

Glendale land may be sold for retirement community

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GLENDALE - Landmark Baptist Temple may sell part of its property for a possible retirement community.

Church members are expected to vote to on the proposed sale Sunday, April 1.

The property involved is the ball fields, auditorium, school building and parking lot near the Oak Avenue site of the property, separate from the property adjacent to Sharon Road.

"We've only discussed verbally, never in writing, about what may or may not happen up there," said Glendale Administrator Walter Cordes.

If the church's membership votes Sunday to sell the land, Glendale and Evendale officials would receive a formal proposal from Erickson Retirement Communities, the developer interested in buying the land, Cordes said.

Before anything is approved, Evendale would have to re-zone the land for residential use, and Glendale would have to increase the number of living units per acre allowed on the site from the current 10 to the number Erickson proposes.



"We have had minimal conversation with Landmark and only an introductory meeting with Erickson folks," said Jack Cameron, assistant to Evendale Mayor Don Apking.

Cameron said he's not sure the development would fit into Evendale's master plan, which is currently being scrutinized by a committee.

"We don't know if a retirement home does or doesn't fit in," said Cameron.

Erikson does not have any details to provide, according to Director of Communications Joe Harsel.

"Based upon demographics and from what we've heard of local retirees, the need for an Erikson retirement community in the Cincinnati area is compelling; however, we currently don't have any site under contract, but we would welcome the opportunity to serve retirees in Cincinnati," said Harsel.

Landmark is hosting a public information meeting regarding the tentative land purchase at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, at the church, 1600 Glendale-Milford Road.

Landmark officials did not return phone calls, Monday.

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