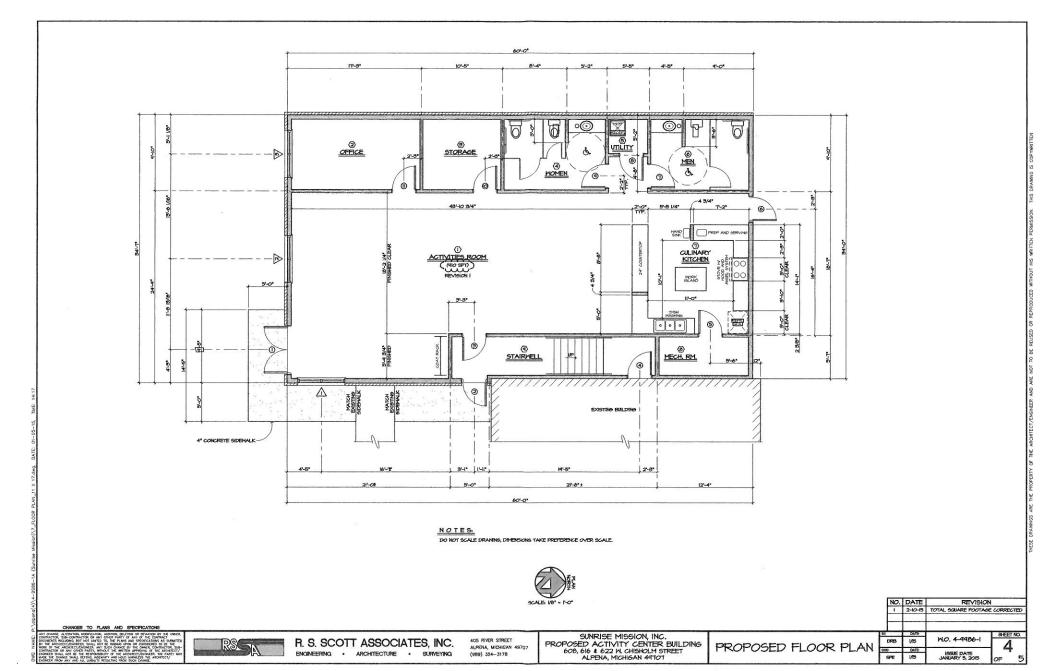
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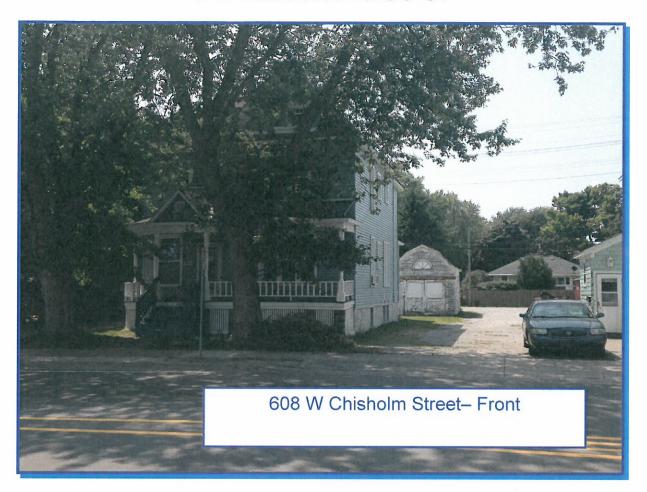
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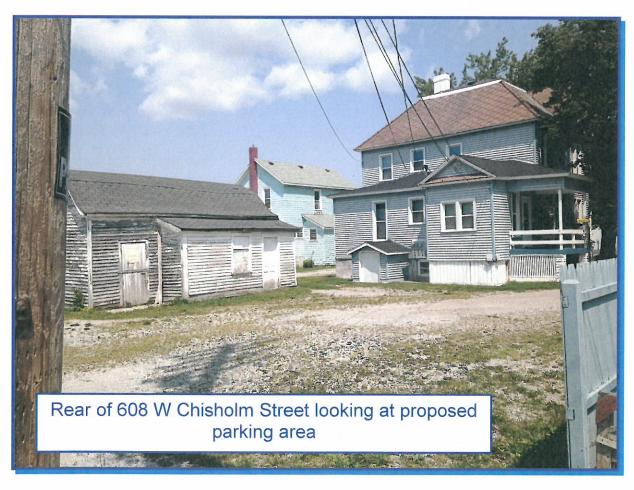


