1	OWENSBORO METROPOLITAN BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
2	DECEMBER 4, 2003
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4	The Owensboro Metropolitan Board of
5	Adjustment met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on
6	Thursday, December 4, 2003, at City Hall, Commission
7	Chambers, Owensboro, Kentucky, and the proceedings
8	were as follows:
9	MEMBERS PRESENT: C. A. Pantle, Chairman
10	Gary Noffsinger, Planning Director
11	Marty Warren Ruth Ann Mason
12	Judy Dixon Tim Miller
13	Sean Dysinger Ward Pedley
14	Ed Baylous Attorney
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16	CHAIRMAN: Call the Owensboro Metropolitan
17	Board of Adjustment to Order. We're going to start
18	the meeting today with invite each one of you to join
19	us in prayer and pledge of allegiance. Tim Miller is
20	going to give the blessing.
21	(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.)
22	CHAIRMAN: Want to thank all of you for
23	coming and welcome you. A couple of guidelines to
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24	start with.
25	If you wish to speak, please come to one

1	of	the	microphones	and	state	your	name	and	be	sworn	ir
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- 2 for the secretary. Be sure it all gets correct.
- 3 You're all welcome to talk about any of the things as
- 4 long as you're saying the first time around. If
- 5 you're repeating on it, we'll cut you off. There's no
- 6 need to listening to it every time over and over.
- 7 With that we'll start off with the first
- 8 item of business which is the minutes of the last
- 9 November 6th meeting. They're on record in the
- office. Have there been no corrections or anything
- 11 needed to it?
- 12 MR. NOFFSINGER: That's correct.
- 13 CHAIRMAN: We'll entertain a motion to
- 14 dispose of it.
- 15 MS. MASON: I move to approve the minutes.
- 16 CHAIRMAN: A motion has been made for
- 17 approval. Is there a second?
- MR. DYSINGER: Second.
- 19 CHAIRMAN: Motion been made and a second.
- 20 All in favor raise your right hand.
- 21 (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE.)
- 22 CHAIRMAN: Motion carries.
- Next item, Mr. Noffsinger.
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CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS 1 2 ITEM 2 6371 Karns Grove Road, in an A-R zone Consider request for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a 50-foot by 54-foot addition to the existing church building for church assembly, 5 sanctuary, fellowship hall, Sunday school classes and related church activities. Reference: Zoning Ordinance, Article 8, 6 Section 8.2/B4 7 Applicant: Karns Grove Baptist Church Я MR. NOFFSINGER: Mr. Chairman, the 9 Planning Staff has reviewed this application. The 10 application has been found to be in order. The application is for an addition to an existing church 11 facility and is ready for consideration 12 13 CHAIRMAN: Was there any objections filed 14 in the office? 15 MR. NOFFSINGER: No, sir. 16 CHAIRMAN: Is there anyone wishing to 17 speak in objection to this particular item? 18 (NO RESPONSE) CHAIRMAN: Does the applicant have 19 anything they want to come forward and state or have 20 21 to say? 22 APPLICANT REP: No. 23 CHAIRMAN: Any board member have any 24 questions or comments? 25 (NO RESPONSE)

1 CHAIRMAN: Staff have anything to add to

- 2 it?
- MR. NOFFSINGER: No, sir.
- 4 CHAIRMAN: Hearing none Chair will
- 5 entertain a motion.
- 6 MR. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion
- 7 to approve since it complies with all the applicable
- 8 provisions of the Zoning Ordinance and is consistent
- 9 with the Comprehensive Plan. It will not have a
- 10 significant environmental impact and is adequately
- 11 served by the public utilities and facilities.
- 12 CHAIRMAN: Is there a second to the
- 13 motion?
- MR. WARREN: Second.
- 15 CHAIRMAN: A motion has been made and a
- 16 second. Any other questions or comments by the staff
- 17 or board?
- 18 (NO RESPONSE)
- 19 CHAIRMAN: Hearing none all in favor raise
- 20 your right hand.
- 21 (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE.)
- 22 CHAIRMAN: Motion carries unanimously.
- Next item, please.
- 24 ITEM 3
- 25 5224 KY 54, in an A-R zone

- 1 Consider request for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a golf driving range with a pro shop and
- 2 teaching facility building.
 - Reference: Zoning Ordinance, Article 8,
- 3 Section 8.2/K7
 - Applicant: Donald H. Mitchell, Jr., Veronica L.
- 4 Mitchell
- 5 MR. NOFFSINGER: Mr. Chairman, this
- 6 application has been reviewed by the Planning Staff.
- 7 It's found to be in order.
- 8 The applicant has submitted a site plan of
- 9 how they intend to develop the property. The subject
- 10 property is located on Kentucky 54 which is an
- 11 arterial roadway. It's located in an A-R zone as we
- discussed and the adjoining properties include a
- 13 vacant farm land or farm land as well as a cemetery in
- 14 the area and some commercial uses.
- The applicant proposes to develop the
- 16 majority of the property, if not all of the property,
- which contains approximately 30 acres. On that 30
- 18 acres there will be facilities for parking, a pro
- 19 shop. There will be a driving range as well as a
- 20 teaching facility.
- 21 The applicant is proposing conceptionally
- a retention basin to the rear of the property, the
- 23 south end of the property. That will be a retention
- 24 basin an an irrigation lake.
- 25 The site plan was prepared by Bryant

- 1 Engineering, Inc.. With that it's ready for your
- 2 consideration.
- 3 CHAIRMAN: Have there been any objections
- 4 filed in the office?
- 5 MR. NOFFSINGER: There have been no
- 6 objections; however, we have had at least one call
- 7 from adjoining land owners that were asking questions,
- 8 but we have no formal objections.
- 9 CHAIRMAN: Is there anyone in the audience
- 10 wishing to object to this particular item?
- MR. DAME: Yes.
- 12 CHAIRMAN: Let me get the applicant to
- 13 comply at this time and then you'll have your chance.
- 14 MR. KAMUF: Mr. Chairman, Charles Kamuf.
- 15 (MR. CHARLES KAMUF SWORN BY ATTORNEY.)
- MR. KAMUF: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Mitchell is
- here and also the engineering firm to answer any
- 18 questions that you would like. I don't think I need
- 19 to make a presentation until I see what the issues
- 20 are.
- 21 CHAIRMAN: Board any have any questions
- 22 right now of Mr. Kamuf?
- 23 (NO RESPONSE)
- 24 CHAIRMAN: Hearing none you object to it
- 25 so will you state your name and your questions please,

- 1 sir.
- MR. DAME: I'm Walter Dame.
- 3 (MR. WALTER DAME SWORN BY ATTORNEY.)
- 4 MR. DAME: I'm a property owner. I don't
- 5 have no objection to someone making an improvement on
- 6 that property as long as it doesn't affect my
- 7 property. That is a flood area out there and I sure
- 8 wouldn't want it to cause worse flooding on my
- 9 property.
- 10 I talked with a fellow over the phone the
- other day and he says he doesn't know how this pond or
- 12 lake is going to be drained. I wouldn't want it to
- drain over on my property. There's a big ditch on one
- side of his property and my property. That is a flood
- zone out there, both properties and so forth.
- 16 CHAIRMAN: You're concerned with the
- 17 water?
- 18 MR. DAME: Water situation coming out on
- me. If he's going to have a lake, he said he didn't
- 20 know how it was going to be drained. It would be up
- 21 to the engineering so are they present? Would they
- 22 know how it's going to be drained?
- 23 CHAIRMAN: We'll try to get the answer for
- you then, sir.
- 25 Mr. Kamuf, you all have -

