

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
From: **Melissa Sonnek, City Planner**
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Net Ministries Expansion – Education Facility/School with Housing

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Net Ministries provides missionary training to college-age students who desire to serve on mission teams throughout the United States. They temporary housing for students in a dorm-type setting on-site at 110 Crusader Ave W, which also serves as their office and training center.

In late 2017, early 2018 Net Ministries went through the process of re-zoning their properties to R4 – Multi-Family Residential to allow for short term, on-site housing for their trainings for missionaries and other staff.

Due to the level of success of their trainings and retreats, Net is looking to expand. The building no longer functions the way it was intended, what was previously used as a gymnasium is now being used as a cafeteria and what was previously used as the cafeteria is now being used as the large assembly room. While Net Ministries hosts multiple retreats, trainings, and seminars throughout the year, the size of these events or number of attendees is not expected to change.

Presently, the Zoning Code does not allow a training or educational facility within the R4 – Multi-Family district. City Staff would like Council’s thoughts and feedback on the possibility of adding this use to the R4 district, and if the use should be permitted or conditional.

City Staff believes the proposed use would operate similarly to St. Croix Lutheran Academy, education/training facility with dorms/housing on site. The primary difference would be that St. Croix Lutheran is in a R1 zoning district.

Net Ministries representatives are planning on being in attendance of this meeting and should be available to answer any questions you might have about the project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is requesting direction on whether or not to proceed with an ordinance amendment as described.