



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of July 19, 2008**

**DATE:** July 8, 2008

**SUBJECT:** U-2837-95-6 USE PERMIT REVIEW for summer day camp and before-and-after school program at 3422 N. 13<sup>th</sup> St (Arlington YMCA) (RPC #15-086-024)

**Applicant:**

Arlington YMCA  
3422 N. 13<sup>th</sup> St.  
Arlington, Virginia 22201

**C. M. RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**ISSUES:** This is a review of the use permit for a summer day camp and before-and-after school program, and no issues have been identified.

**SUMMARY:** This is a scheduled review of a use permit for the summer day camp and before-and-after school program at the Arlington YMCA. The program has successfully operated since the summer day camp was approved by the County Board in 1995, and the before-and-after school program was approved by the County Board in 1999. Therefore, staff recommends renewal of the summer day camp and before-and-after school program use permit, subject to all previously approved conditions, with no further scheduled review.

**BACKGROUND:** In May 1995, the YMCA received approval for operation of a full-day kindergarten program and a summer day camp program at this site. During the May 1999 review, staff found that the full-day kindergarten program had been terminated by the applicant. However, the use permit for the summer day camp was continued by the County Board, with a five-year County Board review in May 2004. In August 1999, the applicant was granted a use permit amendment for a half-day kindergarten program and before-and-after school enrichment program. In 2003, the use permit for the half-day kindergarten was discontinued at the request of the applicant, but the use permit for the summer camp and before-and-after school program was renewed, with a five (5) year County Board review scheduled for July 2008. Currently, the summer day camp and before-and-after school program are in operation. The four (4) programs that have been approved and discontinued over the past several years are summarized in Table 1 below.

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**Table 1— Programs that Have Been Approved Under this Use Permit**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Maximum Number of Children</b>	<b>Age of Children</b>	<b>Operation Time</b>	<b>Approved Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
Summer Day Camp	110	6 to 12 years	7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	5/20/95	Active
Full-Day Kindergarten	14	6 to 12 years	7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	5/20/95	Discontinued in 1999
Half-Day Kindergarten	20	5 to 12 years	8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 11:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.	8/14/99	Discontinued in 2003
Before-and-after School Enrichment Program	90	5 to 12 years	7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	8/14/99	Active

**DISCUSSION:** The summer day camp and before-and-after school program are not regulated by the County’s childcare codes. However, State codes are enforced. Currently there are 65 children enrolled in the summer day camp and 36 children in the before-and-after school program. Since the last review, both programs have operated without incident.

**Since The Last Review (July 2003):**

Use Permit Conditions: The summer day camp and before-and-after school program have been operating in compliance with the use permit conditions.

Child Care Office: The Child Care Office reported that since the current summer day camp and the before-and-after school programs are not regulated by the County’s childcare codes, the Office is not involved in the inspection of the use. However, the State Child Office oversees the operation and the County’s Child Care Office has not received any complaints from them concerning the site.

Community Code Enforcement: The Community Code Enforcement office reported that there are no issues or violations with this site.

Fire Marshal’s Office: The Fire Marshal’s Office has not reported any issues or concerns with the site.

Civic Associations: The site is located in the Ballston-Virginia Square Civic Association. The civic association was notified of the use permit review, and has not reported any issues or concerns with the site by the writing of this report.

**CONCLUSION:** Since the use permit approval, the applicant has been in compliance with the conditions of the use permit. Therefore, it is recommended that the use permit for the operation of the summer day camp and the before-and-after school program be renewed, subject to all previous conditions, with no further scheduled review.

PREVIOUS COUNTY BOARD ACTIONS:

March 6, 1972	Validated existing uses for one year; denied tennis bubble (U-1891-72-2).
May 6, 1972	Granted a use permit (U-1896-72-3) as required by Section 1, Subsection A-1. to permit clubs and grounds for games or sports (six (6) indoor tennis courts- two (2) structures), on premises known as 3422 -13th Street, North.
August 4, 1973	Reviewed and approved use permit (U-1891-72-2) with a review in one (1) year.
August 3, 1974	Granted, on permanent basis (U-1891-72-3) subject to the condition that the grounds and premises are maintained in a good condition - YMCA use permit to permit clubs and grounds for games and sports (excluding indoor tennis courts).
March 6, 1976	Deferred a use permit request (U-2052-76-4) to operate clubs and grounds for games of sports (6 additional handball- racquetball courts and accessory uses).
April 10, 1976	Accepted withdrawal of use permit (U-2052-76- 4).
September 11, 1976	Deferred use permit (U-2084-76-5) request to operate clubs and grounds for games of sports six (6) additional handball-racquetball courts and accessory uses to November 6, 1976.
November 6, 1976	Accepted withdrawal by the applicant.
May 20, 1995	Approved use permit (U-2837-95-6) for operation of a full-day kindergarten for up to 14 children, weekdays, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and a summer camp program for up to 110 children, ages 6 to 12 years, weekdays, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a review in one (1) year.
May 11, 1996	Continued use permit (U-2837-95-6) subject to previous conditions with a review in three years.

May 22, 1999	Continued use permit (U-2837-95-6) for the summer camp portion of the use permit and discontinued the full-day kindergarten at the applicant's request.
August 14, 1999	Approved amendment to a special exception for a use permit (U-2837-95-6) for the operation of a before-and-after school enrichment program for up to 90 children, ages 5 to 12 years, weekdays, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and one-half day kindergarten program for up to 20 children, weekdays, 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., and a potential second session for up to 20 children from 11:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., subject to all conditions and a review in one (1) year (August 2000).
August 5, 2000	Continued use permit (U-2837-95-6) amendment for the operation of a before and after school enrichment program and a one-half day kindergarten program, subject to all conditions and a review in three (3) years (August 2003).
July 19, 2003	Renew the portion of the use permit for the operation of a summer day camp and a before and after school program, subject to all previous conditions, with a review in five (5) years.  Discontinue the portion of the use permit for the half-day kindergarten.

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 Marshall's Office, including the installation of smoke detectors.
2. Child Care staff shall make the final determination on the appropriate number of children to be included in the kindergarten program and the final determination ensuring the pupil/teach ratios for the group.
3. The applicant shall work with the Child Care staff to provide an adequate amount of outdoor play space for the children. The space shall be fenced for the safety and security of the children.