1	MR. BRYANT: I'm Don Bryant of Bryant
2	Engineering.
3	(MR. DON BRYANT SWORN BY ATTORNEY.)
4	MR. BRYANT: He's correct in stating that
5	the entire site is in a flood zone, it's a regulated
6	flood zone. We have anticipated this from the
7	beginning. The topo has been completed for the site
8	in preparation of a site plan.
9	Elevations generally run from 396 to 398
10	for a couple of areas, even 400. Base flood elevation
11	for the site is 396 which is basically the existing
12	ground elevation near the rear of the property, south
13	of the property where the retention lake is proposed.
14	There will be regrading of the site, but
15	we have no intention of hauling any fill material
16	whatsoever into the site. We're not going to build it
17	up above what's there.
18	In shaping the site, will be removing
19	material from the retention area and some of the areas
20	outside of the green space areas and elevating the
21	practice areas that are shown in green and the
22	building pads and so forth. It will just be a
23	regrading of the existing site. There will be no
24	adverse affect on the flooding on any properties
25	upstream or down. Retention lake overflow will go

- directly into Burnett Fork. It will not affect any
- 2 adjoining properties.
- Now, once we get the conditional use
- 4 issued for the property, we'll submit a more detailed
- 5 site plan. In this case it's in the county. It will
- 6 be reviewed and approved by the county engineer. Then
- 7 since it is in a flood zone we'll be submitting this
- 8 for the Division of Water for their approval as well.
- 9 CHAIRMAN: With that pond that you're
- 10 picturing, retaining will have a trickle type?
- 11 MR. BRYANT: Yes, for low flows. Actually
- 12 we're not going to be constructing any improving areas
- 13 such as roof areas and large paving areas or anything
- that's going to increase the runoff from the
- 15 property. It's agricultural and undeveloped now.
- 16 When improved it will improved but it will still be in
- 17 grasses and so forth. It will not increase runoff.
- 18 We are going to route as much water into the lake. It
- 19 will be a permanent pool so they can irrigate out of
- 20 it and then it will also serve as a retention.
- 21 CHAIRMAN: Does that answer your question,
- 22 sir?
- MR. DAME: Yes, pretty much so in some
- 24 ways. I still don't see - if you see them three and
- four inch rains we had this summer, it stands several

- 1 inches deep over all that property down in there. If
- 2 you don't fill it up, how are they going to hit a golf
- 3 ball in the water?
- 4 MR. BRYANT: Like I said we're not going
- 5 to bring the elevation of the entire site up. We'll
- 6 be regrading the site. The greens and fairways will
- 7 be elevated, but some of the other areas will be
- 8 lowered as part of the regrading plan. So the net
- 9 impact is zero.
- 10 MR. DAME: Is that blue in the corner
- 11 there on that map the lake?
- 12 MR. BRYANT: That's the retention lake,
- 13 yes.
- 14 MR. DAME: Where is it going to drain from
- 15 there?
- MR. BRYANT: The overflow will be directly
- 17 into the creek. Will be a pipe structure or possibly
- 18 - we don't have a detailed design, but it will go
- 19 directly into the creek.
- 20 MR. DAME: It's going to be some kind of
- 21 drainage from all of his property into that lake?
- 22 MR. BRYANT: Not the entire site. Just
- 23 the rear portion of the site. The rest of the site
- 24 will drain as it does now, directly into the creek.
- 25 MR. DAME: It don't drain into the creek

- 1 right now is the problem.
- 2 MR. BRYANT: Well, it's part of Burnett
- 3 Fork.
- 4 CHAIRMAN: It will have to be approved by
- 5 the county engineer and meet their specifications
- 6 before they can do it.
- 7 MR. DAME: There's one other problem. It
- 8 really doesn't concern me that much, but isn't the
- 9 state going to have to widen that highway out there,
- 10 you know, on and off problem there across that bridge?
- 11 MR. BRYANT: I suppose so. Undeveloped
- doesn't encroach on the right-of-way in any way so it
- won't interfere in any way with future development.
- 14 CHAIRMAN: Anyone else have any other
- 15 questions?
- 16 (NO RESPONSE)
- 17 MR. WARREN: Is this Burnett Fork the big
- ditch that you were talking about that separates you?
- 19 MR. DAME: That's the first time I've ever
- 20 heard it called that.
- 21 CHAIRMAN: Staff.
- 22 MR. NOFFSINGER: Mr. Chairman, Burnett
- Fork would establish the line for the urban service
- 24 area. This property is right on the edge of our urban
- 25 service area, our urban growth area. It's just

- 1 outside of that urban growth boundary.
- 2 Considering that this property is located
- 3 within the flood plain and the proximity to that
- 4 creek, the proposed use would probably have, well, I'm
- 5 sure would have less of an impact upon the environment
- 6 and flooding in that area than a residential
- 7 subdivision would. Whatever changes in elevations
- 8 that they make on this property, those will have to be
- 9 approved by the county engineer and they'll have to
- 10 have a detailed drainage plan plus the Division of
- 11 Water will have to approve this permit. So if you
- 12 take into consideration that there are going to be
- very few buildings and very little impervious area on
- this site, this is probably and environmentally is as
- 15 good of use as you could expect for this particular
- 16 piece of property.
- 17 Now, granted it's non-residential use and
- it would be a use that would generate some traffic, be
- 19 non-residential in nature; however, as I stated,
- 20 Kentucky 54 is classified as arterial, it's an
- 21 arterial street. It is included for widening in the
- 22 transportation plan.
- 23 What does that mean? Well, when is going
- 24 to be widened? I don't know. I can tell you it's one
- of the priorities this community is looking at.

- 1 Eventually I feel confident it will be widen, but at
- 2 this point the money has not been allocated for that
- 3 project.
- With this type of development and traffic
- 5 that it should generate it should not overburden the
- 6 capacity of Kentucky 54 in that area.
- 7 CHAIRMAN: Anyone else have any other
- 8 comments?
- 9 (NO RESPONSE)
- 10 CHAIRMAN: Board members have any
- 11 questions?
- 12 (NO RESPONSE)
- 13 CHAIRMAN: Hearing none entertain a motion
- 14 to dispose of the item, please.
- 15 MR. WARREN: I'd like to make a motion to
- grant this Conditional Use Permit due to the fact that
- it does promote public health by providing
- 18 recreational opportunities. It will not have a
- 19 significant impact on the environment or negative
- 20 impact on the environment. It complies with site
- 21 development requirements for the zoning ordinance and
- it's consistent with the goals of the Comprehensive
- 23 Plan.
- 24 CHAIRMAN: Is there a second?
- MR. DYSINGER: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN: A motion has been made and a

