## DOCKET ITEM #2 Special Use Permit #2019-0043 2500 North Van Dorn Street Our First Steps Day Care Center

## **CONSENT AGENDA ITEM**

If no one asks to speak about this case prior to the hearing, it will be approved without discussion as part of the Consent Agenda.

Application	General Data	
Request: Public hearing and	Planning Commission	October 3, 2019
consideration of a request for a	Hearing:	
special use permit to operate a day	City Council	October 19, 2019
care center	Hearing:	
Address: 2500 North Van Dorn	Zone:	RC/High Density Apartment
Street		Zone
Applicant: Zuleima L. Villa	Small Area Plan:	Seminary Hill/Strawberry Hill

**Staff Recommendation:** APPROVAL subject to compliance with all applicable codes and ordinances and the recommended permit conditions found in Section III of this report.

**Staff Reviewer:** Max Ewart, <a href="max.ewart@alexandriava.gov">max.ewart@alexandriava.gov</a>

Ann Horowitz, ann.horowitz@alexandriava.gov



PROJECT LOCATION MAP

### I. REPORT SUMMARY

The applicant, Zuleima L. Villa, requests Special Use Permit approval to operate Our First Steps day care center in one of the first-floor commercial spaces at 2500 North Van Dorn Street. Staff recommends approval of the Special Use Permit request with conditions as described in the report.

### SITE DESCRIPTION

The subject property is a lot with approximately 1,300 feet of frontage along North Van Dorn Street, approximately 300 feet in depth and an area of 269,183 square feet. The lot is developed with the 15-story Park Place Condominium building that contains 416 residential units on upper floors and four commercial condominium units on the ground level (Figure 1). The proposed tenant space is located in the northeast corner of the building and faces the rear parking area (Figure 2). A 383-space surface parking lot surrounds the building and an underground 169-space parking garage is located beneath it.

To the southwest, across North Van Dorn Street, is Fort Ward Park. Braddock Lee Apartments and Fairlington Methodist Church are located to the east and the Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway (Route 395) borders the lot to the north and northwest. Single family homes are located to the south.

### BACKGROUND

The Fort Ward Towers apartment building, the original name for the complex, was constructed in 1965 on the subject parcel. On June 7, 1983, City Council approved SUP #1580 for the conversion of the apartments to condominiums which were served by 552 parking spaces located in a surface lot and



Figure 1: Park Place Condominiums



Figure 2 – Tenant space entrance

parking garage in the C-2 zone. A retail grocery operated in the ground level commercial space, where the applicant proposes to locate the day care center, for over 20 years.

## **PROPOSAL**

The applicant, Zuleima L. Villa, proposes to operate a day care establishment in a first floor, 2,160 square foot tenant space at 2500 North Van Dorn Street. The business would operate from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Sixty children would be cared for in four rooms, each accommodating children of similar age ranges. The ages of the children would range from three months to five years old. Six staff members would be employed to care for the children. Parking for staff would be located in an adjacent parking section used by the condominium association for visitor parking (Figure 3). The applicant would satisfy the Virginia Department of Social Services play area requirements at nearby Fort Ward Park.

The peak drop-off hours would be from 7-9 a.m. and the peak pick-up hours would be from 3-6 p.m. Parents would enter the Park Place Condominium parking lot from either the west or the east entrance and park in one of the three parking spaces, designated for the center use between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. in front of the tenant space (Figure 3). Parents of younger children would walk them to and from the day care center while staff would escort older children at the pick-up and drop off area to and from the center. Parents would exit the parking lot through either of the two entrances along North Van Dorn Street.

## **PARKING**

Section 8-200(A)(16)(b) requires day care centers outside of the enhanced transit area to provide a minimum of 0.75 parking spaces per 1,000 square feet and a maximum of four spaces per 1,000 square feet of floor area. The applicant, therefore, is required to provide a minimum of three parking spaces and may use up to 12 spaces for a 2,160 square-foot tenant space. The applicant would provide a total of seven parking spaces which satisfies the zoning ordinance requirements. The seven parking spaces would accommodate employee parking and the pick-up and drop-off of children.

# ZONING/ MASTER PLAN DESIGNATION



Figure 3 – Employee parking area within yellow outline and pick-up and drop off area within red outline.

The subject site is located in the RC/High density apartment zone. Section 3-903(C) requires Special Use Permit approval for a day care center.

The subject site is situated within the boundaries of the Seminary Hill/Strawberry Hill Small Area Plan which designates the parcel for residential use. Commercial uses on the lot are considered

accessory to the residential use.

## II. STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff supports the applicant's request for a day care center at 2500 North Van Dorn Street. Our First Steps day care center would fill a long-vacant commercial space and provide convenient day care options for parents of young children living at the Park Place Condominiums as well as for those in the surrounding area.

Impacts, such as noise and odor, are not anticipated for this use. The Park Place Condominium Association's Board of Directors initially expressed concerns related to the number of children onsite, employee parking, pick-up and drop off and the applicant's early proposal for an on-site playground to satisfy state outdoor play area requirements. The applicant and staff worked closely with the property manager and the board of directors, meeting on August 15 and 22, to develop a mutually agreed upon parking and pick-up and drop off arrangement. After the meetings, the Park Place Board of Directors voted unanimously to support the day care proposal with the conditions proposed in the SUP with an understanding that the Department of Social Services addresses the number of children a day care center can accommodate at a site and the outdoor play area as part of licensing requirements.

In addition to standard SUP conditions for noise, delivery hours, and the promotion of alternative transportation to the site, conditions are included to require the applicant to obtain the required day care center licensing (Condition 4), operate pick-up and drop off as proposed (Condition 6), and limit employee parking to the Park Place visitors' parking area. Although the Department of Social Services oversees the outdoor play area requirement for day care centers, the applicant would be required to make arrangements with the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) if she chooses to use Fort Ward Park, as stated in Condition #7.

Subject to the conditions stated in Section III of this report, staff recommends approval of the applicant's Special Use Permit request.

