



Building of former C&C Video demolished

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The building that once housed C&C Video in West Ashley, the subject of a yearlong zoning fight that went to the South Carolina Supreme Court, was demolished Friday to make way for a Kangaroo mini-mart.

Maryville residents who had participated in numerous protests aimed at driving the adult business from the neighborhood celebrated the demolition earlier in the week, marching around the vacant building with protest signs that said things such as "Porno Kills Families"

"I may keep a few of them for posterity," said Maryville/Ashleyville Neighborhood Association President Leonard Higgins.

Maryville residents had expected the demolition of the building on St. Andrews Boulevard to take place Tuesday, but they marched and celebrated all the same.

"This has been a long time coming," Pastor Randolph Miller of Nichols Chapel AME said. "There was a prayer vigil, marches, candlelight services. The fight itself was five years."

Councilman Wendell Gilliard, a longtime foe of the video store, organized Tuesday's event.

"God has smiled on us and given us victory, and we are proud of that," he said.

The fight with C&C Video began when Charleston attempted in 2002 to enforce rules restricting adult business locations.

At a zoning hearing that year, a Charleston police officer testified that he witnessed a sex act in the back room of the business, where customers could watch pornographic movies in a miniature theater or in small booths.

The store's owner argued that his products were legal, and that the business conformed with zoning requirements.

The store closed in 2005 after the court fight was resolved in the city's favor with a Supreme Court ruling.

Mark Jordan, the new owner of the property, said a Kangaroo gas station and mini-market could open there in about six months. He promised that the store would not sell adult magazines.

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