



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of March 15, 2008**

**DATE:** March 3, 2008

**SUBJECT:** U-2956-99-1 USE PERMIT REVIEW for operation of a homework after school club and computer learning center; premises known as 3412 S. 22<sup>nd</sup> St. (RPC # 31-023-005)

**APPLICANT:**

Macedonia Baptist Church

**BY:**

Portia Clark, president  
CARE, Inc.  
3412 22<sup>nd</sup> Street South  
Arlington, Virginia 22204

**CM RECOMMENDATION:**

Renew, subject to all previous conditions, with no further scheduled review.

**ISSUES:** This is a review of an education enrichment program and no issues have been identified.

**SUMMARY:** This is a use permit for a homework after-school club and a computer learning center for up to 75 children who range in age from 4 to 18 years. The program has operated successfully and without complaints since approved by the County Board in April 1999. Therefore, staff recommends renewal of the education program, subject to all previous conditions, and with no further scheduled review.

**BACKGROUND:** The subject programs are operated through a partnership between the Macedonia Baptist Church and the Community Association of Resources, Education Enrichment and Economics, Inc (CARE), a local non-profit organization. These programs provide a supervised environment for students to study, take enrichment classes and learn computer skills. During the summer, the programs provide a parent cooperative summer camp that offers recreational, educational and enrichment activities. The programs are open to all residents, however they primarily serve the Nauck community. The after-school homework and computer enrichment programs were approved by the County Board at the subject location in April 1999 and were renewed in March 2000 and March 2003.

County Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff: Rasheda DuPree McKinney, DCPHD, Planning Division

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**DISCUSSION:** The after-school program is offered from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays during the school year, and from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays during the winter and spring breaks. The computer learning center operates from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays during the school year and from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays during the summer.

**SINCE THE LAST REVIEW (March 2003):**

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

County Child Care Office: The County Child Care Office reports that it does not license this program because it has a religious organization exemption and is, therefore, not subject to local regulations.

Community Code Enforcement: The Community Code Enforcement office reports that there are no issues regarding the continuation of this use.

Fire Marshal's Office: The Fire Marshal's Office has not expressed any issues or concerns regarding the continuation of this use.

Civic Association: The subject site is located within the Nauck Civic Association. Staff spoke with members of the Nauck executive committee who verbally expressed support for the program.

**CONCLUSION:** The programs have successfully provided education resources to students in the Nauck community throughout the past nine (9) years. The education programs have operated in compliance with the conditions of the approved use permit and without complaints to County staff. Therefore, staff recommends renewal of the use permit, subject to all previous conditions, with no further scheduled review.

PREVIOUS COUNTY BOARD ACTIONS:

- December 4, 1982                      Granted use permit (U-2351-82-1) for operation of a day care center for up to 75 children, ages two (2) through eight (8) years, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., weekdays with a review in six (6) months.
- August 13, 1983                      Continued use permit (U-2351-82-1) with a review in two (2) years.
- August 17, 1985                      Continued use permit (U-2351-82-1) with a review in three (3) years.
- August 13, 1988                      Discontinued use permit (U-2351-82-1).
- April 9, 1999                          Approved use permit (U-2956-99-1) for operation of a Homework After School Club and Computer Learning Center for up to 75 children, ages 4 to 18 years, weekdays, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. during the school year and from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during spring break, winter break and at other times when school is not in session, with computer training, classes and enrichment activities offered in the evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and during the summer between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- March 11, 2000                      Continued use permit (U-2956-99-1), subject to all previous conditions with a review in three (3) years (March 2003).
- March 15, 2003                      Continued use permit (U-2956-99-1), subject to all previous conditions with a review in five (5) years (March 2008).

Approved Conditions:

1. The applicant shall meet the requirements of the Community Code Enforcement Office, the Environmental Health Bureau, and the Fire Marshal's Office, including the installation of smoke detection devices.
2. The program capacity shall be limited to a maximum of 75 children.
3. Parents dropping off or picking up children must utilize the church parking lot.