## III. RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS

Staff recommends *approval* subject to compliance with all applicable codes and ordinances and the following conditions:

- 1. The Special Use Permit shall be granted to the applicant only or to any business or entity in which the applicant has controlling interest. (P&Z)
- 2. The hours of operation for the day care operation shall be limited to 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. (P&Z)
- 3. The maximum number of children permitted at the facility is limited to 60 at any one time. (P&Z)
- 4. The facility shall obtain all required state, federal and local licenses and certificates prior to opening the day care center. (P&Z)
- 5. The applicant shall conduct employee training sessions on an ongoing basis, including as part of any employee orientation, to discuss all Special Use Permit provisions and requirements. The applicant shall also inform parents, as part of parent orientations and as annual reminders, of all applicable Special Use Permit provisions and of the pick-up and drop off requirements, including the location of the designated parking spaces. (P&Z)
- 6. The applicant shall provide adequate drop off and pick-up facilities, consistent with its proposed plan. The transfer of children shall not occur in the public right-of-way. The Director of Planning and Zoning reserves the right to revisit this agreement and may impose amended or additional requirements to ensure that adequate pick-up and drop off facilities are maintained. (P&Z)
- 7. The applicant shall apply to the Department of Recreation to establish times and schedules to use Fort Ward Park. Permission will be granted to the Applicant with a written agreement between the Department of Recreation and the Applicant. (RPCA)
- 8. Employee parking is limited to available spaces in the visitor parking area as noted in Figure 3 of the staff report. (P&Z)
- 9. The applicant shall control odors, smoke and any other air pollution from operations at the site and prevent them from leaving the property or becoming a nuisance to neighboring properties, as determined by the Department of Transportation & Environmental Services. (T&ES)
- 10. All loudspeakers shall be prohibited from the exterior of the building, and no amplified sounds shall be audible at the property line. (T&ES)
- 11. Supply deliveries, loading, and unloading activities shall not occur between the hours of 11:00pm and 7:00am. (T&ES)

- 12. The applicant shall require its employees who drive to use off-street parking. (T&ES)
- 13. The applicant shall encourage its employees to use public transportation to travel to and from work. The business shall contact Go Alex at goalex@alexandriava.gov for information on establishing an employee transportation benefits program. (T&ES)
- 14. The applicant shall provide information about alternative forms of transportation to access the site, including but not limited to printed and electronic business promotional material, posting on the business website, and other similar methods. Contact Go Alex at goalex@alexandriava.gov for more information about available resources. (T&ES)
- 15. The Director of Planning and Zoning shall review the special use permit after it has been operational for one year, and shall docket the matter for consideration by the Planning Commission and City Council if (a) there have been documented violations of the permit conditions which were not corrected immediately, constitute repeat violations or which create a direct and immediate adverse zoning impact on the surrounding community; (b) the director has received a request from any person to docket the permit for review, as the result of a complaint that rises to the level of a violation of the permit conditions or (c) the director has determined that there are problems with the operation of the use and that new or revised conditions are needed. (P&Z)

STAFF: Tony LaColla, AICP, Division Chief, Land Use Services Ann Horowitz, Principal Planner Max Ewart, Urban Planner

<u>Staff Note:</u> In accordance with section 11-506(c) of the zoning ordinance, construction or operation shall be commenced and diligently and substantially pursued within 18 months of the date of granting of a special use permit by City Council or the special use permit shall become void.

## IV. CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Legend: C - code requirement R - recommendation S - suggestion F - finding

## Transportation & Environmental Services:

- R-1 The applicant shall control odors, smoke and any other air pollution from operations at the site and prevent them from leaving the property or becoming a nuisance to neighboring properties, as determined by the Department of Transportation & Environmental Services. (T&ES)
- R-2 All loudspeakers shall be prohibited from the exterior of the building, and no amplified sounds shall be audible at the property line. (T&ES)
- R-3 Supply deliveries, loading, and unloading activities shall not occur between the hours of 11:00pm and 7:00am. (T&ES)
- R-4 The applicant shall require its employees who drive to use off-street parking. (T&ES)
- R-5 The applicant shall encourage its employees to use public transportation to travel to and from work. The business shall contact Go Alex at <a href="mailto:goalex@alexandriava.gov">goalexandriava.gov</a> for information on establishing an employee transportation benefits program. (T&ES)
- R-6 The applicant shall provide information about alternative forms of transportation to access the site, including but not limited to printed and electronic business promotional material, posting on the business website, and other similar methods. Contact Go Alex at <a href="mailto:goalex@alexandriava.gov">goalex@alexandriava.gov</a> for more information about available resources. (T&ES)
- C-1. The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Solid Waste Control, Title 5, Chapter 1, which sets forth the requirements for the recycling of materials (Sec. 5-1-99). In order to comply with this code requirement, the applicant shall provide a completed Recycling Implementation Plan (RIP) Form within 60 days of SUP approval. Contact the City's Recycling Program Coordinator at (703) 746-4410, or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:commercialrecycling@alexandriava.gov">commercialrecycling@alexandriava.gov</a>, for information about completing this form. (T&ES)
- C-2. The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Noise Control Code, Title 11, Chapter 5, which sets the maximum permissible noise level as measured at the property line. (T&ES)
- C-3. Section 5-1-42- Collection by Private collectors. (c) Time of collection. Solid waste shall be collected from all premises not serviced by the city at least once each week. No collections may be made between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. (6:00 a.m. from May 1, through September 30) if the collection area is less than 500 feet from a residential area. (T&ES)

## Code Administration:

F-1 Code consultation recommended prior to the start of construction.

## Fire:

F-1 If requested by Department of Human Services or State licensing, a fire prevention inspection will be required.

## Health:

No comments received.

## Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities:

- R-1 Applicant shall apply to the Department of Recreation to establish times and schedules to use Fort Ward Park. Permission will be granted to the Applicant with a written agreement between the Department of Recreation and the Applicant.
- F-1 The Department of Recreation is currently evaluating the feasibility of a usage policy for childcare businesses that use public parks and playgrounds to fulfill requirements of state and local licensing. The purpose of the policy is to balance uses in parks and playgrounds, particularly in areas where multiple businesses may be using the same parks, and to offset increased maintenance demands due to higher than average expected use of play areas.