- 2 second. Are there other questions from the staff or
- 3 board?
- 4 MR. NOFFSINGER: No, sir. I have said
- 5 enough.
- 6 CHAIRMAN: All in favor raise your right
- 7 hand.
- 8 (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE.)
- 9 CHAIRMAN: Motion carries unanimously.
- 10 We're going to change our agenda and go
- from Number 5 instead of Number 4, put that in last on
- the agenda this evening. With that proceed on,
- 13 please, sir.
- 14 ITEM 5
- 15 819 East Ninth Street, in a B-4 zone Consider request for a Conditional Use Permit to
- operate a child day care facility within an existing building to serve a maximum of 75 children.
- 17 Reference: Zoning Ordinance, Article 8, Section 8.2/B3
- 18 Applicant: Debbie Cooney, Louis Reynolds
- MR. NOFFSINGER: Mr. Chairman, the
- 20 Planning Staff has reviewed this application. The
- 21 application is found to be in order.
- The proposed facility will be located
- 23 within the existing building. The existing building
- contains a number of businesses. There is adequate
- 25 parking on the site to meet the parking needs of the

1 proposed use. There's an adequate drop-off area as

- well located on the property so that the children
- 3 could be dropped off in a safe and efficient manner.
- 4 Access to the property is provided via East Ninth,
- 5 Street which is an arterial street, as well as Center
- 6 Street which is a local street. So there should be
- 7 adequate transportation facilities existing.
- 8 There are also a number of businesses
- 9 located within the community or within this
- 10 neighborhood such as the Owensboro-Daviess County
- 11 Hospital which would support or could support a need
- 12 for this type of facility. So that is ready for your
- 13 consideration.
- 14 CHAIRMAN: Has there bee any objections
- 15 filed in the office?
- MR. NOFFSINGER: No, sir.
- 17 CHAIRMAN: Is there anyone wishing to
- 18 object to this application?
- 19 (NO RESPONSE)
- 20 CHAIRMAN: Is the applicant here?
- 21 APPLICANT REP: Yes.
- 22 CHAIRMAN: Do you have anything you'd like
- to add to it at this time?
- 24 APPLICANT REP: No, I don't think so.
- 25 CHAIRMAN: Any board members have any

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Τ	questions	OT	tne	applicant?

- 2 (NO RESPONSE)
- 3 CHAIRMAN: Staff have anything else to
- 4 add?
- 5 MR. NOFFSINGER: No, sir.
- 6 CHAIRMAN: Chair will entertain a motion
- 7 to dispose of the item.
- 8 MS. DIXON: Move to approve because it
- 9 would provide a use that's essential to the community;
- 10 would not have a significant impact on the
- 11 environment; complies with the site development
- 12 requirements of the zoning ordinance and is consistent
- with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan.
- 14 CHAIRMAN: Is there a second?
- MR. MILLER: Second.
- 16 CHAIRMAN: A motion has been made and a
- 17 second. Any other questions or comments from the
- 18 board?
- 19 (NO RESPONSE)
- 20 CHAIRMAN: Staff have anything else to add
- 21 on?
- MR. NOFFSINGER: No, sir.
- 23 CHAIRMAN: Hearing none all in favor raise
- 24 your right hand.
- 25 (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE.)

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	CHAIRMAN:	Motion	carries	unanimously.

- The next item, please.
- 3 ITEM 4
- 4 1253 Willett Road, in an A-R zone (POSTPONED) Consider request for a Conditional Use Permit to
- 5 construct a 3,946 square foot bunkhouse with a 2,818 square foot deck to house a maximum of 14 migrant farm
- 6 workers and one supervisor.

Reference: Zoning Ordinance, Article 8,

- 7 Section 8.2/A7
 - Applicant: MISAS, Inc., Robert J. & Lisa C. Wimsatt

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- 9 MR. NOFFSINGER: Mr. Chairman, Planning
- 10 Staff has reviewed this application. We find the
- application to be in order.
- 12 At this time I would like to read the
- 13 project overview into the record as submitted by the
- 14 applicant.
- 15 In Spanish, the word "posada" means "inn."
- When we speak of an inn, we refer to a place of
- 17 hospitality, where paying guests stay for a time. The
- 18 posada or inn that we plan will be for migrant workers
- 19 who are employed by farmers in this part of the
- 20 county. In some ways it will resemble the
- 21 European-model hostel; a place where guests share in
- the care of the facility.
- 23 The Inn/Posada will be an attractive and
- 24 well-maintained building that offers simple bunkhouse
- 25 style accommodations to meet the housing needs for

1 single migrant workers. It will be an asset to the

- 2 community, both visually and in its purpose.
- We feel that our plan has benefits for
- 4 both the migrant workers and the farmers who employ
- them. We are aware that farmers are increasingly
- 6 dependent on migrant help, and that housing their
- 7 workers is often a continual challenge. If farmers
- 8 apply for special visas for workers through the H2A
- 9 program, they must have housing arrangements that meet
- 10 certain standards, and are guaranteed for the duration
- of the visa. In addition, the presence of guest
- workers will make a modest contribution to the local
- economy.
- 14 Our Inn/Posada will have a full-time
- "innkeeper" a live-in administrator who will
- 16 supervise the living arrangements and residents, and
- oversee care of the building and grounds. It will
- 18 also have the oversight of the MISAS Board. Sr.
- 19 Larraine Lauter OSU will be closely involved in
- 20 direction and supervision of the inn and its guests.
- 21 All of the guests will be employed by
- 22 local farmers. They or their employers will lease
- 23 space for the duration of their intended employment.
- 24 They will have some share in responsibilities for the
- inn, including cleaning and cooking.

1	The Posada will not be an open homeless
2	shelter. Those who live there will be gainfully
3	employed. They will be contributing to the local
4	community for the duration of their stay.
5	Guests of the Posada will have
6	opportunities for recreation, shopping and laundry,
7	and worship. Enrichment programs will be offered,
8	most notably classes in English. These programs will
9	be open to anyone in the area, whether or not they are
10	guests at the Posada.
11	We believe that the Posada will be a
12	remarkably strong asset to the community in which it
13	is located. By welcoming the Posada, the community
14	will be supporting the farmers who are its backbone,
15	while offering decent and affordable housing to guest
16	workers.
17	The Posada will be built under the
18	auspices of MISAS (Migrant/Immigrant Shelter and
19	Support). MISAS was founded in February 2002, in
20	response to an invitation from the Kentucky Housing
21	Corporation. The KHC was searching for a group that
22	would develop a plan for migrant housing, a need that
23	is critical throughout the state. With the
24	acquisition of an approved site, and an approved plan

for construction (including input from contractors,

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- 1 architects, engineers and other construction
- 2 professionals) MISAS will be awarded a challenge grant
- of up to \$220,700. MISAS is pursuing grants from
- 4 other entities as well for ongoing support of the
- 5 project.
- 6 Questions relating to the Posada project
- 7 may be directed to Sr. Larraine Lauter, 229-2713, or
- 8 llauter@maplemount. org.
- 9 Mr. Chairman, this was postponed from the
- 10 last meeting due to some questions regarding
- 11 conditions to a possible recommendation. At that time
- 12 there were questions raised by the applicant as to
- 13 previous conditions that were placed on the approval
- 14 by this board.
- This is a new day. The previous
- 16 conditional use permit expired. The applicant is
- 17 before you again to ask for approval for this project.
- 18 The proposed facility is being classified
- under use group 8.2/A7 in the Zoning Ordinance. With
- that it's ready for your consideration.
- 21 CHAIRMAN: Does the applicant have
- anything you want to direct new at this time before
- 23 the board?
- 24 SISTER LARRAINE: Yes.
- 25 CHAIRMAN: Please state your name.

