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MEMORANDUM

TO: DuPage County Board

FROM: DuPage County Development Committee

DATE: January 21, 2025

RE: **ZONING-24-000075 Moksh Dham (Addison/District 1)**

DuPage County Board: January 28, 2025:

Development Committee: January 21, 2025: The DuPage County Development Committee recommended to approve the following zoning relief:

Conditional Use for a funeral home with cremation services in the R-4 Single Family Residence District.

Subject to the following conditions:

1. That the property be developed in accordance with the petitioner's site plan made part of Zoning Petition #**ZONING-24-000075 Moksh Dham** dated December 12, 2024.
2. That the owner/developer is to apply for and receive a Building Permit for all construction and/or excavation that occurs on the property.
3. That in conjunction with the submittal of a building permit the developer provides a landscape plan showing full landscape screens around the perimeter of the development.
4. That the property be developed in accordance with all other codes and Ordinances of DuPage County.

Development Committee VOTE (Motion to Approve): 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent

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ZBA VOTE (to Approve): 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent

FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. That petitioner testified that they seek the subject zoning relief for a Conditional Use for a funeral home with cremation services in the R-4 Single Family Residence District.
2. That petitioner testified that Moksh Dham is the contract purchaser and is an Illinois not-for-profit company.
3. That petitioner testified that the subject property is approximately four and-a-half (4.5) acres in size and zoned R-4 Single Family Residential.
4. That petitioner testified that there is a dilapidated and vacant split-level brick and frame building on the subject property that was previously a place of assembly use.
5. That petitioner testified that the R-4 Single Family Residential District allows a funeral home as a conditional use where the subject property is located adjacent to a non-residential zoning business district boundary line, or the subject property has frontage on at least a minor arterial roadway.
 - a. Petitioner testified that that the subject property has frontage and direct access onto Route 83, which is a four-lane major arterial roadway.
6. That petitioner testified that the Illinois Supreme Court, in the City of Chicago Heights v. Living Word Outreach Full Gospel Church & Ministries, stated that when a use is designated as a conditional use in a zoning district, such designation is a legislative determination that the use is in harmony with the general zoning plan and will not adversely affect the neighborhood.
 - a. That petitioner testified that the Living Word case states that an application for a conditional use permit may not be denied on the grounds that the use is not in harmony with the surrounding neighborhood but whether the use would have an adverse effect.

7. That petitioner testified that the vast majority of funeral services would be held at off-peak traffic and school hours, such as nights and weekends, and that the vast majority of funeral services would end with the cremation of the body on-site, eliminating traffic impacts caused by large funeral processions.
8. That petitioner testified that the second floor of the funeral home is the viewing area with a capacity of three hundred (300) people where the funeral services are held, and that at the end of the funeral, the body is lowered down to the first floor where the cremation units are located and then cremated as part of funeral process.
9. That petitioner testified that the cremation process results in no smoke, no smell, and no noise, and that Section 37-1005.3 of the DuPage County Zoning Ordinance regarding particulate matter emissions would allow up to four and-a-half pounds of particulate matter emissions per hour from this property.
 - a. Furthermore, that petitioner testified that the cremation furnaces that are proposed for the subject property would have particulate matters of only three-hundredths of a pound per hour.
10. That petitioner testified that there are wetlands on the north and east sides of the subject property, which will be rehabilitated and enhanced creating an even greater buffer area to the north, east, and south.
11. That petitioner testified that there are no unique or unusual impacts to the surrounding properties as there are no points of access to them from the subject property due to the location of the wetlands.
12. That the Zoning Board of Appeals finds that petitioner **has demonstrated** sufficient evidence to support the zoning relief for a Conditional Use for a funeral home with cremation services in the R-4 Single Family Residence District, and that petitioner provided sufficient evidence to satisfy the seven (7) standards to support a Conditional Use.