## Police Department:

No comments received.



## APPLICATION

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Thursday, January 17, 2019

## Letter of Representation / Power of Attorney

Re:

Property at 2500 N Van Dorn St., Alexandria VA

Tenant:

Zuleima L. Villa

Effective:

January 17, 2019

Expires:

January 31, 2021

I, Khem Batra, , hereby appoint Zuleima L. Villa, and it's agents, to act on my behalf in any lawful way with respect to the following subjects described below.

Ms. Villa shall have full power and authority to act on my behalf in regards to all issues involving my above referenced property, and all aspects to renovate the property, including the solicitation of permits from the appropriate agencies. (the "Scope of Representation").

I hereby authorize you, agent(s), representative(s), and assign(s)s to discuss, negotiate, approve or otherwise communicate regarding any and all issues within the above described Scope of Representation with my Agent.

I also hereby authorize you to release and provide any and all information related to the issues within the above described Scope of Representation to my Agent including but not limited to, any and all blue prints, legal records, disclosure(s), and any and all correspondence to, from, or about me or about the issues within the above described Scope of Representation.

I authorize that a copy or electronic representation of this form, which includes my signature may be deemed to be the equivalent of the original and may be used as duplicate original.

I agree that any third party who receives a copy of this document may act under it.

Your prompt adherence to this request is appreciated.

Khem Batra, on behalf of Rayan & Jayin, LLC

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Date

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## OWNERSHIP AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Use additional sheets if necessary

Applicant. State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the applicant, unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which case identify each owner of more than three percent. The term ownership interest shall include any legal or equitable interest held at the time of the application in the real property which is the subject of the application.

Name	Address	Percent of Ownership
1. Knem Batra	18878 HOES Rd LUMON, VA 22079	0%
2 Zuleima L. VIIIa	Burke, VA 22015	80%
Marcela VIIIa	Lexington NC 1292 (Same as above 1)	10%
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3. Business or Financial Relationships. Each person or entity indicated above in sections 1 and 2, with an ownership interest in the applicant or in the subject property are require to disclose any business or financial relationship, as defined by Section 11-350 of the Zoning Ordinance, existing at the time of this application, or within the 12-month period prior to the submission of this application with any member of the Alexandria City Council, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals or either Boards of Architectural Review. All fields must be filled out completely. Do not leave blank, (If there are no relationships please indicated each person or entity and "None" in the corresponding fields).

For a list of current council, commission and board members, as well as the definition of business

and financial relationship, click here.

Name of person or entity	Relationship as defined by Section 11-350 of the Zoning Ordinance	Member of the Approving Body (i.e. City Council, Planning Commission, etc.)
1 Khem Batra	nen	nena
2 Zuleima L. VIIIa	nene	nene
3. Marcela VIIIa	nene	nent

NOTE: Business or financial relationships of the type described in Sec. 11-350 that arise after the filing of this application and before each public hearing must be disclosed prior to the public hearings.

the information	provided above is true and correct.		
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Date	Printed Name	Signature	

As the applicant or the applicant's authorized agent, I hereby attest to the best of my ability that

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[ ] Yes. Provide proof of current City business license	
[ ] No. The agent shall obtain a business license prior to filing applica	ation, if required by the City Code.
NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION	
3. The applicant shall describe below the nature of the request in a Council can understand the nature of the operation and the use. The activity. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.) The planned operation and use shall be for childcare. Going requirements by the state and county, we plan to provide checommunity. For children as young as 3mos through 5yrs of children in the different age groups and provide age-appropathrough qualified and trained staff. All in accordance with the Services of the state of Virginia.  The center will have daily schedules and activities planned will assure care and safety for all students.	e description should fully discuss the nature of the grand through all the licensing nildcare services to the local age. We plan to divide the riate care for each group a Department of Social

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## **USE CHARACTERISTICS**

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	В.	How many employees, staff and other personnel do you expect?  Specify time period (i.e., day, hour, or shift).	
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В.	How much trash and garbage will be generated by the use? (i.e. # of bags or pounds per day or per week)
C.	How often will trash be collected?
D.	How will you prevent littering on the property, streets and nearby properties?  NOW AWAGE WAS ALL AND USE OF THE PROPERTY OF T
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11.	Will any organic compounds, for example paint, ink, lacquer thinner, or cleaning or degreasing solvent, be handled, stored, or generated on the property?						
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	If yes	, provide t	he name, monthly quantity, and specific disposal method below:				
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## **PARKING AND ACCESS REQUIREMENTS**

A.	How many parking spaces of each type are provided for the proposed use:	
	Standard spaces	
	Compact spaces	
	Handicapped accessible spaces.	
	Other.	
	Planning and Zoning Staff Only	
Re	quired number of spaces for use per Zening Ordinance Section 8-200A	
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B.	Where is required parking located? (check one)  [ ] on-site	
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## Attachment for question 15a:

The daycare does not require daily loading/unloading for operation. The only things that may be unloaded is groceries for the snacks and that would be done on Saturdays, on days that the Daycare is closed.

	B.	Where are off-street loading facilities located?			
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	C.	During what hours of the day do you expect loading/u	• .		
	D,	How frequently are loading/unloading operations expe	•		e'
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17.	Will th	ne proposed uses be located in an existing building?	Yes Yes	[] No	
	Do you	u propose to construct an addition to the building?	[] Yes	∭No	
	How la	arge will the addition be? square feet.			
18.	What	will the total area occupied by the proposed use be?			
	310	sq. ft. (existing) +sq. ft. (addition if any)	=0,100 sq.	ft. (total)	
19.	•	roposed use is located in: (check one)			
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**End of Application** 

City of Alexandria, Virginia, Planning and Zoning Department

Day Care Drop-Off/Pickup Plan for Special Use Permit Staff Review

In addition to completing this form, please submit a site plan that identifies the building, the location of off-street parking spaces, and the movement of vehicles during drop-off and pick-up times.

