



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item Meeting of July 9, 2011

DATE: June 21, 2011

SUBJECT: U-3222-09-3 USE PERMIT RENEWAL for a child care center at the Wilson School property located at 1601 Wilson Boulevard (RPC# 16-032-001)

Applicant:

First Baptist Church of Clarendon–Child Development Center (CDC)
1601 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, Virginia 22201

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Renew the use permit for a child care center, subject to all previous conditions, and with an administrative review in six (6) months (January 2012) and no further scheduled County Board review.

ISSUES: This is a one (1) year review of a use permit for a child care center, operated by the First Baptist Church of Clarendon–Child Development Center at the Wilson School property located at 1601 Wilson Boulevard. No issues have been identified with the child care center use at this location.

SUMMARY: This is a review of a child care center at the Wilson School property located at 1601 Wilson Blvd. in Rosslyn. The applicant is compliant with the conditions of approval. It is anticipated that the applicant will vacate the premises and commence operations of their child care center at their permanent location at the Views at Clarendon development beginning with the fall 2011 school year. Therefore, staff recommends renewal of the use permit for a child care center at the Wilson School property, subject to all previous conditions, and with an administrative review in six (6) months (January 2012).

BACKGROUND: The subject child care center was approved by the County Board on July 14, 2009, with a maximum enrollment of 185 children, between the ages of infancy and five (5) years old, with 61 employees, and operating weekdays between the hours of 6:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. This is a one-year review for the child care center use at the Wilson School property, which the applicant has proposed to be a temporary use until their permanent space at The Views at Clarendon development is completed. Construction of The Views at Clarendon development has

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commenced and is estimated to be ready for occupancy by the end of 2011. A certificate of occupancy was issued to the applicant on November 30, 2009, for a child development center/day care for 185 children; the current enrollment is 173 students.

DISCUSSION: The Child Care Office has stated no issues with the continued operation of the child care center use at the Wilson School property. The applicant's lease to use the space at the Wilson School has been extended to allow for the completion of the spring 2011 school term. As currently scheduled, the applicant will move their child care operation to The Views at Clarendon development this summer to be ready for the commencement of the fall 2011 school term. This use permit can be discontinued once the applicant has completely vacated its use at the Wilson School, which is anticipated by September 2011.

Since County Board renewal (July 10, 2010)

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

Community Code Enforcement: The Community Code Enforcement Office has not reported any concerns with the child care center use.

Fire Marshal's Office: The Fire Marshal's Office has not reported any issues with the child care center use.

Police Department: The Police Department has not reported any issues with the child care center use.