STANDARDS FOR CONDITIONAL USES:

1. That the Zoning Board of Appeals finds that petitioner **has demonstrated** that the granting of the Conditional Use is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance, and will not be injurious to the neighborhood, detrimental to the public welfare, or in conflict with the County's comprehensive plan for development; and specifically, that the granting of the Conditional Use will not:
 - a. Impair an adequate supply of light and air to the adjacent property as petitioner **has demonstrated** that the proposed funeral home would be developed in accordance with all required bulk regulations relative to setbacks, heights, open space, and stormwater detention, and therefore would not impact an adequate supply of light and air to the adjacent properties.
 - Furthermore, that petitioner testified that the cremation furnaces that are proposed for the subject property have particulate matters of only three-hundredths of a pound per hour and would not impair the supply of light and air to the adjacent properties.
 - b. Increase the hazard from fire or other dangers to said property as petitioner **has demonstrated** that the proposed funeral home would comply with all DuPage County codes relative to building, particulate matter, and the Fire Protection District, and would not increase the hazard from fire or other dangers to said property.

- Furthermore, that petitioner testified that the proposed building would have a sprinkler system, fire alarm system, and enhanced well to allow for greater fire flow.
- c. Diminish the value of land and buildings throughout the County as petitioner **has demonstrated** that the proposed funeral home will replace an older vacant building with an entirely new building, which will have no adverse impacts on the value of the surrounding recreational, education, and residential uses.
 - d. Unduly increase traffic congestion in the public streets and highways as petitioner **has demonstrated** that the proposed funeral home would be located on the east side of Illinois Route 83, a four-lane roadway, utilizing the existing driveway entrance/exit, and that the proposed use in addition to the existing access point, would not increase traffic congestion in the public streets and highways.
 - e. Increase the potential for flood damages to adjacent property as petitioner **has demonstrated** that the proposed funeral home would comply with all codes and requirements by DuPage County and that the Stormwater Department has no objections to the concept of the petition and will require a Stormwater Certification.
 - f. Incur additional public expense for flood protection, rescue or relief as petitioner **has demonstrated** that the proposed funeral home would comply with all codes and requirements by DuPage County and that the proposed funeral home would not incur additional public expense for flood protection, rescue, or relief.
 - g. Otherwise impair the public health, safety, comfort, morals, or general welfare of the inhabitants of DuPage County as petitioner **has demonstrated** that the proposed funeral home conditional use will be consistent with similar funeral homes within DuPage County and with all ordinances relative to the public health, safety, comfort, morals, and general welfare of the inhabitants of DuPage County.