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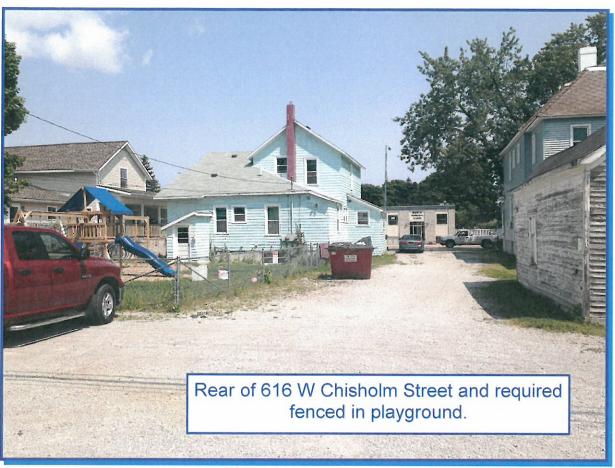


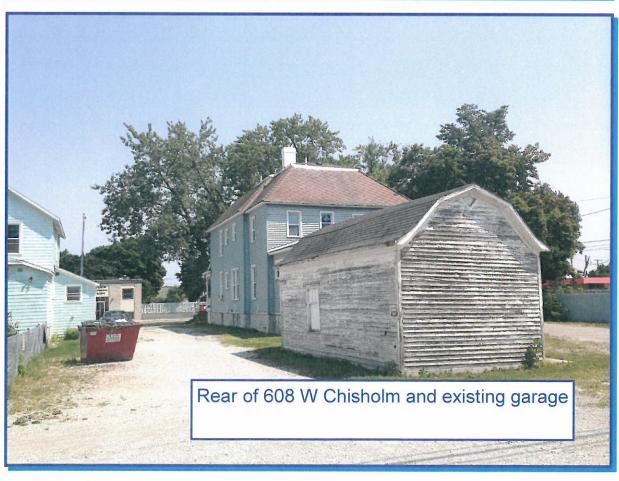
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March 2, 2015

Mr. Paul Sabourin Alpena City Planning Commission Alpena City Hall 208 N. First Avenue Alpena, Michigan 49707

Dear Mr. Sabourin,

Re: Case 15-SU-01

I am writing this letter to request that the Special Land Use Permit requested by the Sunrise Mission be denied.

My business is located directly across the street from the proposed pole barn. I imagine if there are not enough parking places as required by code, that the users of this Activity Center will be parking in my parking lot and in the parking lots of my business neighbors.

It is my understanding that Zoning Board of Appeals already unanimously voted down the Sunrise Mission's request for Variance.

Further, I do not think that an Activity Center is needed. This is a quote taken from the Sunrise Mission website Fall 2014 Newsletter regarding the center's potential uses: "holiday meals and community centered meetings such as 12 step groups, community Bible study, nutrition and budget classes as well as other various staff and guest group needs--perhaps even a warming shelter in winter"

I believe our community already has enough non-profit agencies, area churches and a soup kitchen that care for all of these needs.

I have never been a fan of having the Sunrise Mission on Chisholm Street but the Sunrise Mission compound seems to continue to grow. Perhaps the Sunrise Mission should relocate to a larger area more suitable for there needs. I am not opposed to helping someone in time of need but I do not see the need for an Activity Center.

It would be interesting to see how many residents of Alpena County utilize the Sunrise Mission and how many residents are from downstate.

Thank you for your consideration in this regard.

Sincerely,

Chris Corwin

Owner

1991- City adopts language allowing stay at a homeless shelter for not more than 30 days in a six month period

June 2001- ZBA increases occupancy from 12 to 25 residents allowed after remodel, finds that clients were staying longer than the 30 day period allowed.

September 2001- ZBA denies request to allow for 90 day stays instead of 30

November 2001- ZBA approves variance to allow for 60 day stays, noting their thoughts that the Planning Commission and City Council passed the ordinance and should evaluate if it needs to be changed.

March 2002- Planning Commission and Council approve a text change to allow. Surveys of surrounding communities indicated that shelter boards or the Salvation Army determined lengths of stays, not the local unit of government. The City Council presumably approved removal of the language.

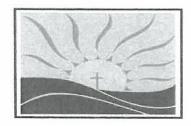
September 2008- Planning commission approves expanding the Shelter to include 616 W Chisholm Street with the condition that ZBA approves a variance that raises the max number of individuals from 25-33. Conditions include an ordinance that limits residency to 90 days in a six month period. 608 is noted to be included as part of the mission and functions as a normal rental (although listed as a 2 unit)

September 2008- ZBA approves variance to allow up to 33 beds due to the addition of the 616 W Chisholm home.

2010- New Zoning Ordinance is approved, changes wording to allow clients to say for 6 months out of one year.

August 2014- Application for 40' x 60' activity center received. Application includes a list of uses that include bible study/worship chapel, social hall, board meeting etc. Staff advises applicant of parking concerns and applicant withdrew the request

November 2014- RS Scott develops new plan for a smaller addition on rear of existing building. Parking still appears to be an issue, awaiting application. Variances will be needed to parking requirements and setbacks for 608 W Chisholm.