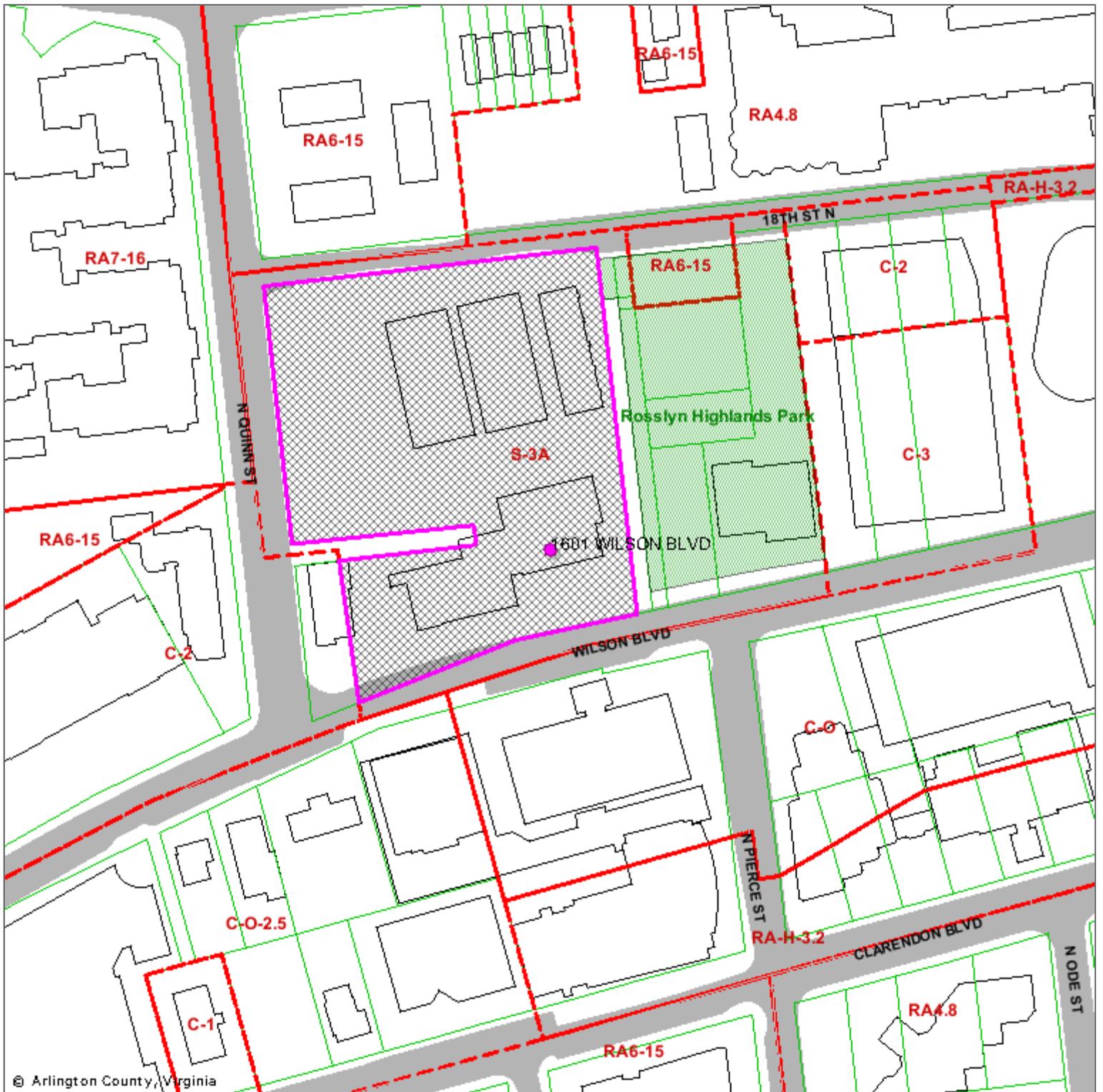
Child Care Office: The Child Care Office reports no concerns with the child care center use.

Civic Association: The North Rosslyn and Radnor/Fort Myer Heights Civic Associations were notified of the County Board's one year review of the child care center. Neither association has expressed concerns with this use, which will cease at this location later this summer.

CONCLUSION: The child care center operates in compliance with the approved conditions and the requirements of the Child Care Office, and without complaints from other County agencies. Therefore, staff recommends renewal of the use permit for a child care center at the Wilson School property located at 1601 Wilson Boulevard, subject to all previous conditions, and with an administrative review in six (6) months (January 2012), at which time the use permit can be discontinued.

Approved Conditions:

1. The applicant agrees to meet the requirements of the Childcare 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 children shall be escorted by adults to and from the building at all times including during pickup and drop-off.
3. The applicant agrees that the hours of operation of the child care center would be Mondays through Friday, from 6:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for a maximum of 185 children.
4. The applicant agrees that staff will escort and supervise any children who use the playground area at the adjacent park.
5. The applicant agrees to designate a neighborhood liaison to conduct ongoing meetings with the civic associations and nearby residents to address concerns that may be related to the 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 North Rosslyn and Radnor/Ft. Myer Heights Civic Associations.



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1601 Wilson Blvd.
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