PETITIONER'S DEVELOPMENT FACT SHEET

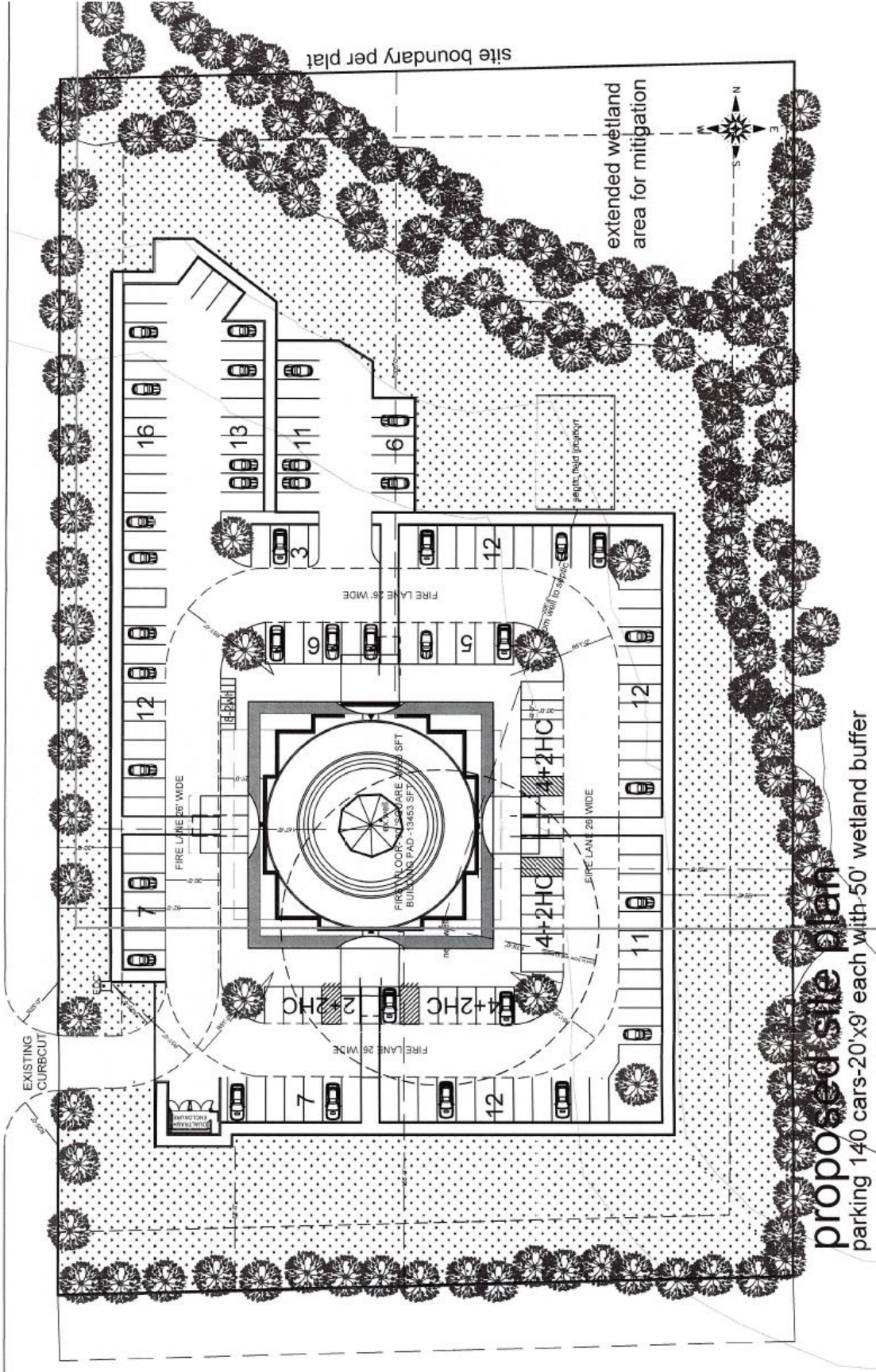
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ADDRESS/LOCATION	5N047 ROUTE 83, BENSENVILLE, IL 60106
PIN	03-14-317-006
TWSP./CTY. BD. DIST.	Addison DISTRICT 1
ZONING/LUP	R-4 SF RES SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL
AREA	4.78 ACRES (208,217 SQ. FT.)
UTILITIES	WELL/SEPTIC
PUBLICATION DATE	Daily Herald: NOVEMBER 26, 2024
PUBLIC HEARING	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	
Building:	No Objections.
DUDOT:	Our office has no jurisdiction in this matter.
Health:	Objects. "Current septic system installed in 1964 only has a capacity for 100 people. Septic system will need to be modified to accommodate additional usage." (See attached documentation)
Stormwater:	No Objections with the concept of the petition. Additional information may be required at time of permit application. "No objection with the concept of the conditional use. The site plan and building permit will require additional information under the Stormwater Certification Application to address existing wetland and buffer violations."
Public Works:	"DPC Public Works doesn't own any sewer or water in the area."
EXTERNAL:	
Village of Bensenville:	Objects. (See attached documentation)
Village of Addison:	No Objections
City of Wood Dale:	<i>No Comments Received.</i>
City of Elmhurst:	<i>No Comments Received.</i>
Addison Township:	<i>No Comments Received.</i>
Township Highway:	<i>No Comments Received.</i>
Bensenville Fire Dist.:	<i>No Comments Received.</i>
Sch. Dist. 2:	Objects. (See attached documentation)
Sch. Dist. 100:	Objects. (See attached documentation)

