



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of December 11, 2010**

DATE: November 22, 2010

SUBJECT: U-2897-96-1 USE PERMIT REVIEW for three (3) children's programs, including a preschool program, an after-school program and a cooperative play group, located at 4975 Columbia Pike (Arlington Mill Community Center) (RPC#: 22-001-004).

Applicant:

Arlington County Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

By:

Pamela Everett

Arlington County Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive

Arlington, Virginia 22206

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Discontinue the subject use permit for the three (3) children's programs at Arlington Mill Community Center.

ISSUES: All three (3) children's programs are no longer being operated at this location. There are no issues.

DISCUSSION: The County Board approved a use permit for three (3) children's programs, including a preschool program, an after-school program, and a cooperative play group at Arlington Mill Community Center in November 1996. The most recent use permit renewal occurred in December 2007. The programs operated successfully until late 2007. All three children's programs gave written notification to the County Child Care Office about their departure from Arlington Mill Community Center. Since their departure, the preschool program ceased operation, but plans to move to a new building and contract with a nonprofit to provide low-cost child care for infants to 5-year-olds. The after-school program has been contracted out by the Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services (PRCR) to the Greenbrier Learning Center located at 5401 7th Road S.. The cooperative parent play group "Project Family" programs have relocated to Campbell Elementary School at 737 S. Carlin Springs Road and Harvey Hall Community Center located at 850 S. Greenbrier St.. Therefore, staff recommends

County Manager:

BMD/GA

Staff: Marco Antonio Rivero, DCPHD, Planning Division
Ben C. Harris, DHS, Child Care Office

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that the County Board discontinue the use permit for three (3) children's programs at Arlington Mill Community Center.

PREVIOUS COUNTY BOARD ACTIONS:

November 16, 1996

Found that the location, character and extent of a proposed community center which will provide school, recreation, and other community services at 4975 Columbia Pike, (formerly a Safeway grocery store) is substantially in accord with the Comprehensive Plan for Arlington County.

Approved General Land Use Amendment GP-255-96-1 from "Service Commercial" (Personal and business services; and "Low-Medium" Residential (16 to 36 units per acre) to "Public" (Parks [local, regional and federal]); Schools [public]; Parkways, major unpaved rights-of-way; Libraries and cultural facilities) at 4975 Columbia Pike.

Adopted an ordinance for a rezoning approval for a reclassification from zoning district "C-1" Local Commercial District, to zoning district "S-3A" Special District.

Approved use permit (U-2897-96-1) for an adult education program (high school) and a by-right Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Resources facility, subject to conditions with a review in two (2) years, with the use permit expiring at the end of the 2001-2002 school year (November 1998).

December 16, 1997

Approved use permit amendment (U-2897-96-1) to permit three (3) programs for children: a preschool program for 15 children, an after-school program for 45 children and a cooperative parent play group subject to conditions and with a review in one (1) year (December 1998).

November 14, 1998

Renewed use permit (U-2897-96-1) for an adult education program (high school) with a review in four (4) years (November 2002).

December 12, 1998

Renewed use permit amendment (U-2897-96-1) to permit three (3) programs for children: a preschool program for 15 children, an after-school program for 45 children and a cooperative parent play group

subject to conditions and with a review in three (3) years (December 2002).

December 8, 2001

Renewed use permit amendment (U-2897-96-1) to permit three (3) programs for children: a preschool program for 15 children, an after-school program for 45 children and a cooperative parent play group subject to conditions and with a review in five (5) years (December 2006).

July 20, 2002

Renewed use permit (U-2897-96-1) for an adult education program (high school) with a review in three (3) years (July 2005).

December 9, 2006

Renewed use permit amendment (U-2897-96-1) to permit three (3) programs for children: a preschool program for 15 children, an after-school program for 45 children and a cooperative parent play group subject to conditions and with a review in one (1) year (December 2007).

December 15, 2007

Renewed use permit amendment (U-2897-96-1) to permit three (3) programs for children: a preschool program for 15 children, an after-school program for 45 children and a cooperative parent play group subject to conditions and with a review in three (3) years (December 2010).

Marco Rivero

From: Ben C. Harris
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 7:46 AM
To: Marco Rivero
Subject: RE: U-2897-96-1 Use Permit Review (December Cases)

Preschool program- defunct. In new building this will be contracted to a nonprofit to provide low-cost childcare for infants-5 year olds.

Cooperative parent playgroup- Project Family- programs that were in Arlington Mill are now in Campbell Elementary School and Harvey Hall Community Center.

After-school Program- the PRCR program has been contracted to the Greenbrier Learning Center up the hill in the same neighborhood.

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From: Marco Rivero
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 7:39 AM
To: Ben C. Harris
Subject: RE: U-2897-96-1 Use Permit Review (December Cases)

Thank you Ben! You are correct, new permits would need to be acquired for the programs in the redeveloped space. I will recommend that this use permit be discontinued. Would you happen to have a listing of the where these programs moved to specifically (preschool program, after-school program, and cooperative parent play group) and when they moved? I would like to add this information in the Board report.

