



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of May 16, 2009**

DATE: April 23, 2009

SUBJECT: U-3196-08-3 USE PERMIT RENEWAL after school program; 716 S. Glebe Rd. (YMCA) (RPC #23-028-016)

Applicant:

Liz Perniciaro
YMCA of Metropolitan Washington-Arlington Branch
3422 North 13th Street
Arlington, Virginia 22201

C.M. RECOMMENDATION:

Renew the use permit subject to all previous conditions, with an administrative review in six (6) months (November 2009) and with a County Board review in three (3) years (May 2012).

ISSUES: This is a one (1) year review of an existing use permit for a school and there have been no issues identified.

SUMMARY: This is a review of an existing use permit for an after program run by the YMCA located at the Arlington Methodist Church. The use complies with all conditions of approval, and has the support of the Alcova Heights Civic Association. The applicant is completing some required building permits, and staff recommends an administrative review to monitor the progress of these permits. Therefore, it is recommended that the use permit be renewed subject to all previous conditions, with an administrative review in six (6) months (November 2009) and with a County Board review in three (3) years (May 2012).

BACKGROUND: The use permit was approved by the County Board in May 2008, and has been running since the summer of last year. The program enrolls up to 70 children between the ages of five (5) to 12 after school hours until 6:30 p.m. five (5) days a week.

DISCUSSION: The program is an after school program operated by the regional YMCA, and enrolls 70 children between the ages of five (5) to 12 after school hours until 6:30 p.m. five (5) days a week. The program offers social and educational programs, such as homework assistance, instruction in the arts and sports.

County Manager: _____

Staff: Peter Schulz, DCPHD, Planning Division

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Since the original approval (May 17, 2008):

Use Permit Conditions: The subject use is in compliance with the approved conditions of the use permit.

Community Code Enforcement: Community Code Enforcement has not expressed any concerns regarding the subject use permit.

Fire Marshal's Office: The Fire Marshal's office has not expressed concerns regarding the subject use permit.

Child Care Office: The Child Care Office has no concerns regarding the subject use permit.

Civic Association: The Alcova Heights Civic Association has expressed their support of the renewal of the use permit (attached).

CONCLUSION: The program is in compliance with the use permit regulations and has the support of the Civic Association. Staff recommends an administrative review to follow up on the progress of required building permits. Therefore, staff recommends renewal of the approved use permit subject to all previous conditions, with an administrative review in six (6) months (November 2009) and with County Board review in three (3) years (May 2012).

Approved Conditions:

1. The applicant agrees to meet the requirements of the Child Care Ordinance, Community Code Enforcement Office, Environmental Health Bureau and the Fire Marshal's Office, including securing the appropriate assembly permit prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
2. The applicant agrees that parents of students attending the program shall escort their students from the building at all times.
3. The applicant agrees that the hours of operation would be Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and on Wednesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., with a maximum capacity of 70 children, or such number as determined by the Department of Human Services Child Care Office. However, the Department of Human Services Child Care Office may determine the final number of children that can be served in the program following any proposed or required renovations and improvements to the site. This number may be modified based on appropriate space ratios. The applicant agrees not to provide care for more than 70 children at any one time, or such other number as the Child Care Office has determined can be accommodated and as evidenced by the certificate of occupancy.
4. The applicant agrees to designate a neighborhood liaison to communicate with nearby residents and neighbors to address concerns that may be related to this child care center. The name and telephone number of the liaison shall be submitted by the applicant to the Zoning Administrator, as well as to the Alcovia Heights Civic Association, prior to issuance of any building permit.

PREVIOUS COUNTY BOARD ACTIONS:

July 15, 1967	Approved a use permit (U-1763-67-1) for a school for 50 children and a mother's day out program, subject to annual renewal in June.
June 1968 to June 1977	Renewed a use permit (U-1763-67-1) for a school for 50 children (increased in 1976 to 55 children) and a mother's day out program, subject to annual renewal.
June 3, 1978	Renewed a use permit (U-1763-67-1) for a school for 55 children and a mother's day out program, with no further review.
August 21, 1979	Approved a use permit (U-2219-79-2) to increase enrollment for a preschool use from 55 to 65 ages 3-5 years, subject to conditions, with a review in two (2) years (August 1981).
September 1, 1981	Renewed use permit (U-2219-79-2) for a preschool use for 65 children ages 3-5 years with a County Board review in five (5) years (September 1986).
September 6, 1986	Renewed use permit (U-2219-79-2) for a preschool use for 65 children ages 3-5 years and review in five (5) years (September 1991).
September 18, 1991	Renewed a use permit (U-2219-79-2) for a preschool for 65 children, deleted condition #2, subject to all other previous conditions, and no further review.
May 17, 2008	Approved a use permit (U-3196-08-3) for an after school program, subject to conditions and review in one (1) year (May 2009).