1 (SISTER LARRAINE LAUTER SWORN BY

- 2 ATTORNEY.)
- 3 SISTER LARRAINE: My name is Sister
- 4 Lorraine Lauter. I'm a little unsure as to how to
- 5 address the entire nature of my remarks since I had
- 6 sent the memo both to Mr. Noffsinger and to the board.
- Just now am aware that you would not have seen the
- 8 memo because it would have to be reviewed by all of
- 9 you in full. The memo is quite lengthy. I'm not sure
- 10 if we want to engage in reading it into the record or
- 11 what's the appropriate step to do.
- 12 CHAIRMAN: It should be read into the
- 13 record.
- 14 MR. BAYLOUS: If we can put a copy into
- 15 the record, that will be fine. It doesn't have to be
- read in its entirety as long as a copy is in the
- 17 record of the proceeding.
- 18 CHAIRMAN: Do you have anything major you
- want to bring or do you want to read it or not?
- That's up to you.
- 21 SISTER LARRAINE: I'm fine with
- 22 summarizing the subtle points.
- 23 CHAIRMAN: That will be fine.
- 24 SISTER LARRAINE: The first point had to
- do with the desire that has been from the beginning on

- 1 part of MISAS and myself as to carry out whatever is
- done in spirit of cooperation with the community;
- 3 city, county and entities of the community.
- 4 I want to reiterate with that that my
- 5 personal philosophy is that adversarially
- 6 relationships are not in the best interest of
- 7 anyone. I say that as a preface to these other
- 8 remarks which I hope make more clear my concern with
- 9 the conditions as they were placed on the previous
- 10 permit.
- 11 We've already reviewed the Kentucky
- 12 Housing Corporation invited me to start the non-profit
- 13 to pursue this project.
- 14 Another point is that its reasonable to
- 15 conclude that we have demonstrated a sincere desire
- for a successful project. One of the first things I
- would say in response to the conditions is that they
- 18 seem to imply that perhaps it might not be the desire
- of MISAS to have a successful project. That just
- doesn't seem very reasonable, especially given that
- 21 two of the conditions specifically refers to simply
- 22 restate the law as it stands that would be a given,
- 23 the condition that it would be given that those
- 24 conditions would be met according to the law. If not,
- 25 that the permit would be withdrawn. Those would be

1	the conditions on any conditional use permit.
2	I'd like to read this section of the memo:
3	I have a well-founded and researched
4	concern that all involved (both MISAS and the Board of
5	Adjustors) have inadvertently violated the Kentucky
6	Fair Housing law by the conditions set on the
7	conditional use permit for the La Posada Hostel. The
8	Board of Adjustors has set extraordinary conditions in
9	response to opinions and fears stated at on public
10	record that may be clearly demonstrated to be
11	discriminatory in nature, relating to ethnicity and
12	country of origin of the likely residents of the
13	project. MISAS has agreed to these conditions in the
14	past, knowing that they were extraordinary and the
15	response to discriminatory fears and opinions.
16	Therefore, both MISAS and the Board of Adjustors could
17	be demonstrated to be in collusion with discriminatory
18	intentions. A lack of bad intent is in no way an
19	adequate defense when the violations of fair housing
20	laws are identified.
21	Then from the next section;
22	MISAS is very concerned about what appears
23	to be a lack of uniform administration and treatment

it is our understanding that similar structures and

as to similar structures and activity. For example,

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1 activities either have no conditional use permit at

- all, or if such permits were issued, no special or
- 3 extraordinary conditions were attached to such
- 4 permits.
- 5 Then we have a list of particular permits,
- 6 particular issues including a variety of bunkhouses
- 7 and the Jennifer House; none of which have conditions
- 8 attached to the permits.
- 9 Just bare with me for a moment. I'll see
- if we can skip anything.
- 11 MISAS has already stated an intention to
- build a hostel in compliance with the housing
- regulations of the H2(a) program. Our hope is that
- farmers who wish to participate in the visa program
- 15 and yet are precluded from doing so by the stringent
- 16 housing regulations may find housing for their workers
- and thereby afford them the opportunity to work
- 18 legally and safely in this country. However, our
- 19 public willingness to support, and I'm speaking of
- 20 MISAS, the H2(a) program and our open dialogue with
- 21 farmers and state officials who work with the program
- 22 makes us, MISAS, vulnerable to potential criticism of
- 23 the intentions of our mission. Any hint of collusion
- 24 with discrimination would likely bring well-deserved
- 25 challenges to our intentions, and the nature of our

- 1 support of fair housing.
- I'd like to add that not five minutes
- 3 after I finished typing this I received with e-mail
- 4 from across the state asking about this very concern.
- 5 Completely unsolicited. I had no idea if this person
- 6 had any understanding of what our project was about
- 7 or anything. Just someone in another non-profit
- 8 housing venture.
- 9 MISAS has a partnership with the Kentucky
- 10 Human Rights Commission to assist in the awareness of
- 11 fair housing laws, and in fact, is co-sponsoring the
- 12 Fair Housing Symposium on November 15, 2003.
- 13 Our vision and that of Kentucky Housing
- 14 Corporation is that Daviess County be known as a site
- for a model program of housing for farm workers. We
- want a project that the community can be proud of and
- 17 which merits positive attention, rather than negative
- 18 criticism.
- 19 Now, this parts speaks more distinctly to
- 20 the issue of fair housing, as the Kentucky Fair
- 21 Housing law are set.
- 22 MISAS must operate rental housing under
- 23 the same conditions of the new landlord. There is no
- law that requires proof of citizenship or legal
- 25 residence to rent, and in fact to do so on the open

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- violation. If in the future federal farm worker
- 3 housing funds are secured for the construction of
- 4 additional housing, the legislation pertaining to
- 5 those funds would mandate the recording of legal
- 6 residency documents.
- 7 I was asked that question kind of on the
- 8 spot last time about this so I want to be clear.
- 9 I was confused and unprepared for the
- 10 related question at the last hearing, and I should
- 11 have been clearer. MISAS may only legally request to
- retain copies of legal residency in those cases where
- housing or rental subsidy has been funded by
- 14 particular federal programs. It's a legal mandate to
- 15 us.
- Below is a draft statement in response to
- 17 the issue of extraordinary conditions placed on the La
- 18 Posada Conditional Use Permit, which has been prepared
- 19 with legal counsel. Jesse Mountjoy is our lawyer.
- 20 I would also like to invite the Board of
- 21 Adjustors, after I read this, to offer suggestions as
- 22 to wording that would allow both parties to rectify
- the unintended violation of fair housing laws. So
- this is a draft statement.
- 25 Kentucky Fair Housing Law mandates housing

1 without discrimination. Sr. Larraine Lauter, as

- Executive Director for MISAS, has the responsibility
- 3 to act solely in accord with the law. She also has a
- 4 mandate, set by the Kentucky Housing Corporation, that
- 5 the funds granted for this project be in no way used
- 6 in violation of fair housing. The extraordinary
- 7 permit conditions that can be demonstrated to have
- 8 been set and maintained in response to concerns of a
- 9 discriminatory nature could readily be challenged as
- 10 violating the fair housing laws.
- 11 One year past the original date of the
- 12 conditions set for the permit, Sr. Larraine is far
- 13 more educated as to the intent and implications of
- 14 Kentucky Fair Housing Law. She, and the MISAS Board
- of Directors realize that in agreeing to the
- 16 conditions out of a spirit of compromise, she
- 17 unwittingly colluded with discriminatory intentions.
- 18 The MISAS Board of Directors also believes that the
- 19 Board of Adjustors acted without intention of
- 20 discrimination.
- To wit, some of the permit conditions,
- 22 specifically Numbers 1, 2 and 4, point to a special
- 23 set of concerns about a particular group of people,
- 24 identified solely by their ethnicity and country of
- origin, as they are currently stated. They may be