Forest Preserve:	“We do not have any comments.”
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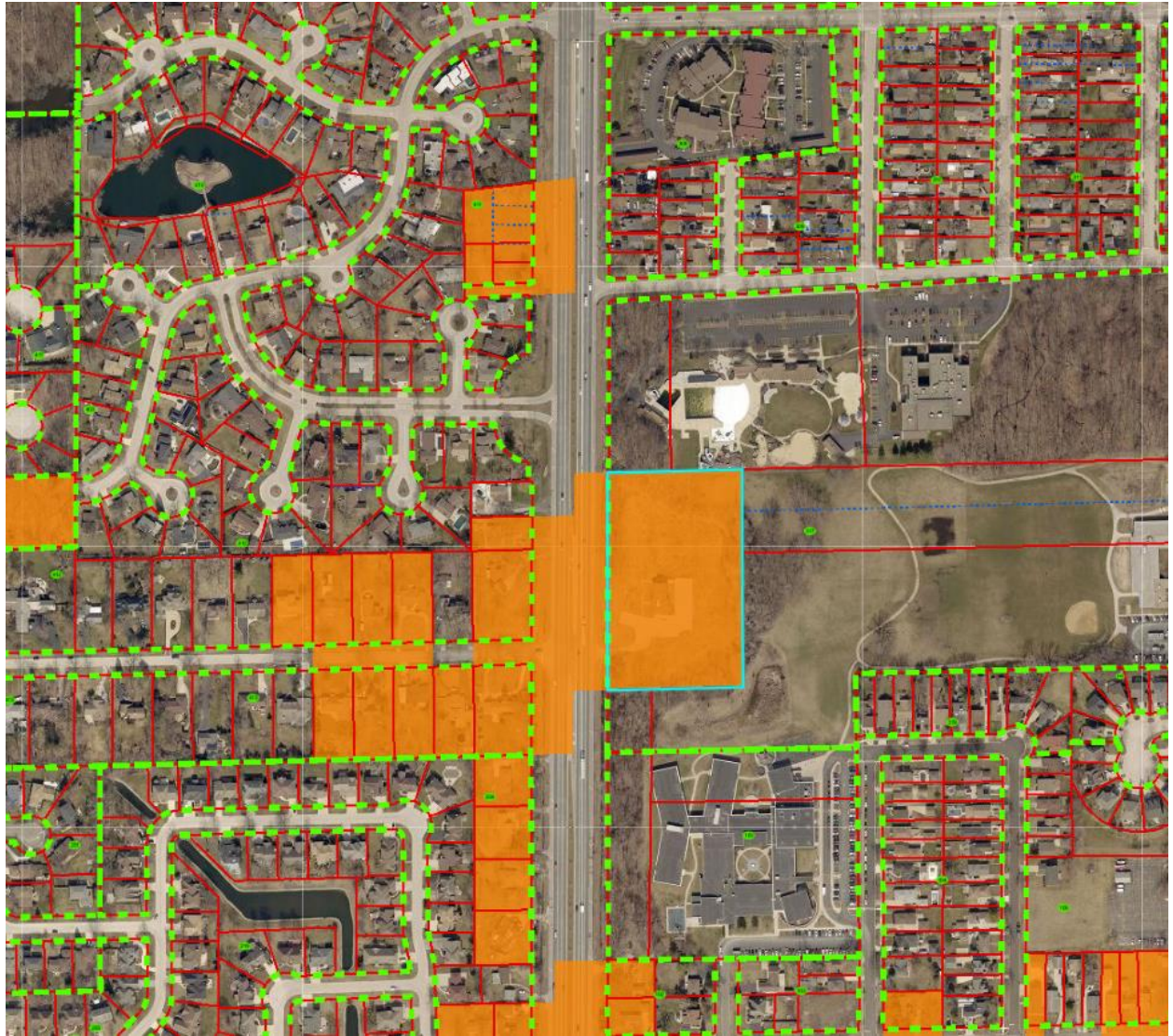
LAND USE

Location	Zoning	Existing Use	LUP
Subject	R-4 SF RES	VACANT	VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE
North	VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE	PARK DISTRICT	VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE
South	VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE	VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE	VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE
East	VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE	VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE	VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE
West	ROUTE 83 AND BEYOND R-4 SF RES/ VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE	HOUSE	0-5 DU AC/ VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE

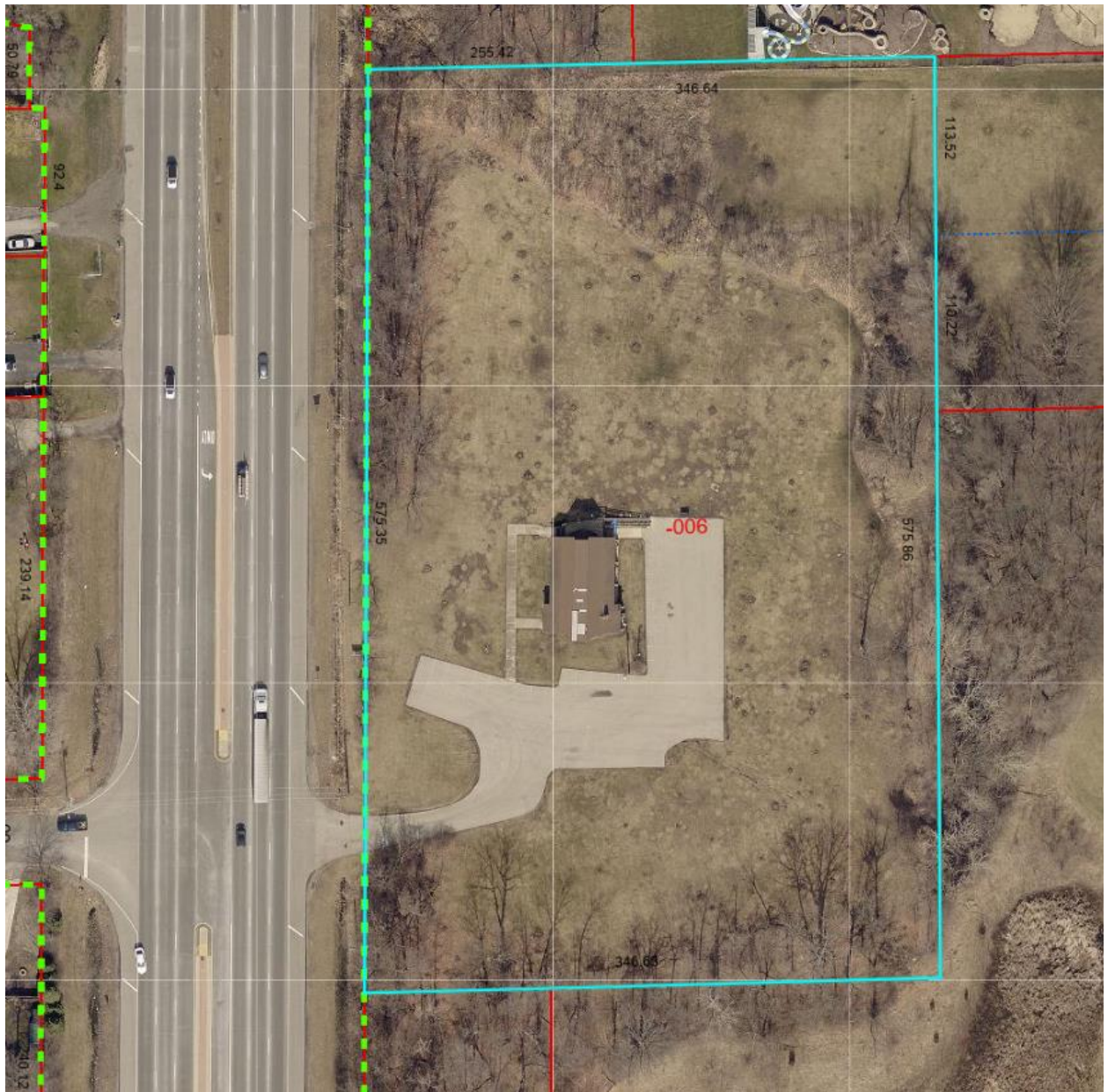
ROUTE IL-83



proposed site plan
parking 140 cars-20'x9' each with 50' wetland buffer









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DU PAGE COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Zoning Petition ZONING-24-000075 Moksh Dham Cremation

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Jessica Infelise Datzman, DuPage County Building and Zoning Department, 421 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois 60187; or via email at Jessica.Infelise@dupagecounty.gov or via facsimile at 630-407-6702 by **DECEMBER 11, 2024**.