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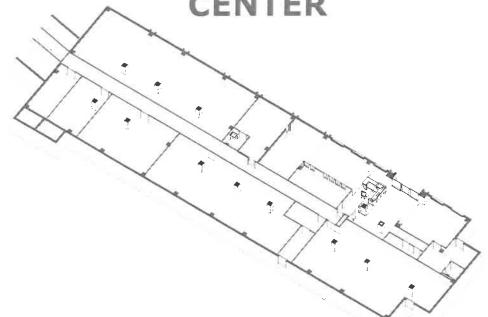
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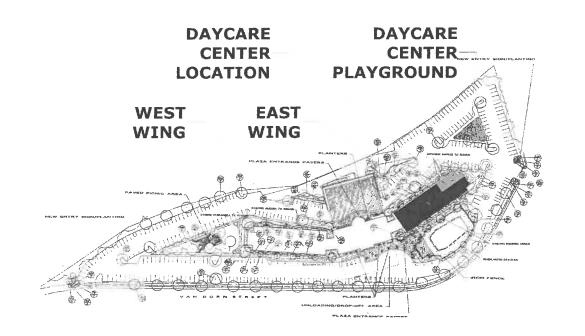
# 2500 N VAN DORN ST DAYCARE CENTER



2019-08-22 - SPECIAL PERMIT USE SET

2500 N VAN DORN ST, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22302

SITE PLAN - EXISTING - DAYCARE CENTER LOCATION



## CODE'S SUMMARIES

SCOPE OF WORK:

NEW DAYCARE CENTER
NEW INTERIOR LAYOUT RE-UTILIZING
THE PREVIOUS TENANT LAYOUT

2.0 ZONING ANALYSIS SUMMARY 2500 N VAN DORN ST DAYCARE CENTER PROJECT 2500 N VAN DORN ST, ADDRESS/UNIT: ALEXANDRIA, VA 22302 2 PROJECT ALEXANDRIA ZONING CODE: REQUIRED EXISTING PROPOSED

5 MAP BLOCK LOT No Gross density shall not exceed 54.45 dwelling units per agre. 6 DENSITY 8 LOT AREA 800 SF X UNIT 269,183 SF 9 LOT SIZE (APPROX) 10 UNDEVELOPE OPEN SPACE 320 SF X UNI YARDS / SETBACKS 12 BUILDING HEIGHT

1.0 BUILDING CODE ANALYSIS SUMMARY

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2	OCCUPANCY/ USE CLASSIFICATION	N/A	В	1-4
3	MIXED USE BUILDING:	N/A	RESIDENTIAL OFFICE MERCANTILE	RESIDENTIAL OFFICE INSTITUTIONAL
4	CONSTRUCTION TYPE:	N/A	1A	UNCHANGED
5	OCCUPANT LOAD	N/A	N/A	SEE SHEET A101B
6	SCOPE OF WORK AREA :	N/A	N/A	2,100 SF
7	NUMBER OF STORIES:	N/A	15 STORIES	UNCHANGED
8	BUILDING HEIGHT	UNLIMITED	145 FT	UNCHANGED
9	BUILDING SPRINKLED	YES - PARKING / STORAGE	YES - PARKING / STORAGE	YES - DAYCARE AREA
10	FIRE ALARM	YES	YES	YES - DAYCARE AREA
11	STANDPIPES	YES	YES	UNCHANGED
12	OTHER FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM	NO	NO	UNCHANGED
13	ACCESSIBILITY OF BUILDING	YES	YES	UNCHANGED
14	MODIFICATION REQUEST	NO	NO	UNCHANGED
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## **GENERAL NOTES**

