



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of October 24, 2009**

**DATE:** October 13, 2009

**SUBJECT:** U-3091-04-1 Use Permit Amendment to change the hours of operation for the preschool program at Early Years Preschool located at 3701 Lorcom Lane (RPC: 04-022-019).

**Applicant:**

Early Years Enhancement Services, Inc.  
3701 Lorcom Lane  
Arlington, Virginia 22207

**C. M. RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the subject use permit amendment, subject to all previously approved conditions and one (1) amended condition, with a County Board review in one (1) year (October 2010).

**ISSUES:** This is a use permit amendment to modify the hours of operation for Early Years Enhancement Services, Inc. (Early Years Preschool), and no issues have been identified.

**SUMMARY:** Early Years Preschool is requesting a use permit amendment to modify its hours of operation to allow in the mornings, an early drop off option for parents. The modification would change the current time of Early Year's opening from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. In addition, with the proposed amendment, the condition would be modified to permit upon future request, additional changes to the hours of operation to be reviewed administratively and approved by the Zoning Administrator provided that the use permit is in compliance with all conditions, if he/she finds that there would be no adverse impacts to the surrounding neighborhood and the requested change has been approved by the Child Care office. The Child Care office has no objection to the proposed change and the program has operated in compliance with all use permit conditions since approved in 2004. Therefore, staff recommends the use permit amendment be approved subject to all previously approved conditions and one (1) amended condition with a County Board review in one (1) year (October 2010).

**BACKGROUND:** In 2004, Early Years Enhancement Services, Inc. was granted a use permit for Early Years Preschool which is comprised of a nonprofit cooperative Parent's Day Out program and a non-cooperative Preschool program. Since 1985, Early Years Preschool has

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operated a nonprofit, cooperative Parent's Day Out Program for children 6 months to 3 ½ years of age and a nonprofit, non-cooperative preschool for children ages 3 to 5 years of age, in various locations throughout the County. The preschool is currently located in the Cherrydale United Methodist Church. It operates Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and is permitted a maximum enrollment of 42 children.

**DISCUSSION:** The applicant proposes to change the time at which the preschool opens from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. This change is requested in response to parents' need for an early drop off option to accommodate work schedules and public school hours, where parents have multiple children enrolled in programs and schools in multiple locations. The later start time was presenting a hardship to parents in this respect. County Board review and approval for this modification is required, as the hours of operation are dictated by approved use permit Condition #3. An additional proposed change to the condition would allow for future changes to the hours of operation to be reviewed administratively and approved by the Zoning Administrator if the use permit is in compliance with all conditions, after finding that a proposed change would not adversely affect the surrounding neighborhood and that the Child Care office, which regulates childcare and family day care operations, has approved the proposed amendment.

**Since the last review (July 2007):**

Use Permit Conditions: The preschool has been and continues to operate in compliance with the approved use permit conditions.

Child Care Office: The Child Care Office indicated that they have no concerns regarding Early Years Preschool adjusting their operating time to provide an early drop off option for parents.

Community Code Enforcement: The Community Code Enforcement indicates that there are no code enforcement issues with the subject property.

Fire Marshal's Office: The Fire Marshal's Office indicated that the property has been inspected and maintains a current permit.

Police Department: The Police Department has not indicated any issues with the subject property.

Neighborhood: The site is located within the Cherrydale Citizens Association. To date, staff has not received comments from the neighborhood association regarding the subject use permit amendment.

**CONCLUSION:** Early Years Preschool has operated since 2004 with no issues. The proposed modification to the hours of operation is in direct response to the needs of the families it serves. The proposed use permit amendment would neither adversely affect the health or safety of the surrounding neighborhood, nor be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to property or improvements in the neighborhood. Therefore, staff recommends that the use permit amendment

be approved, subject to all previously approved conditions, and one (1) amended condition with a County Board review in one (1) year (October 2010).

Amended Condition:

3. The applicant agrees that the hours of operation would be Monday through Friday between ~~9:30~~ 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., ~~W~~with a maximum capacity of 42 children. An Administrative Change request may be submitted to review requests for changes to the hours of operation. Such requests may be approved by the Zoning Administrator provided that the use permit is in compliance with all other conditions, if he/she finds that such change will not adversely impact the surrounding neighborhood and the applicant has demonstrated that the Child Care office has approved the amendment.

