

Maranatha Assembly of God – Conditional Use Permit Narrative

Maranatha Assembly of God is excited about how our mission is advancing in the community we love. We believe the opportunity ahead of us will serve our faith community and the surrounding community for years to come. As part of our ongoing mission to support and enrich the lives of those in our community, we are requesting a Conditional Use Permit for an addition to our current building. This expansion will add 50' x 76' of space to our existing structure, plus a new canopy with an air-lock vestibule. The Total size of the canopy would be 12'x15' which would include the 12'x7' vestibule. This will replace the main use of the current sanctuary in our existing building allowing us to better serve our members and guest. Although we are seeking a new conditional use, we are asking for the same consideration taken for our prior Conditional Use, for there to not be an end date. We are asking for this consideration because we plan to continue to serve our community in this facility and use this property in a beneficial manner to all.

Improved Accessibility

Our desire is for this addition to improve accessibility for all who come to our church. We will be adjusting some of the current landscaping by creating a retaining wall near our current entrance to further improve accessibility to the building, coinciding with moving our handicap spaces down into our main parking area. These two adjustments will create a new zero-clearance main entrance to our worship space ensuring that everyone, regardless of mobility challenges, can enter and exit the building with ease.

The proposed building will also feature two new handicap accessible bathrooms with three stalls in the women's bathroom and two stalls with one urinal in the men's bathroom. We would also like to have a baptismal tank in the new building if possible, but are finalizing designs with our architect. Our existing building has three total bathrooms consisting of seven stalls and two urinals. Two of those bathrooms are the primary men and women's bathrooms used by both our kids & adults. The third bathroom is an upstairs bathroom which is not often used and will not often be used following the new construction. With the proposed addition we will be effectively doubling our bathrooms, creating handicap accessibility, and a separation between children's and adult use. These changes, along with moving everyone to one level, will create a safer and more welcoming environment for all.

Intended Use

The new space will replace our current worship space serving as our primary gathering area for Sunday morning services for adults. The current worship space will be used for luncheons, meals, and special gatherings but will no longer be our worship space. By building this new structure all of our primary worship places will be on one level with the first floor of the existing building continuing to be utilized for children's ministry on Sundays and as office space during the week. Monday-Friday during normal working hours, there are only around 2-5 people on site during a typical work week. Our largest day of gathering tends to be Sunday mornings. Although we current only average around 50 people, we believe these adjustments will help us to maximize our current 77 parking spaces, being 75 regular spaces and 2 handicapped spaces. Our potential with current parking spaces accommodates around 230 seats, with the new building will accommodate 168 seats, we estimate another 30-40 seats in the children's church area of our current building to still be in use, bringing our total seats to an estimated 198-208. Without needing additional paving our parking lot allows for an additional 42 spaces by resealing and lining the parking lot, a potential of ~350 seats.

In keeping with our mission, this addition will also serve as a place to assist and support those in need, providing a safe and welcoming space for outreach and service projects that directly benefit the local community. Our current area we use as a sanctuary will serve as a place for meals and luncheons from time to time, either with our church

family or through community outreach events, but is not currently planned to be in use for our Sunday morning gatherings. We could see this as a potential space for Teens to gather during an alternate time to use for their services, but this would not be in conjunction with other use at this time.

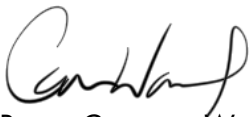
Project Oversight & Community Impact

To ensure that this project is completed safely, efficiently, and according to all building codes and applicable standards, we have partnered with Robert Clarke of Above Par Construction, a reputable and experienced contractor. Furthermore, we have made provisions in our contract to ensure that construction activities do not interfere with our ongoing use of the current facility. This includes stipulations to minimize construction noise and disruption outside of normal working hours, in consideration of our neighbors.

We believe that this expansion will greatly benefit our church family and the broader community by creating a more accessible, and inviting space for everyone. We are excited about the positive impact this project will have on both our congregation and the surrounding area, and we appreciate your consideration of this request for a Conditional Use Permit.

Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,



Pastor Cameron Ward
Maranatha Assembly of God

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