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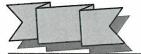
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Fall 2014

Issue 25



25 years of Service



This year Sunrise Mission celebrates 25 years of service to Alpena and the surrounding comminutes. There have been many changes over the years. Initially homeless folks were housed in homes of clergy or volunteers. In 1995 a grant was obtained and the present location on Chisholm street was purchased. The building was a former dental office downstairs with a rental apartment upstairs. Minimal renovations were completed with the family area down and men's area up. While this seemed adequate for a while, eventually it was realized that the structure needed much up-dating, as the circa 1906 building was drafty and hard to heat, rodents shared our spaces and with only one shower up and down, we were very limited in our range of service.

The year 2000 was one for planning a new addition and renovation the existing building to modernize it. After plans were developed and money raised from our local community, construction began in 2001 with a 40 x 60 addition to the rear of the main house. The addition was completed first (except for floor coverings) and everyone was moved into it while we gutted the old part and essentially started over, updating everything—electrical, plumbing, heating, windows/doors and insulation. We were able to heat twice as much space than before for less money. We also went from 2 baths to seven, 2 family rooms from none and a truly modern facility from which to serve those in need.

The line of homeless at our front door never stops, so in response to family room demand, the Board of Directors looked at adding a second story on to the addition in the back. However, a neighbor had the two houses next door up for sale - one a 4 unit apartment complex, the other a duplex with an apartment up and one down. The thinking was the 4 unit would help with Mission funding, the duplex would be ideal for family situations. Upon finding it much cheaper to purchase the two building than to add on the back of the Mission, a campaign to raise money was started and in 2009 we purchased the buildings which were in excellent shape and needed nothing.

This has worked very well for the Mission, providing both added income from the rental units to help with our budget and family space when our rooms at the Mission are full. A great example of this was recently 10 people from one family showed up at the front door—6 adults and 4 school age children—luckily the 2 units next door were vacant, as we needed all the space to house them.

Presently, another issue which has been talked about for several years is lack of space for holiday meals and community centered meetings such as 12 step groups, community Bible study, nutrition and budget classes as well as other various staff and guest group needs—perhaps even a warming shelter in winter. Using existing land at the back of the Mission the Board has settled on a new structure 34x60 to be attached to the Mission to satisfy the aforementioned needs. We are at this time seeking grants and donations for this for this building venture, construction to take place sometime in 2015.

We want to make it clear to the community that this is not an expansion of the bed space capacity

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and this will remain at 33 beds. The community is invited to participate in the funding phase if you feel led and also there will be a standing invitation to use the new facility by anyone with an interest or need in any of the services offered. We prayerfully ask for your support and goodwill as we start our latest journey toward another update to Sunrise Mission, all designed to better serve the homeless and poor among us. So many people have been blessed coming here in the last 25 years. We want to take this opportunity to thank all of our supporters for the last 25 years, as without you none of this would have taken place. We look forward to partnering with you for the next 25 years-so THANK YOU and have a great Thanksgiving and a very Blessed Christmas!

Sincerely, John Ritter Director

From the assistant director's desk:

On any day, there are 578,424 homeless people in the United States, 86,189 in Michigan, and 726 in Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency, Iosco and Presque Isle counties. These numbers seem staggering so let's take a moment and break it down into people and situations.

There are many of reasons for homelessness, a few are: loss of job, divorce, being deserted by a family member-whether they are incarcerated or they just chose to desert you, domestic violence, substance abuse, untreated mental illness, lack of job and/or social skills, lack of education, fire, etc.

In many of these situations, the person has no control. As the downward cycle escalates, the person feels more and more helpless and hopeless. As the feeling of helplessness and hopelessness becomes worse, it creates less ability to continue to seek out solutions and the situation worsens. As a person loses self-confidence, he begins to lean on friends and family more, withdraw or utilize alcohol and/or drugs to deaden the pain and the sense of hopelessness, and their situation becomes worse.

This often becomes a downward cycle of moving from place to place (from friend to friend's house or family member to family member) until they have worn out their welcome, sleeping in their car or a park or wherever they can find a place to sleep until they decide that they must do something else. The decision to do something else can be encouraged by the police, a family member or friend, a loving Christian friend or anyone who sees the desperation of their circumstance.

It is at this point that we welcome them at the Mission. Our staff works to help them become settled and then begin the process of rebuilding their lives. This could involve, at initial intake, of finding clothing (by the time they arrive at the Mission many do not have much more than the clothing on their backs), assistance with getting food, encouragement to seek out assistance from community mental health, 12 step programs, Catholic Human Services, enrollment in schools, seeking employment and seeking a church family. As time goes on, the person becomes more confident and hopeful and the process of seeking housing begins with the assistance of NEMCSA, Alpena Housing, MSHDA HCV program and a variety of private landlords. Sometime this process includes cleaning up credit issues and repairing past housing problems.

