
The Ark Approval - Pastor Randall Popham

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Pastor Randall Popham, and I have been the Lead Pastor of Lanier Hills Church here in Hall County for 21 years. I have known Jeff that entire time, and I am writing to voice my full support for the approval Jeff is seeking for The Ark, both the parking and the event space.

Over the years I have used The Ark many times for our church. We have held leadership training there. We have taken men there for spiritual retreats. We have brought women there for the same kind of thing, time away to grow, to heal, to connect with God and with each other. Every time we have used that property, it has been a place where real life change happens.

I want to be honest with you about what The Ark is not. It is not a party venue. It is not a place for wild events or anything that would bring noise or trouble to the neighborhood. What it has been, in my experience and in the experience of the people I have brought there, is a quiet place where people find connection, growth, and healing.

I believe this expansion will help The Ark continue to serve our community well. The property is already large and has plenty of room for the people who use it. This addition would not overwhelm that space. It simply gives our community more options, more places right here in Hall County where people can gather for the kind of events that build people up rather than tear them down.

I know Jeff personally, and I know his heart for this property. He has built something that adds real value to Hall County. I hope you will approve this request.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our community.

Sincerely,

Randall Popham

Lead Pastor, Lanier Hills Church
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