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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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FROM Shirley Cox (The Applicant)
Faces of Hope Child Development Center, Inc
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Washington, DC 20019

DATE October 3rd 2013

RE BZA# 18074

The Applicant is submitting this request in response to the Decision and Order of the Board regarding BZA # 18074 which is a request for a special exception under § 205 of the Zoning Regulations to establish a child development center for 15 children and three staff in the R-2 District at 3008 K Street, SE (Square 5482, Lots 8 and 9) The decision which was rendered on December 23, 2010 is currently set to expire in December 2013

The following conditions apply

- 1 The Approval for an exemption was granted for a period of three (3) years beginning on the date on which the order became final
2. The hours of operation of the child development center shall not exceed 6.30AM until 6 30 PM, Monday through Friday.
3. The maximum enrollment shall not exceed 15 children and the number of staff shall not exceed three.
4. The Applicant shall maintain a screening buffer along the entire length of the eastern property line of the subject property.
- 5 The applicant shall not install signage on the property, including on the building indicating the location of a child development center.
- 6 The Applicant shall maintain the property in a clean and orderly condition, including the regular upkeep of all landscaping, regular removal of trash, and proper storage of play equipment when the child development center is not in operation

The conditions listed above have been met to the best of the Applicant's ability, except as follows

In response to item 1 above,

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The Applicant is requesting an indefinite extension of the three year condition, in order to reach capacity and be fully operational

In response to item 4 above,

A bamboo fence six feet high was installed along the property line on the eastern facing side of the property. The zoning inspector Mr. Van Leuvin, indicated this structure was not sufficiently robust. Additionally, installing trees or hedges along this property line will significantly reduce the amount of play space the children will eventually have. The cost for the installation of such a buffer is cost prohibitive. On two occasions, most recently on August 17, 2013, Mr. Lake (owner of the adjoining property) indicated that he did not want the fence put up. Additionally, the noise, a concern of the Party Status Applicants, is minimal. The children are outside for one (1) hour each day: thirty (30) minutes in the morning and thirty minutes in the afternoon. The other times we walk around the block as is standard practice with many other child care facilities in the District. There are many days when we use the playground equipment of The District of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department located at 3030 G Street SE.

Based on these factors, the Applicant is requesting relief from the installation of a screening buffer along the eastern property line

In response to item 5 above,

The Applicant is seeking relief from this condition. On more than one occasion, residents who have been seeking child care in the neighborhood have asked why I don't have a sign up to attract more clients. Additionally, on more than one occasion, potential candidates for employment were delayed in their arrival due to the imposition of this condition. Most businesses have signs. Even on the internet one has to have websites which are equivalent to signs directing clients to your business.

Based on these factors, the Applicant is requesting relief from this condition. A business needs a sign to attract customers

The above conditions, items numbered 1, 2, 3, and six have been met to the best of the Applicant's ability, and as such relief is not being requested.

In addition, the concerns of the Party Status Applicants were unfounded. There were and continue to be no traffic problems. The Applicant has taken every opportunity to inform parents not to block the driveways of the neighbors on both sides of the street in our Weekly Newsletter.(see attached)The employees used public transportation to and from the facility. Those others who drove were gone before residents returned home from work. Dropping off and picking up of children was staggered so there was no congestion on the block as the Party Status Applicants had feared

As a small business owner, getting a business up and running has been a great challenge. In view of the above listed considerations, the Applicant hopes the Board will consider and render a decision that will prove fruitful and reasonable to all concerned.

Thanking you in advance for your kind consideration, I remain,

Sincerely,

Shirley Cox, M.Ed.
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