Thank you!

Marco

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All programs at Arlington Mill have moved on to other locations as of August 2007(?). New programs will be moving into the redeveloped space and I assume will need new permits for the new space.

Thanks-

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From: Marco Rivero
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2010 3:02 PM
To: Ben C. Harris
Subject: U-2897-96-1 Use Permit Review (December Cases)

Hi Ben,

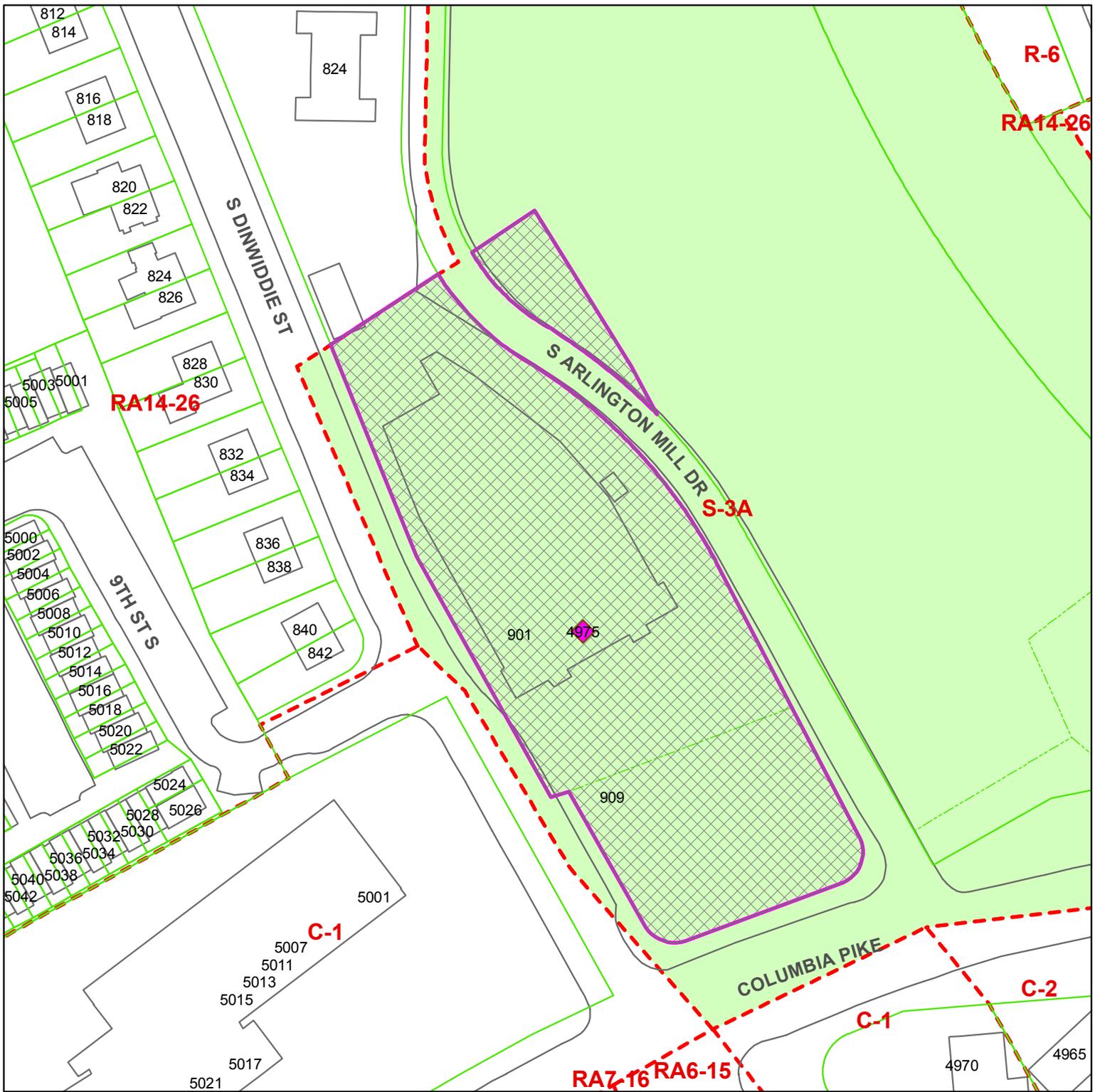
I am currently researching the use permit for three children's programs at Arlington Mill Community Center: U-2897-96-1, 4975 Columbia Pike. The case will be going before the Board for a use permit review on December 11, 2010. Who in your office is working on this case? I know that Arlington Mill is slated for redevelopment, and I would like to know if the programs are still active. Thank you!

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P.S. Attached is the Board report from the last use permit review conducted December 15, 2007.

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4975 Columbia Pike

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 Case Location(s)
Scale: 1:1,200

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