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1838 Center St.

This is a picture of the 1838 Center Street which shows the large yellow sign announcing Hospital Coming Soon.

May 7th ZHB meeting on the Psychiatric Hospital at Center & Dewberry

Dear <<First Name>>,

As ordered by Judge Smith, the Zoning Hearing Board will consider Mr. Atiyeh's proposed 125 bed, 4 story, 120,000 square foot drug, alcohol and psychiatric hospital. Its site is zoned as an Institutional District. Unlike rehab facilities, hospitals are a permitted use in Institutional Districts. So this application differs from the other applications we successfully opposed. Nevertheless, hospitals must meet all the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, and the Comprehensive Plan. Many of us would support a real hospital at that location, done properly, in accordance with these Ordinances and the Plan. But we have concerns about this application.

- Is it really a hospital, or is it a drug and alcohol rehab facility as his other proposals?
- Will it ultimately become a rehab facility?
- How does this facility protect the general health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood? Of Bethlehem Catholic High School?

(<http://www.northbethaction.org/currentissues.htm>
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This ZHB meeting, and a Planning Commission meeting to be scheduled later, are CRITICAL meetings. Mr. Atiyeh has a hard time keeping track of his lawsuits. We have a long term interest in our neighborhood and its future, not a short term perspective that those who do not live here may have.

- **COME TO THE MEETING—6:00 PM, May 7th, 2nd Floor of the Bethlehem Library. Your presence speaks loudly to the Zoning Hearing Board.**
- **Talk with City Hall and those running for office** about strongly opposing inappropriate development.

Our website (www.northbethaction.org) has been extensively updated recently. It provides ***further ideas*** of things you can do and gives a picture of where we stand on the various applications and appeals. It contains links to the revised Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as well as the March 2008 version relevant to many of Mr. Atiyeh's applications.

Other resources include ***stories describing Mr. Atiyeh***, such as the one in the [April 23, 2013 edition of the Morning Call](#). When asked for comment on the dismissal of his appeal of Allentown ZHB decision, he said, ***"I'm not even sure (of which pending lawsuit was referenced)...I have six or seven of these things going"***.

Please visit www.northbethaction.org for more information.

Thank you again for your support and participation,

We'll see you at the meetings!

North Bethlehem Action Committee

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