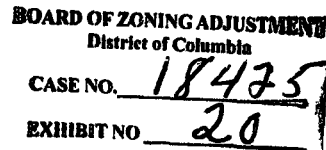


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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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RE APPLICATION NUMBER 18425

Dear Board of Zoning Adjustment,

I am writing to express my great concern about the application of Mount Zion United Methodist Church for a special exception to allow a child development center (35 children – infant to five (5) years old and 3 staff) at premises 1334 29th Street, N.W I am vehemently opposed to it!

For years and years, the worst thing about the neighborhood has been the unruliness of the Intown Playgroup which has been housed at Mt Zion, legally or not. It's not just the interior structure of 1334 29th Street, N.W that is fully used, but also the yard that is in the back rear of the church that faces 29th and O Streets, N W. My house is situated directly across the street from the "playground" where loud, screaming kids bring unrest to the neighborhood each week during school season. It is awful. It is one thing to have strollers strewn all over the sidewalk (so much so that walking a dog is nearly impossible) and cars illegally park during "playtime", but to not be able to sleep in when sick or work from home until the deafening sound dissipates when the kids leave, is unfair. We pay extreme taxes to live in this neighborhood and this "child development center" brings nothing good to those who are in close proximity to it. My address is the most directly affected, as my windows face the playground whereas the houses that sandwich the playground of the church are brick and rented, not owned.

A further notation I should like to make is that the plastic, multi-colored toys that littered the yard until recently (and will again as they always do) grew to unruly proportions. To wake up each morning and look out upon that (even after having expressed my concerns with preserving the beautification of the neighborhood) were greeted with deaf ears. Also, they started placing trash containers on 29th and O. So Intown Playgroup that rents from Mt. Zion can call it a "child development center" or whatever they want. What is it? An eyesore to the neighborhood, a loud unruly group of kids, a playground. I do not want this in my neighborhood, have not wanted this in my neighborhood and I would hope that the Board of Zoning Adjustment does NOT approve this application. The contemplation of a lawsuit has been entertained in the past, as this has affected the well-being of residents within 2907 O Street, N W and the ability to maintain a normal, peaceful existence. It is not possible when a playground full of screaming children and hideous, multi-colored toys are before one. It's just extremely unfair and affects more than a peaceful existence. It affects property value.

I should also like to note that a member whose child attends "Intown Playgroup" verbally assaulted me on two occasions. I am happy to provide the name of that individual and her husband. They reside near Dumbarton and 30th Streets, N W and were insulting, aggressive and all around inhumane. If this is approved, I will proceed as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E G Hilburn", with a stylized, flowing script.

E G Hilburn