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- 2 publicly aired opinions and fears about the group of
- 3 people who would most likely constitute the residents
- 4 of the project. Statements that may be clearly
- demonstrated to be discriminatory, prejudicial and
- 6 defamatory in nature have been made on public record
- 7 at all three of the public hearings that have
- 8 addressed the conditional use permit for the La Posada
- 9 project.
- 10 It may be easily ascertained that similar
- 11 conditional use permits for seasonal farm worker
- 12 housing in Daviess County have not reflected those
- discriminatory concerns.
- 14 I'd also like reiterate at this point that
- 15 as far as has been able to ascertain that there are
- similar bunkhouses that have been built without
- 17 permits.
- 18 MISAS is therefore legally obligated to
- 19 request a careful review of the conditions as they
- stand, and a rewriting of the conditions so that they
- 21 are in line with similar projects.
- 22 MISAS has no hidden agendas or plans for
- 23 the La Posada project, nor should we be held
- 24 accountable to respond to every public statement that
- 25 claims otherwise. The MISAS mission will be best

- 1 served by a well-managed and maintained facility, and
- 2 those involved fully recognize that the success of the
- 3 project or lack thereof will reflect on themselves
- 4 personally, as well as MISAS. To assert otherwise is
- 5 defamatory of the character and intentions of the
- 6 persons involved, and illogical.
- 7 That's the end of the draft statement.
- 8 I'd also have to say that I'm concerned
- 9 about the implications for setting special conditions
- 10 where none have existed before, particularly as they
- 11 might impact future permit requests.
- 12 I, again, have an obligation to act in
- 13 complete accord with Kentucky Fair Housing law and in
- 14 the best interest of the mission and activities of
- 15 MISAS. In addition, I can see that such precedence
- would have implications for other projects, especially
- those brought to the board by farmers.
- 18 MISAS would prefer a permit that is in
- 19 every way comparable to those of comparable
- 20 projects; that is, having no special conditions
- 21 attached, especially as regards special supervisory
- 22 conditions. At the same time, we recognize the
- 23 difficulty of simply wiping the slate clean.
- Therefore, we propose the following:
- 25 A) That conditions 1 and 2 simply be

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- 2 law, and do not need to be reiterated;
- 3 B) Condition 3, the condition that seems
- 4 most appropriate and lawful with regard to concerns
- 5 about discrimination that was having to do with the
- 6 subdivision of the plat has been satisfied, and
- 7 therefore, need not be reiterated;
- 8 C) Condition 4, the condition that most
- 9 patently reflects discriminatory concerns, be
- 10 eliminated in its entirety;
- 11 D) A new condition, which states in its
- 12 entirety: The facility shall be managed by MISAS,
- 13 Inc., would be the condition that we feel like we
- 14 could accept.
- 15 CHAIRMAN: Would you answer one question
- 16 for me. You were stating other locations in the
- 17 county that have been built accordingly like them. Do
- 18 you know of any of those on small locations on
- 19 theirself and not on large farm operations?
- 20 SISTER LARRAINE: I'm not sure about the
- 21 one that was built in relation to the -
- 22 CHAIRMAN: That are not connected to large
- 23 farm.
- 24 SISTER LARRAINE: I'm thinking about the
- one that was built in relation to the packaging

- 1 facility. Help me out here. Vegetable processing
- facility. Western Kentucky Growers Co-Op. While
- 3 these are all on large parcels - I'm not sure that
- 4 that one is permitted at all actually. Been unable to
- find a permit for that. However, they're all in
- 6 residential areas. They're all public roads; all the
- 7 ones that we've been able to find permits for.
- 8 MR. NOFFSINGER: Mr. Chairman, if I might
- 9 comment on a few of these items.
- 10 Sister Lorraine mentioned Joe Elliott's
- 11 bunkhouse. No special conditions. Conditional use
- 12 permit came before this body. It was approved with no
- 13 conditions and the facility was constructed on Joe
- 14 Elliott's farm. He resided there. In fact, he had a
- full-time innkeeper, if you will, administrator,
- 16 supervisor. It could be argued that that would be
- tenant housing which is exempt by the statutes for
- 18 agricultural use and perhaps would not have required a
- 19 conditional use permit.
- 20 She mentioned the Jennifer House. I don't
- 21 know how you can attach conditions to an application
- that this board denies. How do you deny an
- 23 application and then attach conditions? You don't do
- 24 it.
- 25 SISTER LARRAINE: It has a permit though.

1	MR. NOFFSINGER: It has a permit, but that
2	was outside of this board's decision. They were
3	directed to issue a permit by the court. So there
4	were no special conditions tied to it because it was a
5	recommendation from an action of denial.
6	She's mentioned another site. I'm not
7	aware of that facility. I can tell you that it may
8	very well have occurred prior to the time we started
9	enforcing the ordinance in January of 2000 and could
10	be a situation where it existed prior to, predates the
11	zoning ordinance. I don't know.
12	This body did not review those. How can
13	this board set conditions on those? In fact, this is
14	the first application of its type to come before this
15	board. It is before this board as a dormitory.
16	Dormitories by their nature have some type of
17	supervision. If we go to a university dormitory, they
18	have live-in resident hall administrators.
19	I disagree and take issue of Sister
20	Lorraine's I think accusations here that this board
21	has violated the Fair Housing Act or discriminated. I
22	can tell he it's certainly not the staff's intent to
23	do that nor is it the intent of this board to do that.
24	In fact, the board has approved the

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conditional use permit on one occasion and each of the

- 1 conditions listed speak directly to the project
- overview. You presented that to us. We can't control
- 3 what the general public says in these meetings. You
- 4 know, we have the fifth amendment which talks about
- 5 freedom of speech. I think you need to be very
- 6 careful what you say, but you have the freedom of
- 7 speech. I don't think it's this gentleman's job right
- 8 here to tell us you can't say that, but what they
- 9 speak on record and what comes out is the way other
- 10 people will perceive them and understand them. I
- don't think anyone on this board has done that. In
- 12 fact, I think this board is in favor of this project
- and has worked to find a way to make this project come
- about in line with what's been presented to us.
- 15 Condition 1, we talked about number of
- residents. You're bound by law with a conditional use
- 17 permit to have 15 beds. If you want to come back or
- if you want to expand, you have to come before this
- 19 board.
- 20 It's not out of the ordinary for this
- 21 board to set a condition reminding the applicant of
- 22 that because I can tell you our staff, and we deal
- with folks on a daily basis, once a conditional use
- 24 permit is issued they believe that they can do
- anything they want with that property under that