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## CONSULTANTS

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## **DRAWING LIST**

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**LOCATION MAP** 

2500 VAN DORN ST, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22302

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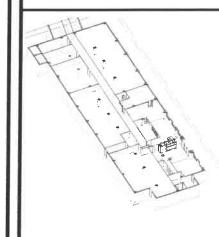
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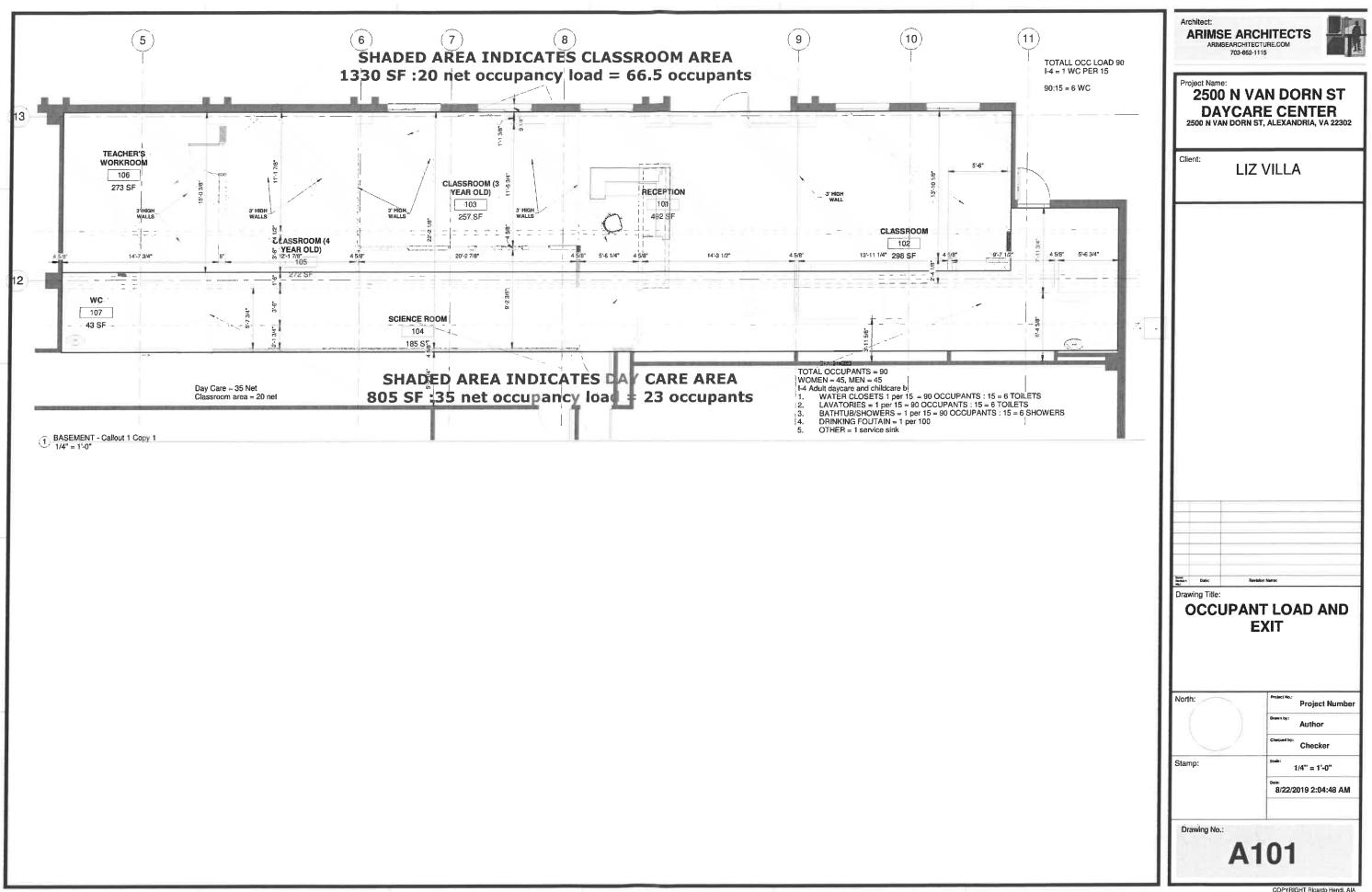
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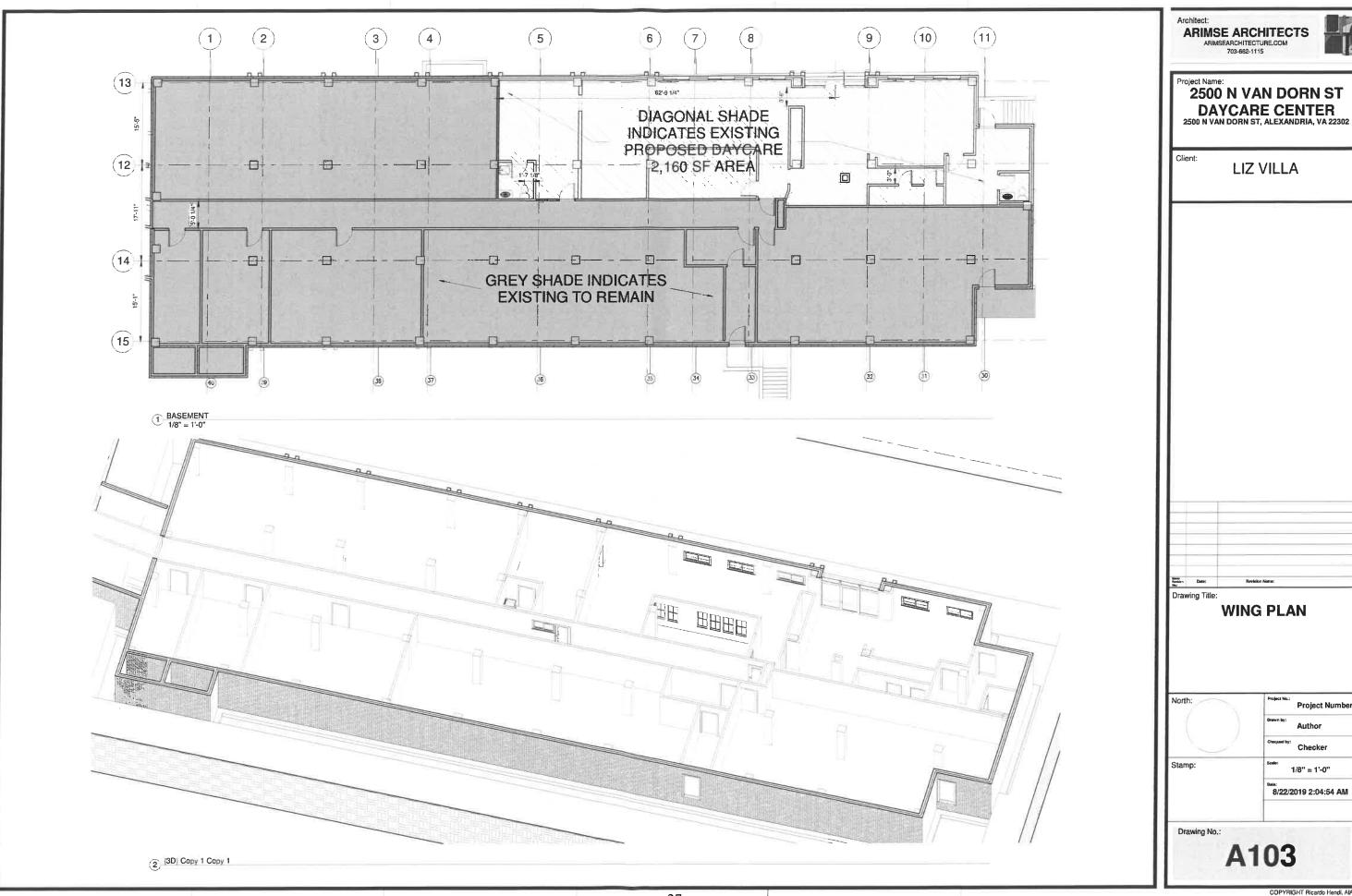
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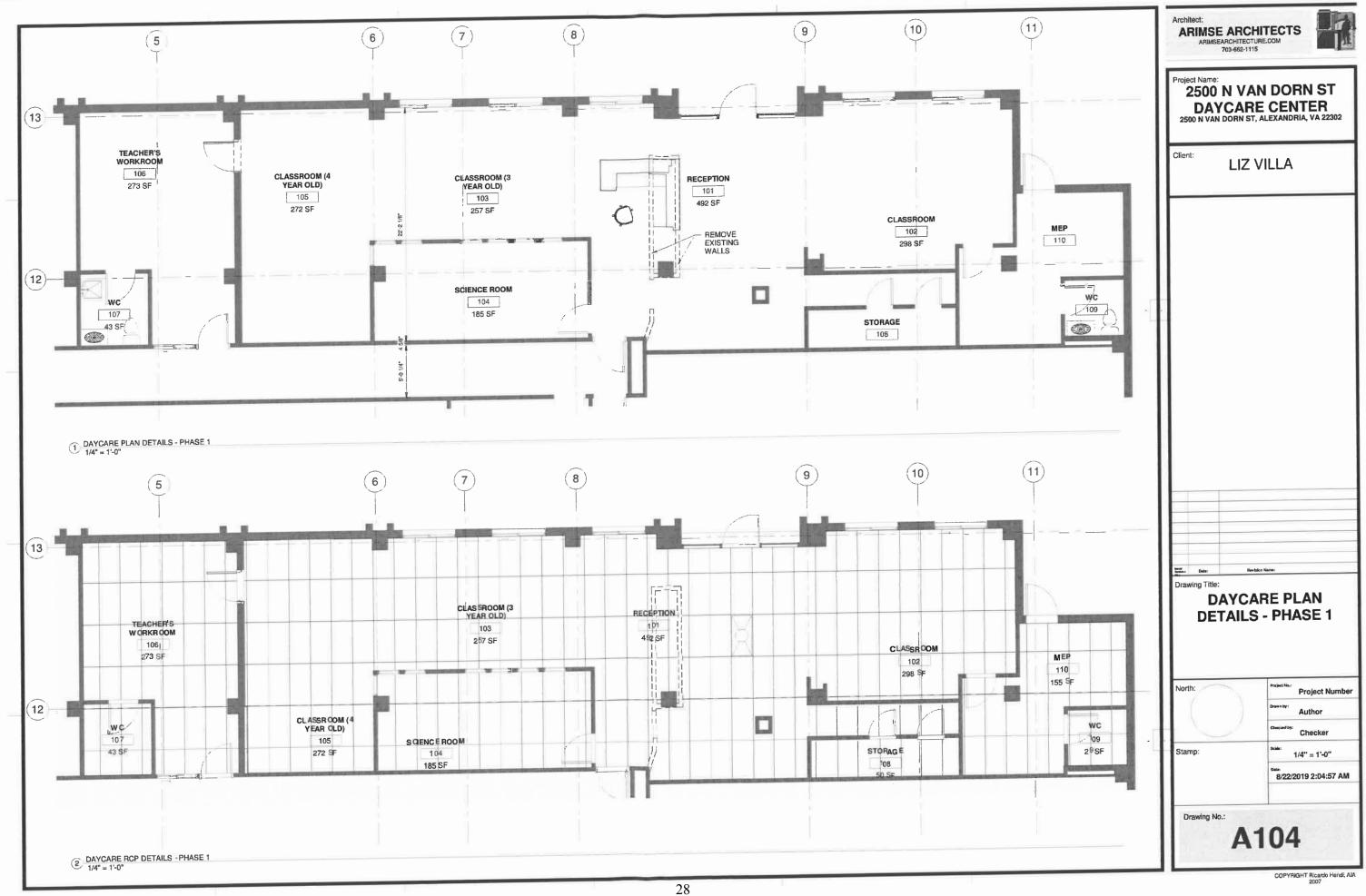
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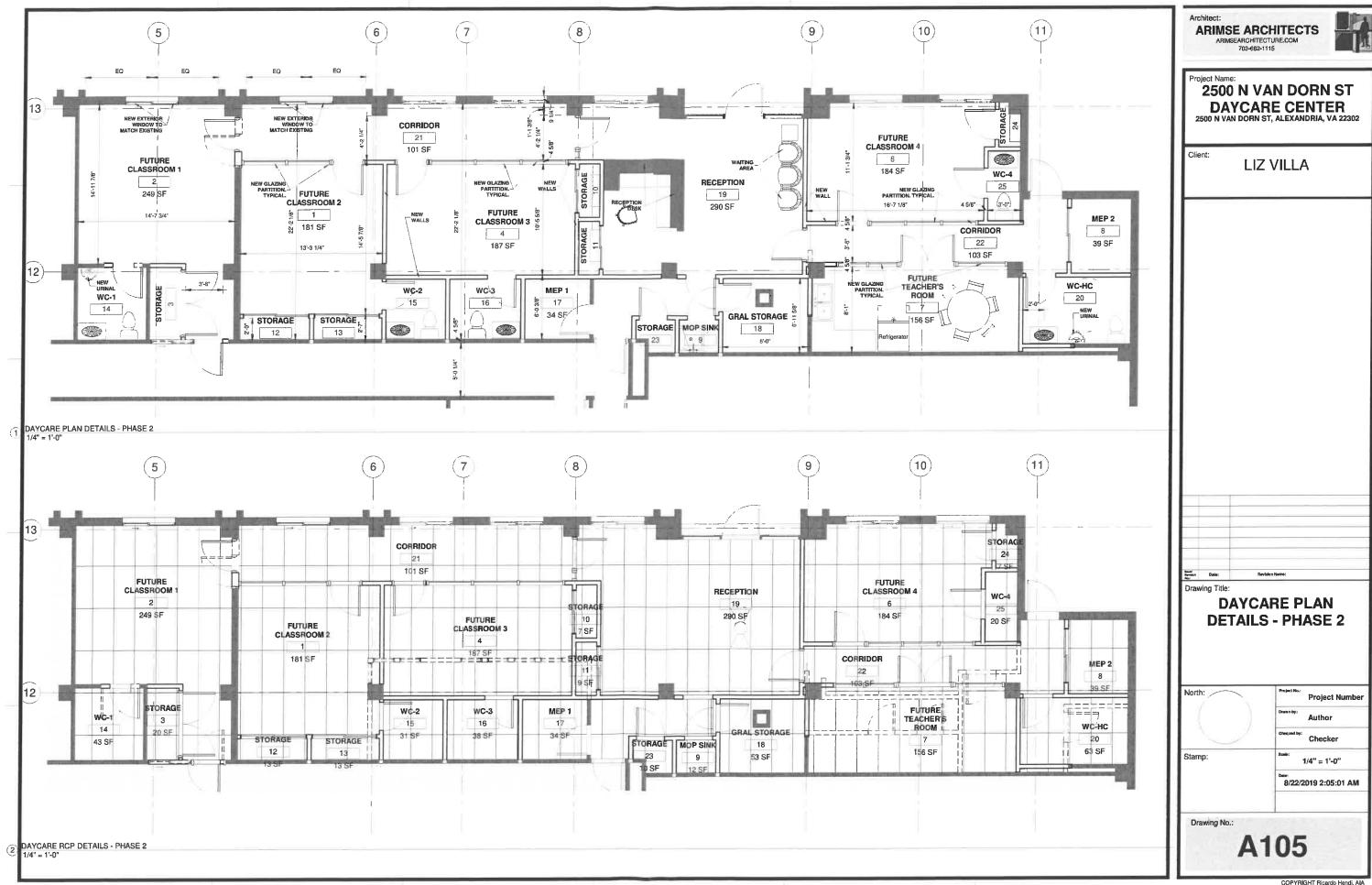
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## FW: Feedback: Special Use Permit #2019-0043

