F.1  Review of a proposed sign permit for Cedar Neighborhood Church located at 38325 Cedar Boulevard. The property is zoned RS-7000 – from Acting Community Development Director Interiano.

(REOLUTION)

Background/Discussion – The applicant, Cedar Neighborhood Church, is requesting to place a sign on their property at the corner of Smith Avenue and Cedar Boulevard.

The property originally received a Conditional Use Permit (Resolution 645) to build a church in 1975, which was then called Trinity Christian Center of the Assemblies of God of Newark. In 1987, an amendment to the CUP (Resolution 1103) was approved to expand the building and add a classroom building among other improvements. Today, Cedar Neighborhood Church is requesting to place a 13 ft. tall cross in a landscaped area located near the corner of Smith Avenue and Cedar Boulevard. The proposed cross is considered a sign and per the 1987 CUP conditions of approval, any proposed sign must be reviewed by the Planning Commission and City Council.

Staff has reviewed the proposed sign and does not find that it blocks the sight triangle at the corner of Smith Avenue and Cedar Boulevard and it does not appear to be intrusive or out of character with the area and therefore staff recommends approval of the proposed sign at 38325 Cedar Boulevard. An illustration of the sign and a site plan illustrating placement of the sign is attached.

CEQA– The proposed sign is not considered a “project” under the CEQA regulations and therefore CEQA does not apply.

Action – It is recommended that the Planning Commission approve the proposed sign.

Attachment

1. Sign Illustration and Site Plan (2 pgs.)