1 particular use, but that's not the case. If they

- 2 expand, they have to come back before this board for a
- 3 hearing.
- Well, they expand. They don't get the
- 5 permit and someone, somehow we find out about it.
- 6 Well, you were suppose to get a conditional use
- 7 permit. Well, I didn't know that. I didn't know I
- 8 had to do that. That is placed there as reminder and
- 9 as a favor to the applicant to help the staff to
- 10 assist boards in the future and staff in the future.
- 11 Hey, here it was. It's a matter of record. We can
- 12 take that condition off.
- 13 We have you on record and this board on
- 14 record stating that 15 is the maximum. It's not that
- big of an issue whether we leave that condition on.
- 16 There was a condition about severe
- 17 regulations and rules. You had indicated in that
- 18 public hearing that there would be rules and
- 19 regulations, as with most dormitories. I know when I
- was college I had rules and regulations I had to go
- 21 by. You had presented that to the board and the board
- 22 wanted to have an absence of specific rules and
- 23 regulations just to know, hey, there was going to be
- some type of order to the living arrangements no
- 25 matter who lived there. It doesn't matter to me who

1 lives there. Anyone can live there. That's an issue,

- but there be some type of rules that you have a group
- 3 of people living together and someone supervising it.
- 4 Condition 3, I'm sure you want to delete
- 5 that. We do too because it's already been
- 6 fulfilled.
- 7 Item 4, a full-time live-in administrator
- 8 must be on site at all times. You stated in the
- 9 application that you'll have a full-time innkeeper.
- 10 You know, generally a dormitory you have a
- 11 live-in administrator. I can tell you it certainly is
- 12 not my intent to discriminate against anyone or to
- violate a fair housing act.
- 14 The Planning Staff, we've reviewed the
- 15 application. This application is in order and ready
- 16 for consideration.
- 17 SISTER LARRAINE: If I may respond.
- 18 First of all, I would like to reclarify as
- 19 I said at the beginning. I do not, MISAS is not
- 20 saying that the board is guilty of intentional
- 21 violation of the fair housing. Indeed by saying that,
- 22 I hold myself responsible for the acceptance of those
- 23 conditions. I'm trying to clearly demonstrate that.
- I have no doubt of the goodwill of the Board of
- 25 Adjustors.

1	Secondly, as someone who is familiar
2	because of other experiences with fair housing, not
3	experiences that I've personally been involved with
4	but that members of my family who rent have been
5	involved with in Louisville. I can assure you that if
6	you appear to be, we appear to be in violation of fair
7	housing, any concern at all our intentions do not
8	matter. Our intentions do not matter and they should
9	not.
10	There is no much there to respond to I'm
11	trying to sort this out.
12	I don't really see a need to reiterate
13	the need for supervision or the need for programs or
14	whatever when we have clearly demonstrated our
15	interest and concern with that piece of it. By being
16	interested in that ourselves, we don't see ourselves
17	to be in violation of fair housing. It's the nature
18	of the condition set in an environment where
19	prejudicial comments were made that renders this an
20	unfortunate kind of situation.
21	I would also say that I think, for
22	example, that the dormitory at Brescia, most recent
23	dormitory at Brescia was built since 2000. I would
24	just submit that I'm doubtful that it's possible to
25	find any permit in the city, in the county that calls

- 1 for conditions like this.
- 2 I'm also not sure that we really want to
- follow the path of opening up the door for farmers,
- agricultural employers who want to build housing in
- the future, I know that some have plans there, who are
- 6 then vulnerable to the same kinds of attacks by people
- 7 who are going to be unhappy about that.
- 8 I can personally witness that Joe Elliott
- 9 tells me that he had neighbors who were very opposed
- 10 to that.
- I don't think this is a good direction for
- 12 us to start taking with this.
- 13 Again, in terms of, I think MISAS has
- 14 clearly demonstrated that, yes, our initiative that
- set the ideas like rules, regulations, programs,
- 16 etcetera, you know, that clearly came out of our
- 17 court. We don't feel a need to have that reiterated
- 18 to us. We don't feel a need to have it specially
- reiterated for us because of the population that we're
- 20 serving. So we submit that it's not legally
- 21 defensible and that we are very uncomfortable with it
- 22 because it's not going to be legally defensible for us
- 23 either. It's something that I've researched with fair
- housing.
- 25 MR. DYSINGER: I'm sorry, Sister.

1 Mr. Chair, the application that we have

- 2 before us includes the conditions which Sister
- 3 Lorraine says that she is uncomfortable with. It
- 4 seems to me that the question is what we do with that
- 5 application.
- 6 CHAIRMAN: She submitted it.
- 7 MR. DYSINGER: And she's no longer
- 8 comfortable with the conditions in that application.
- 9 CHAIRMAN: Is my understanding you want to
- 10 change your application?
- 11 SISTER LARRAINE: I don't want to change
- 12 our application. I want to receive a new permit,
- which I understand is the given at this point, that
- does not have these same sorts of conditions placed on
- it. If we're starting over, let's start over.
- MR. DYSINGER: If we deny this
- 17 application, is MISAS able to resubmit under new
- 18 arrangement or is that not the best way to handle
- 19 that, Gary?
- We have to make a decision based on the
- 21 application that's in front of us. As the applicant
- 22 you have purview to bring in other things, other
- 23 people. We do not. That is completely outside of our
- 24 ability. I'm just trying to think - because as Mr.
- Noffsinger pointed out, despite what you may or may

1 not think or despite what the record reflects, this

- 2 board is supportive of what you're trying to
- accomplish here. We also have the responsibility of
- 4 the safety and welfare of the people in the adjoining
- 5 properties. That's not to say that there's going to
- 6 be problems. It's to say we have to look at this
- 7 issue from all sides. If we have to make this
- 8 decision based on just the information that's in front
- 9 of us right now, what's the best way to handle
- 10 this?
- 11 SISTER LARRAINE: May I interject that we
- 12 have here a new permit that as of yet has no
- 13 conditions on it. We are submitting - our
- submission, our proposal does not change in any way.
- 15 It's what were placed on the permit that we're asking.
- We're asking that the conditions of the previous
- 17 permit not be reiterated in this permit because of the
- 18 vulnerability to the concerns of fair housing. Our
- 19 vulnerability as well as yours. In fact, in some ways
- 20 more ours.
- 21 CHAIRMAN: Staff.
- 22 MR. NOFFSINGER: Mr. Chairman, I just want
- 23 to comment on Sister Lorraine's comments in this memo
- 24 regarding intentional or unintentional violation of
- 25 Fair Housing Act.

I can tell you I'm not buying into that.

- 2 That I can speak, and I will speak only for myself,
- 3 but I feel I have not intentionally or even
- 4 unintentionally attempted to discriminate, violate the
- 5 Fair Housing Act and -
- 6 SISTER LARRAINE: Mr. Noffsinger, have you
- 7 dealt much with fair housing?
- 8 MR. NOFFSINGER: - that is the
- 9 indication. I think if you look at my comments at
- 10 what I've made - what you're doing is coming before
- 11 this board telling this board that, hey, you have
- 12 violated and here is what you're to do and you have
- 13 become educated.
- I will submit to you that you have an
- 15 application before this board and this application as
- submitted is what you're agreeable to. The
- 17 application you submitted speaks to these same
- 18 conditions.
- Now, if I'm recommending to this board,
- 20 I'm recommending that they hear from anyone in the
- 21 audience that wishes to speak and then take that
- 22 evidence into consideration and weigh it as to the
- 23 Fair Housing Act and the issues of discrimination and
- 24 due process, and I think they will. If the
- 25 recommendations is for approval, I think it should be

1 conditioned upon the application as submitted.