## Max Ewart

Thu 8/8/2019 10:06 AM

To:Patrick Silva <Patrick.Silva@alexandriava.gov>;

Cc:Ann Horowitz <ann.horowitz@alexandriava.gov>;

Hey Patrick,

Here is one comment from the public regarding 2500 North Van Dorn.

Max

From: Sara Abdel Rahim [mailto:saraabdelrahim@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 9:41 PM
To: Max Ewart < Max. Ewart@alexandriava.gov>
Subject: Feedback: Special Use Permit #2019-0043

Dear Mr. Ewart,

I'm writing to share my feedback as an owner and resident at Park Place Condos, regarding the special permit request #: #2019-0043 for a daycare.

Park Place is my primary residence, and I've been a full-time resident since purchasing my condo in 2016. I strongly believe that approving this permit and allowing a daycare to operate out of the this location would deteriorate services that our community/governance board and management are working hard to address. Additionally, it would greatly inconvenience many of us who this is the primary residence for.

Our community currently suffers from a parking issue that would only be exasperated further by the addition of a daycare traffic with an estimate 75 families at full capacity. As a commuter into Washington DC the added traffic on our parking exit at peak commuter rush hours would be an added burden to me and my fellow residents. Equally so, the proposed pick-up times of the day care would conflict with commuting hours. I can only imagine the back-logged parking lot situation during pick ups + return residents from work.

Additionally, our management while has improved still faces challenges in responding to the daily issues of managing/responding to maintenance of an older building with over 200 units. I believe that the addition of a daycare will on cause undue burden on management as it continues to work to address daily pressing management, repair, improvements to our building, which a significant monthly allowance for comes from residents monthly \*high\* condo fees.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

Best, Sara

# FW: Proposal for day care car at Park Place condo, 2500 N Van Dorn St Alexandria

## Max Ewart

Thu 8/8/2019 10:06 AM

To:Patrick Silva <Patrick.Silva@alexandriava.gov>;

Cc:Ann Horowitz <ann.horowitz@alexandriava.gov>;

And here is one more.

Max

----Original Message----

From: GINA CORTESELLI [mailto:corteselli@aol.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2019 7:24 AM

To: Max Ewart < Max. Ewart@alexandriava.gov>

Subject: Proposal for day care car at Park Place condo, 2500 N Van Dorn St Alexandria

Dear Mr Ewart,

I'm writing as a long time owner of a unit at Park Place (unit 1424) to express my concern and non support for a day care center on the condo's premises. I feel that this business is NOT conducive to the residence in general. It will increase congestion in and around the building, it will likely increase our insurance liability, and it will be disruptive to the overall community at Park Place.

While I appreciate the need, perhaps, for day care centers in the area, I do not support putting such a facility in the Park Place condo.

I would be happy to discuss these concerns further with you, but would hope you'll take them into account as you review the petition for this facility.

Thank you,

Gina M. Corteselli

Sent from my iPhone

## FW: 2500 N Van Dorn Street Special Permit. Park Place

## Max Ewart

Fri 8/9/2019 9:13 AM

To:Patrick Silva <Patrick.Silva@alexandriava.gov>;

Cc:Lia Niebauer lia.niebauer@alexandriava.gov>; Ann Horowitz <ann.horowitz@alexandriava.gov>;

Another comment regarding 2500 North Van Dorn

From: Sandy Wheeler [mailto:sandra-wheeler@comcast.net]

Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2019 8:09 PM
To: Max Ewart <Max.Ewart@alexandriava.gov>

Subject: 2500 N Van Dorn Street Special Permit. Park Place

Plans to open a day care in this high rise building is not sensible or appropriate. There are two day care, pre-school facilities in churches that are within eye shot on King Street. These are churches that have little activity during the week, have classroom facilities, multiple rest rooms, large play areas and parking. Park Place is a residence. People live here. The space that is proposed is in a basement and with limited exits. It was a convenience store. There is no area for drop off or pick up and very limited outside space. Mostly dog walks. Our concern is not just for the residences but for the children.

Sandra Wheeler Unit 1002 703-379-0943



From: Park Place Board of Directors 2500 North Van Dorn Street

Suite 118

Alexandria, VA 22302 bod@parkplaceva.com

To: Department of Planning and Zoning

City of Alexandria Room 2100 City Hall 301 King Street

Alexandria, VA 22314

Max.Ewart@alexandriava.gov

Date: August 9, 2019

Subject: SUP #2019-0043, an application for a daycare center in Unit #100 of Park Place Condominium.

Dr. Mr Ewart,

The Park Place Board of Directors would like to file comments on SUP #2019-0043, an application for a daycare center in Unit #100 of Park Place Condominium.

Park Place Condominium currently consists of 399 residential units, a management office, and commercial units. The operating businesses on the property include medical offices for periodontal, pediatric, and physical therapy/industrial rehabilitation practices. In addition to the vacancy in Unit 100, where the applicant seeks to permit a daycare center, there are commercial units adjacent to the lobby which currently lack an operating business.