With the assistance of a generous community who support the work of the Mission, guidance of a praying insightful Board of Directors and God's direction, we continue to assist the hurting and lost in their journey to resume a productive hopeful life. Merry Christmas!

Leslie Scheen

Assistant Director

GOD WANTS TO TAKE YOU ON AN ADVENTURE!

Does your life seem a little boring? Disappointing? Unfulfilling? Well, God has big plans for you. He wants to take you on an **adventure**.

The big question is: Are you ready to trust God and turn over the rest of your life to Him? Or, are you unwilling to give up control as you play by your own rules?

So what is this adventure God has for us? Well, adventure, by nature, involves uncertainty and danger. And surprises. Some pleasant and some unpleasant. But if you are committed to Jesus, God says He works all things for good for those who love Him.

Let's look at a few adventurers from the Bible.

How about Job? Whew! All his wealth was lost, his children were all killed, he had sores all over his body, and his wife said, "Why don't you just curse God, and die?"

Yet Job held on in faith. He said, "The Lord gives and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." Wow! What amazing faith!

And when Job finished his **learning adventure**, God blessed him with twice as much as before.

Or what about Jonah? (C'mon, Mike, do you really believe Jonah spent three days in the belly of a whale? That's impossible and ridiculous! Well, do you believe that Jesus was dead for three days and came back to life? That's rather unbelievable. Do you believe that Jesus was born of a virgin? That doesn't make sense. Do you believe Jesus spoke to the wind and it quit blowing? GOD DOES IMPOSSIBLE STUFF.)

Okay, back to Jonah, who <u>did</u> spend three days in the belly of a whale. Why? Because God sent him to warn the huge city of Nineveh, but Jonah refuse to go. So God had to convince him to go. When Johan did what God said, many thousand were saved. Jonah was on a **rescue adventure**.

Oh how about Joseph? He was sold as a slave by his own brothers, was hauled off to a far-away land, later spent 13 years in jail when he was unjustly condemned. God worked it out so that Joseph became a very powerful man who saved all his family from starvation. Joseph went thru all his troubles in faith, as God led him on an adventure of sacrifice.

God has wonderful, unpredictable, perplexing, rewarding, exhilarating adventures waiting for us, too.

Adventures in giving, serving, healing, forgiving, miracles and more.

Just ask God to lead you in the **special adventure** he has designed for you, and enjoy the ride.

God Bless You! Chaplain Mike

Where do our guest come from? Guest's County of Origin

	# of
County	Guest
*Total from our	
service area	
Alcona	10
Alpena	117
losco	11
Montmorency	18
Presque Isle	6
	162
*Total from the	
rest of Michigan	
Oscoda	6
Otsego	11
Ogemaw	5
Bay	2
Gladwin	1
Cheboygan	5
Wexford	1
Standish	1
Leelanau	1
Grand Traverse	5
Lapeer	2
Saginaw	2
Barry	1
Macomb	4
Wayne	5
Genesee	1
	53

Outside Michigan 28

The largest portion of this number is people with a family connection to Alpena.

Transportation to
Alpena is never
provided by
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William B Speer, Publisher
Sworn to before me and signed in
my presence, this 24th day of
FEBRUARY 2015.

Kathryn L. Burton, Notary Public for Alpena County, Acting in Alpena County.

Notary Expires: 9/3/19.

1000 - Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Alpena Planning Commission

The City of Alpena Planning
Commission will conduct a
public hearing on Tuesday,
March 10, 2015 at 7pm in
the Council Chambers at
City Hall, 208 N. First Avenue, on P.C. Case #15-SU01. Sunrise Mission has filed
a petition requesting a Special Land Use Permit to
allow for the construction of
a 34'x60' activity center attached to the rear of the existing structure at 622 W
Chisholm.

Legal Description:

622 W. CHISHOLM ST. LOT 4
BLK 17 OF THE VILLAGE
NOW CITY. 616 W.
CHISHOLM ST. LOT 3
BLK 17 OF THE VILLAGE
NOW CITY. 608 W.
CHISHOLM ST. LOT 2
BLK 17 OF THE VILLAGE
NOW CITY.

All interested persons are invited to offer comment at the hearing, or written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing date at the following address:

Alpena City Planning Commission Alpena City Hall 208 N. First Avenue Alpena, MI 49707

Please mark the envelope, "P.C.#15-SU-01".

Questions and comments prior to the meeting should be directed to Adam Poll, Planning and Development Director, at 989-354-1771 or at adamp@alpena.mi.us.

Paul Sabourin, Chairman Alpena City Planning Commis-

(February 23))

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