- Now, we're here tonight to consider this
- 3 application. Not a discrimination case or fair
- 4 housing case, and that's what you're speaking to. I'm
- 5 not admitting to that. I think we're far away from
- 6 that, unless someone raises that issue. I can tell
- you for the record that it's certainly not my intent
- 8 to discriminate nor to violate the Fair Housing Act.
- 9 I don't believe I have done that or this board. I
- 10 think this board has worked with you to come up with a
- good project and conditions that are germane to the
- issue and consistent with what would be considered on
- other types of projects and you have the first
- 14 project.
- 15 SISTER LARRAINE: Will we see in the
- 16 future all other multi-person use residential
- 17 facilities with their proposals restated as
- 18 conditions? Whether those be residence halls.
- 19 Whether those be bunkhouses. Whether those be
- whatever. However people want to characterize those.
- 21 Shelters, halfway houses, Dismis House, the jail,
- 22 anything. Will all future conditional use permits
- 23 carry with them a restatement of the proposals in
- order to remind the applicants what they wanted to
- 25 do?

1	MS	MASON:	We're	not	here	tonight	tο	talk

- 2 about future. We're here tonight to talk about your
- 3 case.
- 4 CHAIRMAN: We've only got one to hear
- 5 tonight and that's yours. Let me make a clarification
- of one of the things you stated.
- Joe Elliott's operation is on his farm
- 8 operation. It's on a large farm application. It is
- 9 considered a tenant of his part of his location.
- 10 Yours is a private location on a private piece of land
- of your own. So that sets different from a farm
- 12 operation.
- 13 Secondly, you made a statement on some of
- 14 the things made in here. Everyone that's invited in
- 15 here to speak for or against has the right to state
- their feelings to the board. What they say is not
- 17 what we say or what we say is not what they say. So
- 18 be sure that is clear in the record, please.
- 19 With that does anyone else have any more
- 20 questions of her at this time?
- 21 MR. PEDLEY: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
- 22 respond to their previous meeting and these four
- 23 conditions. I made the motion to these four
- 24 conditions and I'd like to respond to those.
- 25 First of all, I have in front of me

1 Kentucky Statute, Planning & Zoning Statute KRS 100.

- 2 That's what we're bound by, Public Health Safety and
- Welfare. That's what we make our determination on.
- 4 In your original application you asked for
- 5 14 migrant farm workers and one supervisor. That's
- 6 what we gave you.
- 7 SISTER LARRAINE: That is what we intended
- 8 to comply with.
- 9 MR. PEDLEY: Then in Condition Number 1,
- 10 there shall not be an expansion on the residence or on
- 11 the site plans submitted without coming before OMB
- Board. That's in here. That's a requirement. We
- gave you what you asked for in your application, 14
- 14 migrant workers.
- Number 2, if there are any severe rules,
- 16 regulations, maintenance violations, board may require
- 17 permit holder to appear before the board and address
- 18 the problems. The board has the power to revoke the
- 19 conditional use permit and may do so. Right here,
- 20 Kentucky Statute requires the zoning administrator to
- 21 annually inspect. If there are violations, then he is
- 22 to bring you before this board to address those
- 23 problems.
- Number 3, was the Staff's request. We put
- 25 that in there.

1 Number 4, there's only one word in there

- that you didn't have in your application and your
- 3 overview and your agreement. You said there will be a
- 4 full-time administrator. I said at all time. I said
- 5 a full-time administrator and I said at all time.
- 6 So these four conditions there's only one
- 7 word in there that you didn't have in your application
- 8 and asked for.
- 9 SISTER LARRAINE: I don't have any
- 10 concerns -
- 11 MR. PEDLEY: There was no intent of
- 12 discrimination of this board. If we did, we did not
- 13 know that we were doing it. I know you're before this
- board for a new application. The old application is
- out the door. It expired in one year. We're
- 16 considering a new application.
- 17 Again, the project overview basically says
- 18 the same thing. Almost identical. I could go by your
- 19 overview and make a new motion and take out one word
- and it would be according to your project overview and
- 21 your agreement before this board and what you tell
- these people here that you're going to do. Now, we're
- 23 not just considering you. We're considering these
- 24 people over here or anybody in that community. That's
- 25 what we must consider and that's according to the

- 1 Kentucky Statute regardless of discrimination fair
- 2 housing. I don't like your accusations at all. We
- 3 tried -
- 4 SISTER LARRAINE: I would like to clarify.
- 5 MR. PEDLEY: - to accommodate you, give
- 6 what you want. You come before this board with the
- 7 accusation of discrimination. I don't like that.
- 8 SISTER LARRAINE: If I may interject. I
- 9 would like to reiterate another time that I said I do
- 10 not accuse the board of discrimination. I simply
- bring up that the board and I together have
- inadvertently violated fair housing law.
- 13 Inadvertently.
- 14 MR. NOFFSINGER: It's your opinion.
- 15 SISTER LARRAINE: It's my opinion that,
- 16 yes, you inadvertently and I inadvertently,
- inadvertently without intention. So there's no
- 18 accusation here. It's simply a request that we put
- 19 this in line with the law. Again, I'm not sure that
- 20 we can find a permit where the conditions are restated
- 21 for the benefit of the applicant. I don't have any
- 22 concerns with what we said we would do.
- 23 CHAIRMAN: The agreements that agree to in
- 24 the application you're saying -
- 25 SISTER LARRAINE: That is why that we said

1 that our - - the condition that we would be willing to

- 2 accept would be that the facility shall be managed by
- MISAS, Incorporated. I'd be willing to say we could
- 4 add as stated in the permit application. That's
- 5 unusual in and of itself to be required to do that.
- 6 Again, I would submit that is vulnerable to inquiry as
- 7 to why all of the many, many applications before you,
- 8 including the ones tonight, there has been no
- 9 restatement of conditions. That's our only concern.
- 10 I don't want to look like I'm polluting with
- discrimination. I don't believe that your intention
- 12 is discriminatory. I think we're sort in a difficult
- 13 place here. That can be very simply solved. I don't
- have any intention to change the way that we go about
- 15 building or supervising or anything of this facility.
- 16 Our application stands as it is. I have no quarrel
- 17 with our application. I simply would say that I do
- not understand why there's a special concern for this
- 19 particular application. That what we said we would do
- 20 has to be restated for our benefit.
- MR. WIMSATT: Bob Wimsatt.
- 22 (MR. BOB WIMSATT SWORN BY ATTORNEY.)
- MR. WIMSATT: I just have one question. I
- 24 realize everybody is trying to work something out
- 25 here. Certainly I don't understand all the issues as

1 well as Sister Lorraine as she's dealt with it, her

- work on this project in the last year or two. I sense
- 3 that everybody is trying to work something out here.
- I guess my question is: If it's in the record, Mr.
- 5 Pedley, I really don't understand either exactly why
- 6 those couldn't be restated as conditions, but
- 7 apparently Sister Lorraine has some concerns about
- 8 that. If it's in the record, isn't that sufficient?
- 9 I'm posing that as a question. Isn't it sufficient
- 10 that if everything is in the record, does it have to
- 11 be restated as a condition? I'm asking that
- 12 question.
- 13 MR. PEDLEY: You have some of the same
- language in your lease. Basically some of the things
- 15 we're saying you have in your lease if you read your
- 16 lease.
- 17 MR. WIMSATT: I'm just posing the
- 18 question. Does it have to be stated as a condition
- when it is on record, it's part of the application?
- 20 Everything that you said is part of their application
- 21 they've agreed to. I'm just questioning does it have
- to be a condition because that seems to be a stumbling
- 23 block. It is on record. It's on record. Nobody can
- argue that the commitments that they've made. I think
- 25 Sister Lorraine's concern is that it's attached as a

