

MEMO

To: New Bedford Planning Board

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Project: New Life Church, New Bedford. MA

PLANNING
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DEPARTMENT

Special Permit Application (New Life Church at 4 Wright Street) Development Impact Statement (DIS) per Zoning Code, Section 5350

Physical Environment

The surface of the site of 87,000 SF is 86% impervious with one building of 25,200 SF surrounded by bituminous concrete pavement. There are several deciduous trees 12-15" in caliper and some evergreen shrubs in the single parking island. Adjacent to the building on the south side is a vegetated drainage swale. The project parcel is surrounded by industrial buildings. There are no geologic, archeological, scenic or historical features or structures on the site or indigenous wildlife on the generally "barren" site.

Basically, the development of the project consisting of renovations to the building's interior to accommodate the intended use, a church with spaces for Assembly and Sunday School will not impact the site's existing conditions.

Surface Water and Subsurface Conditions

The building is 240 feet west from the New Bedford Harbor. The present runoff from the building and paved area is collected by a subsurface drainage system. Given that there are no proposed changes in the size and character of the building and paved area there will be no change in the runoff. The building is connected to municipal water and sewer.

Circulation System

The vehicular entrance is and will remain from Wright Street. While it is expected that people will drive to the site, there is a sidewalk on Wright Street. The primary traffic will occur on Sunday with up to 500 congregants attending religious services and Sunday school and during the week the building will be occupied by 5-10 employees. The truck traffic associated with previous use of the building will be eliminated.

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Support Systems

Water Distribution

The building is currently connected to the New Bedford water system in Wright Street.

Sewage Disposal

The sewage is currently connected to the New Bedford sewer system in Wright Street.

Refuse Disposal

A dumpster will be placed on east side of the site near the building for disposal of refuse.

Fire Protection

The nearest fire station is 1.3 miles from the site with a hydrant on Wright Street.

Recreation

Those attending church activities or working at the church are expected to do so by driving. The nearest public recreation area is Roberto Clemente Park less than half mile south of the project site.

Schools

As there are no residential units associated with this project there will be no children to impact the school population.

Phasing

No exterior construction is planned to take place at the site which might require phasing.