COMMENT SECTION:	
: OUR OFFICE HAS NO JURISDICTION IN THIS MATTER	
: NO OBJECTION/CONCERNS WITH THE PETITION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> : NO OBJECTION/CONCERNS WITH THE CONCEPT OF THE PETITION. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE REQUIRED AT TIME OF PERMIT APPLICATION	
: I OBJECT/ HAVE CONCERNS WITH THE PETITION.	
COMMENTS: No objection with the concept of the conditional use. The site plan and building permit will require additional information under the Stormwater Certification Application to address existing wetland and buffer violations.	
SIGNATURE: [REDACTED] DATE: 12/2/24	
MUNICIPALITY/TOWNSHIP/AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DPC Stormwater Management	
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COMMENTS:	
<p>The proposed use is not in accordance with the DuPage County Route 83 Corridor Plan adopted November 9, 2021, or the 2015 Bensenville Comprehensive Plan. Both plans designate the area as residential, with the County's plan including a sample residential layout for this specific property. As a result, it is in direct conflict with the standards for zoning relief. Additionally, if this property were to annex into the Village, it would not conform to our Zoning Code. A funeral home is only allowed in a C-1 Downtown Mixed-Use District or a C-2 Commercial District. The nearest C-2 Commercial District accessible by Route 83 is over a mile away. The property is zoned R-3 Single-Unit Dwelling District on three sides, with nearby land uses including: Bensenville Park District water park and Deer Park; School District 2 's Wesley A Johnson middle school; and residential homes. Additionally, the parking area appears to not conform to Village of Bensenville standards. Based on the available information, it appears to not meet parking design standards, refuse area location standards, snow storage standards, landscaping and landscape island standards. The owners of this property continue to use a flawed valuation of this property, marketing it as commercial. Their broker is John Greene Real Estate, who specialize in 'commercial, land, and industrial' properties. They have not shown a good faith effort to market it as a residential opportunity, which the public clearly stated they wanted during the Route 83 corridor planning. Financial considerations of the current property owner should not be a justification for approving a special use that is incompatible with approved planning documents and the wishes of the community.</p>	
SIGNATURE	DATE: 12/15/24
MUNICIPALITY/TOWNSHIP/AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Village of Bensenville	



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<p>COMMENTS: Fenton Community High School District 100 is situated in this residential zone and our students walk and drive past the subject property every day going to and from school. Similarly, we have partner institutions that back up to this subject property and they utilize our students for daytime internships and after school activities. We strongly believe the nature of this proposed commercial use is not appropriate for a residential neighborhood where children are present for large amounts of the day. A funeral home with cremation services in such close proximity would be a significant distraction and we would prefer a land use that further compliments the neighborhood's family-based environment.</p>	
SIGNATURE: [REDACTED]	DATE: 12/10/24
MUNICIPALITY/TOWNSHIP/AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: FENTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 100	
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SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

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December 11, 2024

DuPage County Zoning Board of Appeals
Via email to Jessica.Infelise@dupageco.org
DuPage County Building and Zoning Department

Re: Zoning Petition ZONING-24-000075 Moksh Dham Cremation

Gentlemen and Ladies:

The primary operation of the petitioner's buyer & agent ("Petitioner") is not a funeral home under the Zoning Code. School District 2 therefore asks you to deny the request for a Conditional Use permit for a funeral home.

The parcel in question adjoins W. A. Johnson School in Bensenville. The school has about 600 students in Kindergarten through fifth grade. It has been at that location since 1958. In 2012, it was fully renovated and doubled in size. All of the District's schools are in residential neighborhoods.

Elsewhere in DuPage County, businesses providing on-site cremation services are not located in residential neighborhoods. Consider, for instance, Hultgren Funeral Home, located at 565 Randy Road in Carol Stream, and DuPage Cremations, located at 951 W Washington Street in West Chicago.

The Petitioner's own sources clearly show that it is in the cremation business.

- Its name is Moksh Dham *Cremation Inc.*
- Its most recent annual report to the Illinois Secretary of State declares that its activity is "Providing Very low cost cremation services." See Attachment 1.
- Its website applies the largest font to the phrase "*Hindu Cremation Service*". See Attachment 2 from <http://mokshdham.org/>.
- Its president, Nitin Patel, appears to be a source for a newspaper article describing "*the non-profit's journey to establish a dedicated cremation center.*" See Attachment 3 from NewIndiaTimes.com.

