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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lloyd Jordan
Chairperson
DC Board of Zoning Adjustment

FROM: Sam Zimbabwe
Associate Director, PPSA
District Department of Transportation

DATE: November 12, 2013

SUBJECT: BZA Case No 18662 – 800 11th Street, N E (Square 958, Lot 800)

APPLICATION

Pursuant to Title 11 DCMR §§3103.2 the Applicant seeks a variance from the off-street parking requirements (§§2101 1) to allow the partial use of a church building by a child development center in the HS-R-C-2-A District at premises 800 11th Street, N E (Square 958, Lot 800)

RECOMMENDATION IN BRIEF

DDOT has reviewed the Applicant's request and determined, based on the information provided, the proposal will have no adverse impacts on the travel conditions of the District's transportation network. The project has the potential to generate minor impacts to on-street parking utilization as some parents or caregivers who drive to the site may use on-street parking spaces. Despite this minor potential impact, DDOT has no objection to the approval of the requested variances.

The Applicant is seeking a license to operate a Child Development Center (CDC) in a portion of an existing church building. Currently the program, serving children aged 15 months to 33 months, requires children to be accompanied by a parent or caregiver until the CDC license is granted. After licensure the young children would still have to be escorted to the facility by an adult. The current enrollment is 33 children with a maximum of nine children per class served by three staff members

The center was organized by a group of area parents and is designed to serve the immediate community. The site is well served by alternative transportation options including the Union Station Metrorail station approximately 1 mile to the west, several Metrobus routes, a Capital Bikeshare station located adjacent to the property at 11th Street and H Street, numerous car-sharing options and the new DC Streetcar along the H Street corridor that will commence operations by 2014. The existing curbside parking spaces in the area can be used to serve children arriving by automobile.

This review pertains only to zoning issues and does not consider potential impacts to District owned public space. If any portion of the project has elements in the public space, the Applicant may be required to pursue a public space permit through DDOT's permitting process. Guidance on the treatment of public space can be found in DDOT's Public Realm Manual.

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