

the City of Valdosta Fire Department. Mr. Moore mentioned he was given a second chance and he would like to help and give others hope.

Opposition - Rebuttal:

Savannah Baker, 4046 Old Naylor Road, stated it's not that their community is against helping people, the request is that it be in a different location in Lowndes County. Ms. Baker stated this is not the best location for this facility since there are no local, state or federal regulations. Ms. Baker stated GARR is a membership program and there are no on-site visits. Regarding allowing violent people into their program, there have been people allowed in the program with a violent history.

Blake Howell, 3417 Boring Pond Road, stated their community is not villains, they are worried about safety and protecting investments. Mr. Howell stated that these residents could come invest and purchase property to build homes and he would support them.

In Favor - Rebuttal:

Brent Moore, 3850 C L Moore Road, stated there may have been someone in the past before the background checks were implemented with a violent history.

Joseph Lelonek, 603 West Park Avenue, spoke as a current resident living in the Redeemed Living House. Mr. Lelonek stated this house gave him an opportunity, he came from Tennessee, homeless, living on the street, with no money. Mr. Lelonek stated he now has a job due to the help of Redeemed Living. Mr. Lelonek stated he did not come through the system, he came on his own to get help.

Commissioner Orenstein asked about the history and the "what if's", the facts surrounding where they came from, currently at 603 West Park Avenue, how many calls for emergency 911 calls. Mr. Brent Moore responded there has been one instance at 603 West Park Avenue in which the administrators initiated the 911 call due to the resident being intoxicated. The Valdosta Police Department dispatched two police officers to be on scene, since the resident was asked to leave the facility. Commissioner Orenstein asked how long has the house on Park Avenue been occupied, Mr. Moore responded almost three years. Mr. Moore stated previously there was a house located at 401 Danube Circle in Schroer Estates, same issue, resident was drunk, the police were called and he was asked to leave. Commissioner Marshall asked to verify the legal meeting requirements regarding the notice/signage which someone mentioned earlier, County Attorney, Walter Elliott responded notice was given of your prior meeting and at that meeting notice was given to those in attendance that the meeting was tabled. Chairman Slaughter stated the meeting was given at the proper time, the hearing was tabled, no point in readvertising due to tabling. Commissioner Marshall asked, based on the current zoning now, what could not be achieved in their proposal, Mr. Dillard responded based on the current zoning the overall density of the houses shown on their site plan, it is allowed for single family dwellings on E-A zoning, possible accessory dwelling for family members and with the property being twenty-three acres could be subdivided into four, five acre tracts and a house on each property. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the rezoning request as presented, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second. Commissioners Orenstein, Griner and Vice Chairman Wisenbaker voted in favor of the request, Commissioners Evans and Marshall opposed. Motion carried.