- 1 condition.
- CHAIRMAN: I'll answer that for you.
- 3 Since I've sat on this table as chairman and there's
- 4 been conditions made, I have asked the people, do you
- 5 understand what you're agreeing to almost every time.
- 6 I'll say every time just about. The restrictions that
- 7 we put on to be sure they understand. It's for their
- 8 benefit and safety. It's also on the record.
- 9 Sometimes you all don't listen to what is written in,
- 10 the secretary writes up. We want to be sure you
- 11 understand it. That's the reason they're stated.
- 12 SISTER LARRAINE: I really do not mean
- 13 this in an adversarial way. I would like to point out
- 14 that I do not believe the other conditions granted
- 15 tonight that there was any restatement or a need to
- 16 remind other than verbally. I'm not sure I heard
- 17 verbally. I could have missed that. I'm not sure
- 18 there was a need to restate in any way any of the -
- 19 there was a discussion of it, whatever. In the
- 20 permits that were granted tonight, we do not see
- 21 similar line of thought. There is no previous history
- 22 of discriminatory comments made. If you look closely
- at what happens with fair housing, when fair housing
- suits are pursued legally in court, the concern is
- simply with the response. You know, what's the

1 action. Intention is not a defense. It's not a

- 2 defense for me. It's not a defense. I'm trying to
- 3 say that not as a strong Army tactic. Not as a -
- 4 simply to say this is something we can work out very
- 5 easily together. To keep telling me that there's no
- 6 particular, nothing special here, you know, I can't
- 7 accept that. It is not the conditions themselves.
- 8 It's the perceived need to state special conditions
- 9 for this special project. That's the problem.
- 10 CHAIRMAN: The three applicants we made
- 11 this evening there were no three any major
- 12 restrictions stated in the type they presented. So
- 13 they weren't stated. Yours have been last time, this
- 14 time so they have been restated and they've been put
- in the record and restate for your benefit. Not for
- 16 your harm, but for your benefit.
- 17 SISTER LARRAINE: But the entire
- 18 application is part of the record. I mean there are
- other things I have in the application that are not
- 20 stated as conditions.
- 21 CHAIRMAN: With that we're going to change
- 22 to the other side and see if they have anything. You
- 23 may say something else if you desire.
- 24 Sir, do you have anything else you'd like
- 25 to bring this evening?

1	MR. JACKSON: Brian Jackson.
2	(MR. BRIAN JACKSON SWORN BY ATTORNEY.)
3	MR. JACKSON: Only to say to the board
4	that I'm extremely confused now. I've been upset
5	about this project since word one. I do not come to
6	this as a bystander. I've lived in this community for
7	20 years. I've been awarded United Way Volunteer of
8	the Year Award. I've been awarded the Civitan
9	Owensboro Citizen of the Year Award. Pitino Shelter,
10	the Oasis Center, they've all given me awards and
11	honors for one reason and that's the work I've done
12	over the past two decades. Finding and funding ways
13	to provide adequate housing for low income people in
14	this county. So when I rise to object to the project
15	in principal as a matter FOLLY (CHECK), it is not
16	without some knowledge of what I'm talking about.
17	First off I was here when the applicant
18	agreed to the conditions of the board. There were
19	many witnesses in the room. It's on public record
20	when the applicant a year ago agreed to the conditions
21	of the board.
22	Now a month ago I was also here when the
23	applicant admitted to the board that they had only
24	made that agreement as a matter of convenience and had
25	no intention to comply because they found the

1 conditions disagreeable. Now I'm hearing

- 2 co-applicants dictate to the board what conditions
- 3 they will and will not accept.
- 4 This seems very inappropriate to me. The
- 5 board has counsel. The board does not need applicants
- 6 to interpret the law to it. This makes me very
- 7 uncomfortable indeed with the whole process. I just
- 8 want to restate my objections. Thank you.
- 9 CHAIRMAN: At this time the board is going
- 10 to take about 15 minutes, recess, and ask a couple of
- things of our lawyer and at that time we'll start back
- 12 up. So within 15 minutes we'll start the program
- 13 again. Adjourn for 15 minutes.
- 14 - (OFF THE RECORD) - -
- 15 CHAIRMAN: Does any board members have any
- more questions of the applicant they want to ask?
- 17 (NO RESPONSE)
- 18 CHAIRMAN: Staff very anything else to
- 19 add?
- 20 MR. NOFFSINGER: Only to reiterate what I
- 21 said earlier at the beginning without going into full
- 22 details. Staff would recommend that if you consider
- 23 this item for approval that you place a condition on
- 24 the approval that the facility be operated as stated
- in the application which was prepared by the

- 1 applicant. All members have a copy and has been
- 2 entered into the record.
- 3 CHAIRMAN: Does the applicant have
- 4 anything else you'd like to add at this?
- 5 SISTER LARRAINE: No.
- 6 CHAIRMAN: Do you have anything else you'd
- 7 like to add at this time? Change your mind?
- 8 SISTER LARRAINE: No. I'm agreeable to
- 9 that because I'm agreeable with our application.
- 10 CHAIRMAN: Any board member have anything
- 11 else you want to add or comment?
- 12 (NO RESPONSE)
- 13 CHAIRMAN: Ready to make a motion.
- 14 MR. PEDLEY: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion
- 15 for approval based on statements in the application by
- 16 Sister Lorraine. Findings are the Conditional Use
- 17 Permit is a farm-related use and is compatible with
- 18 the community in an A-R zone. Two, the permit will
- 19 not cause adversely influence on the existing or
- 20 future development or the property or surrounding
- 21 neighborhood. Complies with the site development
- 22 requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. With the
- 23 condition the facility will be operated in a manner as
- 24 described in the project overview provided in the
- 25 application by MISAS and Sister Lorraine.

1 CHAIRMAN: Is there a second to the

- 2 motion?
- MS. DIXON: Second.
- 4 CHAIRMAN: Any other comments from the
- 5 board members?
- 6 (NO RESPONSE)
- 7 CHAIRMAN: staff have any questions?
- 8 MR. NOFFSINGER: No, sir.
- 9 CHAIRMAN: Do you understand the motion
- 10 has been made?
- 11 SISTER LARRAINE: I understand the motion
- 12 has been made to accept the application based on the
- 13 condition of the application, yes.
- 14 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. With that all in
- 15 favor of the motion raise your right hand.
- 16 (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE.)
- 17 CHAIRMAN: Motion carries.
- 18 Anything else on the agenda?
- MR. NOFFSINGER: No, sir.
- 20 CHAIRMAN: If not, entertain one final
- 21 motion.
- MR. MILLER: Move to adjourn.
- MS. DIXON: Second.
- 24 CHAIRMAN: All in favor raise your right
- 25 hand.

1		(ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED A	YE.
2		CHAIRMAN: Everybody have a Merry	
3	Christmas a	nd Happy New Year and hope to see you a	11
4	next year.	Meeting is adjourned.	
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8	that each person commenting on issues under discussion
9	were duly sworn before testifying; that the Board
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