



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

### County Board Agenda Item Meeting of November 13, 2010

**DATE:** October 22, 2010

**SUBJECT:** U-3011-01-1 USE PERMIT REVIEW for Tai Chi classes for 60 adults; 5010 Little Falls Road (School of Tai Chi Chuan of Metropolitan Washington). (RPC#: 02-021-001)

**Applicant:**

The School of Tai Chi Chuan of Metropolitan Washington, Inc.

**C.M. RECOMMENDATION:**

Renew the use permit for Tai Chi classes, subject to all previous conditions, with no further scheduled County Board review.

**ISSUES:** This is a five-year review of Tai Chi classes at the Rock Spring Congregational Church and there are no issues identified at this time.

**SUMMARY:** This is a five-year use permit renewal for Tai Chi classes for up to 60 adults at the Rock Spring Congregational Church. The use has operated at the site since 2001 with no issues reported by the community. Therefore, staff recommends renewal of the use permit, subject to all previous conditions, with no further scheduled County Board review.

**BACKGROUND:** The use permit was originally approved in November 2001, and was renewed in November 2002 and November 2005. The School of Tai Chi Chuan of Metropolitan Washington, Inc. uses two spaces in the Church to offer tai chi, a health exercise program. These include the Church's Carpenter Hall and the Neighborhood House spaces. The School of Tai Chi Chuan uses the site on Monday evenings between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. for approximately 60 people. Participants are generally over the age of 30.

**DISCUSSION:** Since approval, the Tai Chi school has been operating in compliance with all use permit conditions. The use was renewed by the County Board in November 2002 and November 2005, and no complaints have been received about the operation.

**Since the Last Review (November 2005):**

Use Permit Conditions: The subject use has continued to operate in compliance with all use permit conditions.

County Manager: *BMD/GA*  
Staff: Peter Schulz, DCPHD, Planning Division

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Community Code Enforcement: The Code Enforcement staff reports no issues with the subject uses.

Fire Marshal's Office: The Fire Marshal's Office reports no issues with the subject uses.

Police Department: The Police Department reports no issues with the subject uses.

Civic Associations: The Rock Spring and Yorktown Civic Associations' representatives have been notified of the use permit review. There has been no response as of the date of this report.

**CONCLUSION:** The Tai Chi classes are compliant with the conditions of approval and the use has never generated concerns from the community since operation commenced in 2001. Therefore, it is recommended that the use permit for Tai Chi classes for 60 adults be renewed subject to all previous conditions, and with no further scheduled County Board review.

PREVIOUS COUNTY BOARD ACTIONS:

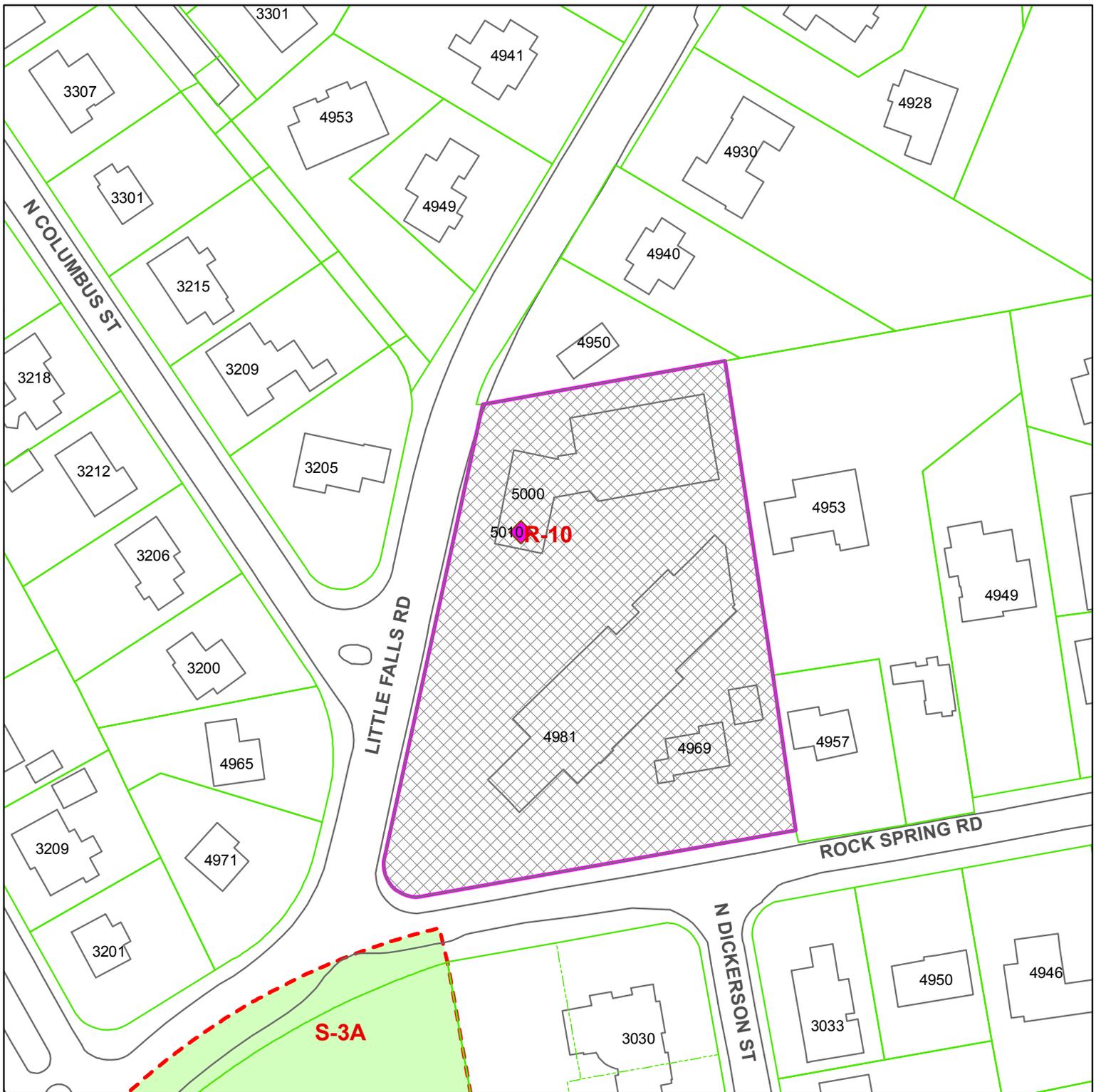
- August 30, 1959                      Granted use permit (U-1361-59-2) for the purpose of operating a day nursery and kindergarten for 25 children, ages 3 to 6, in the morning session from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and 25 children ages 3 to 6 years in the afternoon session from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- June 4, 1960  
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June 4, 1977                      Continued use permit (U-1361-59-2) annually.
- June 3, 1978                      Continued use permit (U-1361-59-2) with no further review.
- October 17, 1998                      Deferred use permit request (U-2946-98-2) for a music school for approximately 300 students weekly to the December 12, 1998, County Board meeting.
- December 12, 1998                      Deferred use permit request (U-2946-98-2) to the February 6, 1999, County Board meeting.
- February 6, 1999                      Approved use permit request (U-2946-98-2) for a music school for approximately 300 students weekly, subject to conditions and with an expiration date of July 31, 1999.
- September 8, 2001                      Deferred use permit (U-3006-01-1) for weekly orchestra rehearsal 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Wednesdays; and use permit (U-3011-01-1) for tai chi classes for 60 adults 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Mondays; and use permit (U-3013-01-1) for ballet classes for children ages 2 – 8 years Fridays and Saturdays, to the November 17, 2001, County Board meeting.
- November 17, 2001                      Approved use permit (U-3006-01-1) for weekly orchestra rehearsal 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Wednesdays; and use permit (U-3011-01-1) for tai chi classes for 60 adults 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Mondays; and use permit (U-3013-01-1) for ballet classes for children ages 2 – 8 years Fridays and Saturdays. All use permits were subject to conditions with a review in one year. (November 2002).
- November 16, 2002                      Continued use permits (U-3006-01-1, U-3011-01-1, U-3013-01-1) with a review in three (3) years (November 2005).

November 14, 2005

Renewed Use permits (U-3006-01-1, U-3011-01-1, U-3013-01-1) with a review in five (5) years (November 2010).

Approved Conditions:

1. The applicant agrees to require as many patrons and others associated with the program as possible to park on streets away from Little Falls and Rock Spring Roads in the vicinity of the church and to continue to encourage carpooling by all patrons.
2. The applicant agrees to identify a liaison that could respond in the event that there are neighborhood concerns regarding this use. The liaison's name shall be shared with the Rock Spring Civic Association and the County's Zoning Administrator prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
3. The hours of operation permitted are Monday between 6:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.



**U-3006-01-1, U-3011-01-1, and U3013-01-1**

**5010 Little Falls Road**

**RPC: 02-021-001**

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 Location(s)  
 Scale: 1:1,200

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