Cremation activities are not included within the Code's term "funeral home". Dictionaries and common usage treat the two concepts separately. The term "funeral home" means the commonly understood combination of embalming services and locations to host funerals and wakes. By comparison, the word "crematorium" is defined without using the word funeral or the phrase funeral home. See Attachment 4 from <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/>.

A Conditional Use permit under section 37-704.2 therefore cannot be issued to Petitioner, because its activities are different from the Code's intended activity of Funeral Home. The petition should be denied.

Sincerely,

Katie McCluskey, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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250 S. Church Road
Bensenville, IL 60106
630-766-2601

Tioga School
212 W. Memorial Road
Bensenville, IL 60106
630-766-2602

W.A. Johnson School
252 Ridgewood Avenue
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<p>COMMENTS: The Conditional Use request should be denied. The proposed enterprise is not primarily a "funeral home" under section 37-704.2. A Variance, not a Conditional Use permit, is required. Most businesses providing funeral services do not have on-site cremation equipment. The term "funeral home" in the Code therefore means the traditional combination of embalming services and locations to host funerals and wakes. The term does not include the much-less-common installation of cremation equipment. Cremation services are the primary goal for this enterprise and the community that petitioners intend to serve. Cremation services are a light industrial use that is not in harmony with an R-4 district, even if eligible for a Conditional Use permit.</p>	
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State of Illinois
DOMESTIC CORPORATION
ANNUAL REPORT
General Not for Profit Corporation Act

Attachment 1

Year: 2023 File #: 72427467

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Alexi Giannoulis, Secretary of State

1. Corporation Name: MOKSH DHAM CREMATION INC
2. Registered Agent: NITIN PATEL
Registered Office: 1001 S BUSSE RD
City, IL, ZIP, County: MOUNT PROSPECT, IL 60056-4507
- 3a. Date of Incorporation/Qualification: 08/08/2019 3b. State of Incorporation: ILLINOIS

4. Names and Addresses of Corporation's Officers and Directors:

OFFICE	NAME	NUMBER & STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP
Title Name & Address	PRESIDENT NITIN PATEL	[REDACTED]			
Title Name & Address	SECRETARY MANISH PATEL	[REDACTED]			
Title Name & Address	OFFICER RASHMI C PATEL	[REDACTED]			

5. Brief statement of type of activity the corporation is conducting:
Providing Very low-cost cremation services
6. Is this Corporation a Condominium Association as established under the Condominium Property Act? Yes No
Is this a Cooperative Housing Corporation as defined in Section 216 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954? Yes No
Is this Corporation a Homeowner's Association, which administers a common-interest community as defined in subsection (c) of Section 9-102 of the code of Civil Procedure? Yes No
7. Address, including street and number, of Corporation's Principal Office:
[REDACTED]
MOUNT PROSPECT, IL 60056

8. Under the penalty of perjury and as an authorized officer, I declare that this annual report, pursuant to provisions of the General Not for Profit Corporation Act, has been examined by me and is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete.
- By RASHMI C PATEL
Authorized Officer
OFFICER February 05, 2024
Title & Date

Fee Summary
Filing Fee: \$ 10.00
Penalty: \$ 3.00
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Total Fee: \$ 13.00
Approved by: MAP



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1. Corporate Name MOKSH DHAM CREMATION INC
 Registered Agent NITIN PATEL
 Registered Office [REDACTED]
 City, IL, Zip Code, County MOUNT PROSPECT, IL 60058-4507

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Title Name & Address	DIRECTOR RASHMI C PATEL [REDACTED] MOUNT PROSPECT, IL 60058
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Attachment 2



Hindu Cremation Service

MOKSHAM Cremation Inc. is a not for profit 501 (c) 3 charitable organization based in Chicago, IL

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Attachment 3

Mokshdham Project aimed at building a cremation venue in Chicagoland makes significant headway

By Bhalla I M. Patel (<https://www.newsindiatimes.com/author/ela/>) - November 20, 2024

