



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item Meeting of June 17, 2008

REVISED REPORT

DATE: ~~May 30, 2008~~ June 10, 2008

SUBJECT: U-2914-97-5 USE PERMIT REVIEW for a private elementary school; premises known as 5700 Lee Hwy (RPC #10-002-001, -007)

REVISION EXPLANATION: This report is written to reflect concerns expressed by the Leeway Overlee Civic Association.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

~~Renew, subject to all previous conditions, with no further scheduled County Board review~~
Defer consideration of the use permit review to the September 13, 2008 County Board meeting.

DISCUSSION: The Rivendell School is a non-denominational Christian school which serves grades Kindergarten through eight. The school has operated in Arlington County under use permit approval since 1989. The school continues to operate from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday throughout the academic year. The school is currently at its maximum enrollment of 150 students. The school has operated in compliance with the use permit conditions and the County and State codes. However, the Leeway Overlee Civic Association has raised concerns regarding vehicles and traffic associated with the school use, and has expressed concerns regarding the impact of the school's use of the Lee Center Park. The deferral period will allow the opportunity for the civic association to meet and prepare a formal letter expressing their concerns, and will also allow time for staff to address these issues. Therefore, staff recommends that the County Board defer consideration of the use permit review to the September 13, 2008 County Board meeting.

County Manager: _____

Staff: Rasheda DuPree McKinney, CPHD, Planning Division

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PREVIOUS COUNTY BOARD ACTIONS:

December 11, 1954 to June 30, 1955	Approved use permit (U-1157-54-1) for operating a school of dance for children from four to twelve years, maximum 12 in class, Thursdays, 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM, and Saturdays, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.
June 9, 1956 to June 15, 1964	Continued use permit (U-1157-54-1).
July 1, 1964	Use permit (U-1157-54-1) expired.
August 6, 1955	Approved use permit (U-1183-55-1) for a preschool kindergarten, nursery and first grade for up to 50 children from three to six years from 9:15 AM to 12 noon, Monday through Friday.
June 9, 1956 to June 30, 1965	Continued use permit (U-1183-55-1).
September 9, 1967	Approved use permit (U-1769-67-3) to operate a private school for 55 children.
June 22, 1968 to June 4, 1977	Continued use permit (U-1769-67-3).
June 3, 1978	Continued use permit (U-1769-67-3) with no further review.
June 20, 1981	Approved use permit (U-2293-81-4) to increase enrollment for a private school from 60 to 75 children ages one through five from 9:00 AM to noon with a review in three years.
June 2, 1984	Continued use permit (U-2293-81-4), subject to the conditions and with no further review
April 26, 1997	Authorized advertising "On the County Board's Own Motion", a use permit request for the Rivendell School to be heard at the Planning

Commission meeting of May 27, 1997 and the
County Board meeting of June 21, 1997.

- June 21, 1997 Approved use permit (U-2914-97-5) for a private non- profit elementary school for up to 150 children, kindergarten through eighth grade, on weekdays from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM with a review in one (1) year.
- June 6, 1998 Continued use permit (U-2914-97-5) with a review in one (1) year.
- June 12, 1999 Continued use permit (U-2914-97-5) with a review in one (1) year.
- June 10, 2000 Continued use permit (U-2914-97-5) with a review in three (3) years.
- June 14, 2003 Continued use permit (U-2914-97-5) with a review in five (5) years.

Approved Conditions:

1. The applicant shall meet the requirements of the Child Care Office, the Community Code Enforcement Office, the Environmental Health Bureau, and the Fire Marshal's Office, including the installation of smoke detection devices.
2. Enrollment shall be limited to a maximum of 150 children.
3. The applicant shall provide a schedule for the recess periods for students enrolled in the school. The schedule shall detail the time of day, grade levels of the groups, and the numbers of children playing at any one time. That schedule shall be submitted to the Child Care and Zoning Offices prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.