PREVIOUS COUNTY BOARD ACTIONS:

July 10, 2004

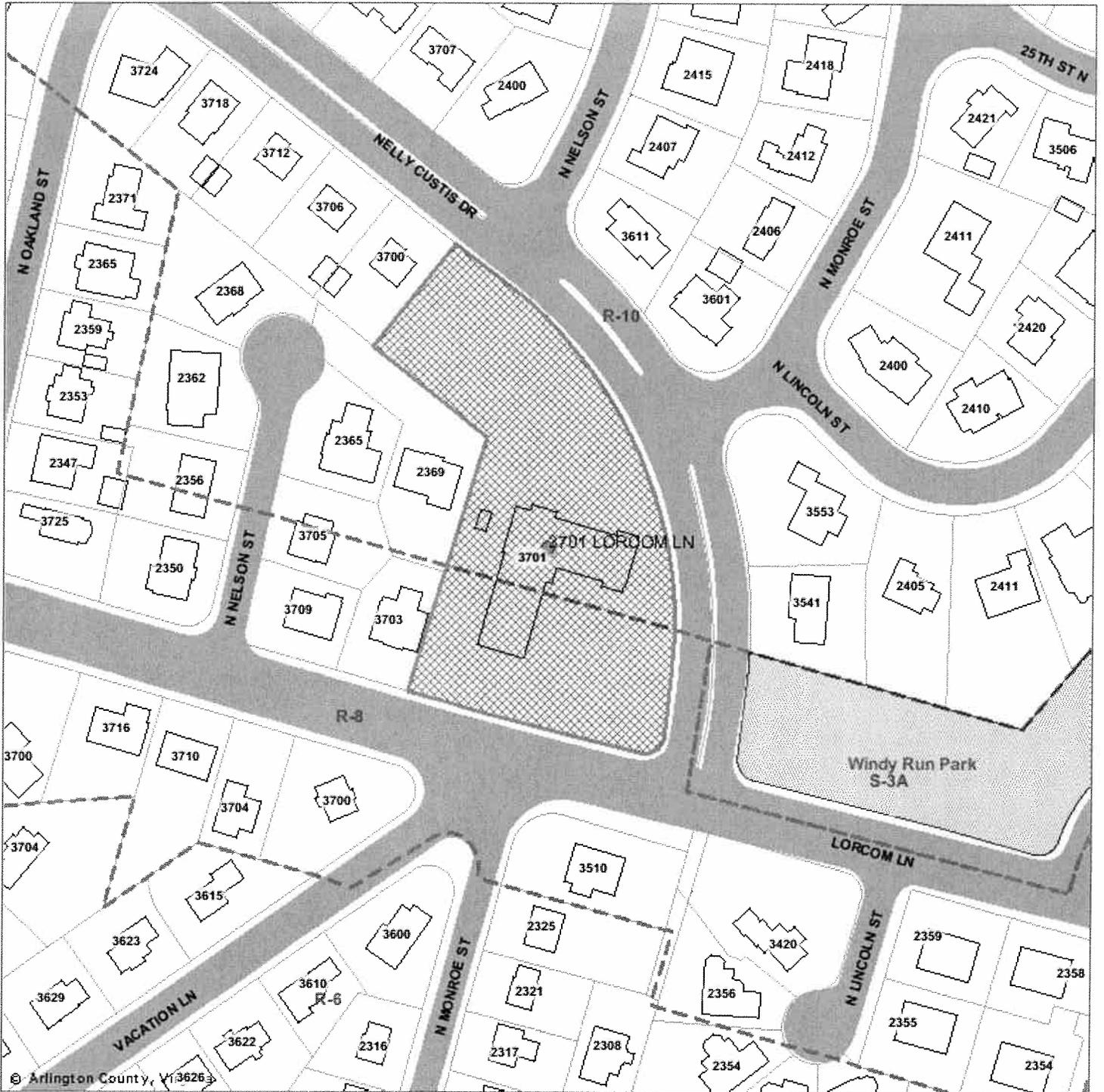
Approved use permit U-3091-04-1 for a parent's day out program and preschool at 3701 Lorcom Lane.

July 7, 2007

Renewed use permit U-3091-04-1 for a parent's day out program and preschool at 3701 Lorcom Lane.

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 to and from the center at all times.
3. The applicant agrees that the hours of operation would be Monday through Friday between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. With a maximum capacity of 42 children.

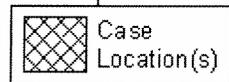


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**3701 Lorcom Lane**  
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