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Virendra Desai, Kantibhai Patel, Rajesh Patel, K.N. Patel, Vinod Parikh, Dr. Rashmi Patel, Ashok Dave, Dr. A. J. Patel, Nitin Patel, Kantibhai Patel, Haribhai Patel, Nita Patel, Dr. Bharat Barai, DP Prajapati, Manish Patel, Rohit Joshi, Bhalla I M. Patel, Hament Patel and Barakat Virani. And Nita Dave.
PHOTO: Heena Pandya

Bensenville, IL – The General Body Meeting of Mokshdham (Mokshdham.org) held at the Manav Seva Mandir, November 17, 2024, marked a significant milestone in the nonprofit's journey to establish a dedicated cremation center in the Chicago metro area.

The meeting was attended by super trustees, directors, and prominent community leaders who have pledged to provide dignified and cost-effective cremation services that respect cultural and religious traditions.

As a 501(c)(13) charitable organization, Mokshdham says it aims to offer affordable cremation services, religious support through qualified priests, and accommodations for over 300 visitors. Future plans include grief counseling and social services, with 24/7 resources available online at Mokshdham.org.

Key updates presented during the meeting highlighted progress on zoning approval, anticipated by January 31, 2025, and advancements in land acquisition, as reported by Dr. Rashmi Patel. Fundraising was emphasized as critical to expediting the project, with Vinod Parikh and Dr. A.J. Patel urging immediate financial support. In a show of generosity, Hari Patel offered his facility for fundraising events and pledged additional donations through his senior member network, while Mr. Nitin Patel announced a fundraising event scheduled for December 14, 2024, at the Rana Ranga Center. The meeting celebrated the extraordinary contributions of new Super Trustees, including Dr. Barai, Rajesh Patel, and Hari Patel, who each donated \$25,000. Additional support from Mafat Patel and Ashok Pandya further reflected the community's shared vision for this transformative project.

Organizers recognize the need for a dedicated cremation center is pressing, particularly for the over 250,000 Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, and Buddhists living in the Chicago metro area, 35% of whom are senior citizens. Cremation, a sacred rite known as Antim Agni-Sanskar, is currently hindered by the lack of appropriate facilities, with existing providers charging exorbitant fees. The demand for cremation services has grown by approximately 30% in recent years, making this project a vital solution for the community.

With zoning approval and land acquisition on track, Mokshdham is poised to make significant strides in fulfilling its mission. Organizers at the meeting underscored the broad support for this initiative.

For more information or to contribute to the fundraising efforts, please contact Dr. Rashmi Patel at 773-592-9501 or Nitin Patel at 847-571-5368.

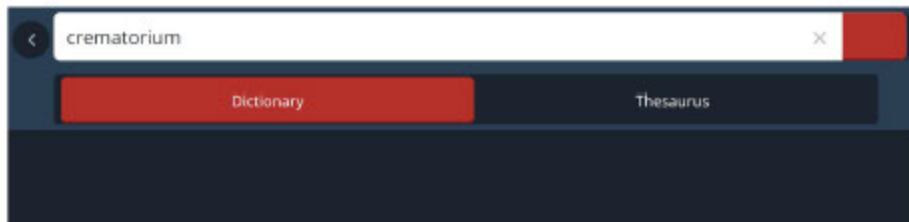
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Mokshdham Project Aims at Building Cremation Venue in Chicago

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funeral home noun

: an establishment with facilities for the preparation of the dead for burial or cremation, for the viewing of the body, and for funerals
→ called also *funeral parlor*



crematorium noun

cre-ma-to-ri-um **ˌkr̩-mə-ˈtɔr-ē-əm** ◀(◊) ˌkre-

plural crematoria **ˌkr̩-mə-ˈtɔr-ē-ə** ◊(◊) ˌkre- or crematoriums

: an establishment or structure in which the bodies of the dead are **cremated**

He had two funerals in the morning, both bodies due for the *crematorium* afterward ...

— Jack Higgins

The depositions enabled the commission to gather further evidence from coroners and from the files in morgues, mortuaries and *crematoriums*.

— Alfred Stepan