Park Place seeks sustainable business operations in its commercial units. Our community benefits in numerous ways when vibrant businesses are on-site, especially those that serve its residents. The Board is not opposed in concept to a daycare center at the facility, however, we have observations about the current application that cause concern.

The Board offers the following observations about the application:

Density: The application does not appear to be consistent with VA law on indoor space requirements.
 See 22VAC40-185-310. Areas at <a href="https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title22/agency40/chapter185/section310/">https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title22/agency40/chapter185/section310/</a>. Specifically, the application indicates 75 children will utilize 4 classrooms, with up to 19 kids per age group. These proposed classrooms would be 136, 164, 193, and 296 square feet in size and expected to hold up to 19 children each, plus instructors.

### Traffic, Loading, and Parking:

 Traffic: Traffic is a concern in the morning, as northbound North Van Dorn Street is often backed up due to northbound cut-through traffic bypassing the hill and lane reduction on I-395, along with signal timing at the intersection of N Van Dorn Street and Menokin Drive. Additional traffic



exiting Park Place at this time could impact wait times for residents to enter traffic on Van Dorn Street. (The applicant indicated peak drop-off time of 7 AM to 8:30 AM.)

## Loading:

Per question 12 of the Day Care Drop-Off/Pickup Plan, the 75% majority of the patrons, specifically parents with toddlers, will wait in their vehicle and daycare center staff will meet them. On page 8 of the application (pdf page 9), in question 15a, the applicant indicates use of only one parking space for loading these 57 children. The Association does not currently have a loading area appropriate for this activity. One parking spot, rather than a larger loading zone seems inappropriate for this use. As a result of insufficient loading facilities, it is likely a significant number of cars arriving at peak times will either double park and impede traffic, or park in resident non-commercial spaces near the daycare center. A lack of a proper loading zone creates concerns not only for blocked traffic, but also for children's safety going to and from cars across parking lanes. It may be possible for the Association to reserve a few spots near the entrance for a more appropriate loading zone, but the applicant has not yet asked the Association to provide any type of loading area for this activity (or for the additional parking spaces that get the applicant to the number proposed in its Special Use Permit application).

Parking: The applicant states they would have 10 employees, but only need 3 parking spaces for the staff (per question 12 of the Day Care Drop-Off/Pickup Plan). As City Staff may be aware, Park Place does not have all-day bus service at this time. Consequently, we do not believe there is ample transit service from transit hubs at appropriate times to expect 7 of the 10 staff to be able to rely on public transport.

The 7 parking spaces for the up to 19 parents with infants specified in questions 11.b and the first subpart of question 12 in the Drop-Off/Pickup Plan are likely sufficient for the limited group of parents walking the smaller group of infants into the site.

Should parents of the remaining larger group of older children need to park rather than load, the 7 spaces for patrons do not seem sufficient. Such patrons will desire to park as close to the daycare center entrance as possible, which is a concern in the peak pickup time (5 PM to 7 PM per the applicant) while residents are arriving home from work. The likely result will force residents further into the parking lot.

The Board is concerned about additional communications between the applicant and City Staff regarding supposed agreements that the applicant has for parking spaces at Park Place. Mr. Ewart, we understand from a conversation and email with Park Place Manager Shawn O'Quinn on August 7th that "The applicant has indicated that they have come to an agreement to use 7 parking spaces on-site for the operation." The Board has made no such agreement. The applicant has not petitioned nor engaged the Board to request those spots, and inheritance of the prior owner's commercial parking spots, under the loosest interpretation, would not provide for more than 3 parking spots, along with a loading spot (a wide spot that cannot handle more than one car or truck, but not a passenger loading zone). It already has been concerning that the application proposes parking plans that have not been approved by the Board, and the new communications create additional concern since the applicant is conveying information about agreements that don't exist. These discrepancies call into question what else might not be factual in the application.



As part of the exchange with Mr. O'Quinn, Mr. Ewart stated:

We typically condition day care center uses to have some sort of marker in the parking spaces that indicate that they are to be used for pick up and drop off. We have done this in the past with paint on the spot or through signage. Is there a process currently in place for the site for situations like this? Do you prefer a specific method.

Park Place's governing documents stipulate a certain amount of parking spaces are available to commercial owners in the aggregate but they do not state where those spots shall be, how they will be allocated among the commercial owners, and are silent on what must be provided for signage. The Board needs to see a specific parking and loading plan that includes a loading zone, employee parking, and customer parking. The Board's consideration of this plan would need to balance the needs of the whole Association in making its decision. The proposal needs to include specifics on how many spots need to be reserved, where the spots would be desired, the requested days of the week and hours of reservation, and a painting/signage plan.

- Playground: The application seeks a playground on the Association's common element grounds. The
  Board specifically discussed this idea in a previous meeting and collectively declined to support it. For
  the Board to reconsider, we would need to see a specific plan to include where the playground would be
  placed, how it would be funded (installation and maintenance), how the Association would be
  indemnified from liability, and how children would be safely escorted to and from the playground.
  Additionally, this potential use would need to be considered against other potential uses of common
  grounds to serve residents and the community. Finally, The Board of Directors needs to approve any
  activity to be conducted on the common elements.
- Inconsistencies: The Board notes inconsistencies within the application with regard to the age groups of children. Page 4 of the Special Use Permit (pdf page 5) indicates that the children will range from 3 months to 5 years of age; the Daycare Drop-Off/Pickup Plan (pdf pages 12-14) indicates an upper age bound of 4.5 years. While the Board suspects this is simply an inconsistency, we'd want to clarify whether there are additional proposed children for the 4.5 to 5 age group or is this an extension in age for the highest age group.

The Board believes a daycare center would bring life and vibrancy to the community. Park Place is often the first home for new couples and they often have their first children while living here. Having a daycare center on premises is an amenity that might better retain families in the community. However, residents may pause at the idea of using this daycare center when the density is so high.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The Board looks forward to a sustainable business occupying this space. We look forward to hearing the outcome of this application.

Don Burke

President

Park Place Board of Directors

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