

Poetry, passion and dance at TEARS

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TEENS Empowerment Awareness with ResolutionS, Inc., is pleased to announce that they have received a Youth Venture grant to help develop their newly formed dance program, Poetry in Motion with Passion.

Youth Venture helps to empower young people ages 12-20 by providing them the tools necessary to create civic-minded organizations, clubs and/or businesses. A Venture is any youth-created, youth-led program designed to provide a positive lasting benefit in a school, neighborhood or large community. They strive to reach and sup-

port any young person nationwide who has a dream about how to make a difference and the dedication to make it happen. There is an upcoming mass movement of young people who are changing the world by showing others that young people can and do play positive roles as community leaders. The grant was rewarded to Tiffany Burgess, a Prevention Specialist at TEARS Inc., on Feb. 15.

Since August 2006, Tiffany has been a Prevention Specialist at TEARS, Inc. She is originally from Atlanta and came to Columbus to attend Columbus State University, majoring in Theatre Education. At



TEARS, she feels encouraged to use her talents to benefit herself, the students and the organization. Poetry in Motion with Passion is a dance program that is opening here at TEARS in March. The dance program encourages youth to use dance as their personal silent poetry. She will be teaching dance skills to help promote a positive image and motivate the youth to make the most of

their potential, both as a peer leader and as a young adult. Dance classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. and the students must have at least one hour of tutorial services prior to dance class at the TEARS office. Tiffany is very passionate about dancing and looks forward to working closely with the young people to motivate them to grow through dance.

"I greatly appreciate TEARS Inc., for everything they have done for me thus far," said Burgess. "I have a strong passion for helping children and I look forward to the years to come with this organization."

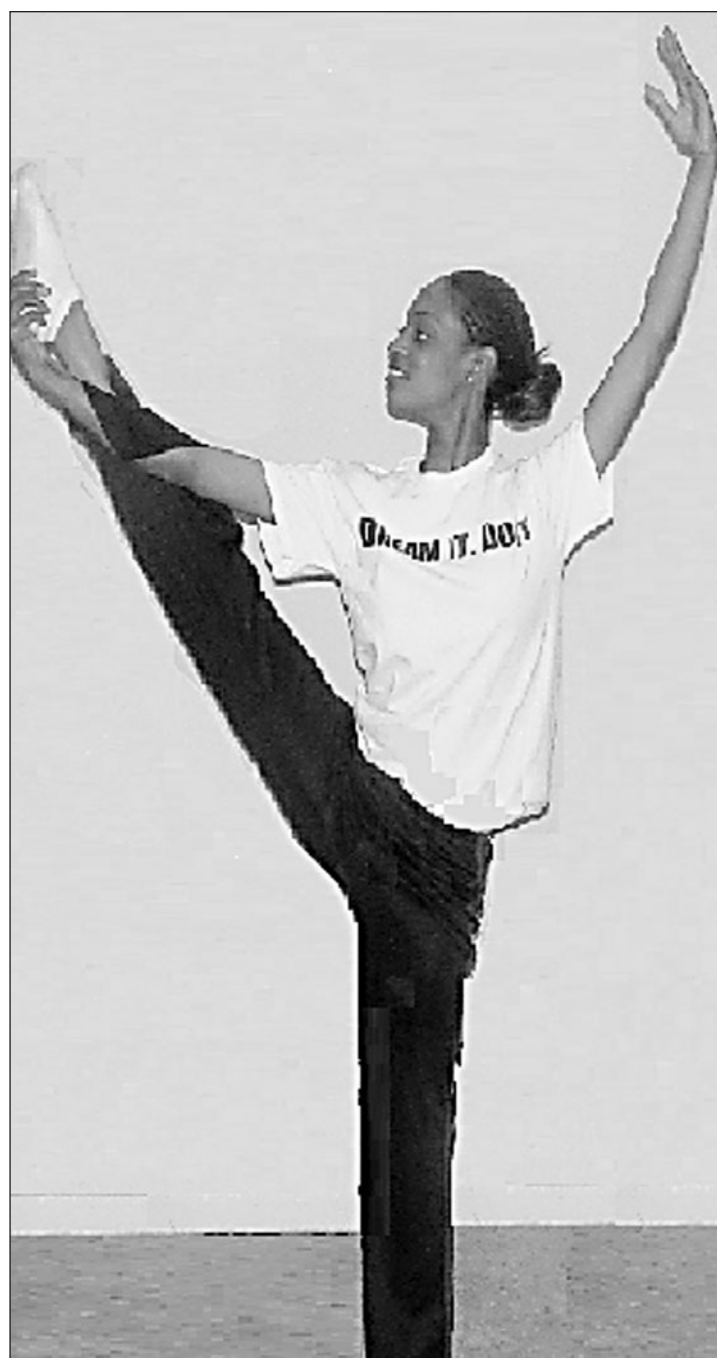


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Dancing for Joy

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Law firm is denied zoning for Northside property

•Commission concerned with spot zoning on Summerville Road

By Micheil O'Rourke-Cole
Staff Writer

The law firm that wanted to move into 4203 Summerville Road did not get the nod from the Phenix City Planning Commission on Tuesday. Commissioners agreed that to rezone the former residence is tantamount to "spot zoning" regardless of the surrounding businesses.

"My concern with the whole thing is we are a planning board for a reason," said Commissioner Chris Blackshear. "We have a comprehensive plan we have to follow. We have to follow that plan in a wider range, as to what the effects will be down the road. Yeah, we have to look at it on a case by case basis, but this has a trickle-down effect."

"This is an area we are trying to keep residential," said Commissioner Jay Coulter. "Where does it stop. If we had to put something there, there would be nothing better

than a law office, but that's just not the place for it."

Commissioner Tom Corley "echoed" the other commissioners concerns.

"Once you start having some businesses in there, where do you stop," he said. "Somewhere you have to protect your residential area."

The firm, now located on Broad St. sent a representative to support the move from an R-1 into an A-O zone. He spoke for several minutes during the public hearing, outlining reasons why the change should be acceptable.

Suntrust Mortgage and an apartment complex are across the street and next to the property which is currently owned by Bruce Britt. Meacham, Earley and Fowler would like to refurbish the house and use the property for primarily real estate legal transactions.

All rezoning must also go before Phenix City Council before a final determination is made.

Property at 1501 3rd Avenue will be recommended for conditional use in what is now a commercial zone, the

Phenix City Planning Commission decided on Tuesday. A sandwich shop will start business near Uptown Pawn on the city's east side.

Ivy Creek, Lee Acres and Willow Trace subdivisions received time extensions for completion and about 100 feet of road was approved to reach the Macedonia Fellowship Church off Ingersoll Drive. Bill Gordy spent several minutes before the commission looking for suggestions in order to make progress on the Windmark subdivision. Plans have

changed enough in the plat so that a new submission may be necessary. Gordy questioned whether a time extension would be required on the original plans in case he plans to go forward with the original plat. The Windmark would have to meet recently renovated subdivision regulations should a re-submission be required.

The Phenix City Planning Commission will meet again on March 27 at 5:15.

Email Micheil O'Rourke-Cole at news@citizennewsonline.com

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5. Roberta Flack--- The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face.
6. Johnny Nash--- I Can't See Clearly Now.
7. Paul Simon--- Fifty Ways to Lose Your Liver.

8. The Commodores--- Once, Twice, Three Times to the Bathroom.
9. Marvin Gaye--- Heard It Through the Grape Nuts.
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