

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



d. Policy, Planning and Sustainability Administration

MEMORANDUM

TO: District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment

FROM: Sam Zimbabwe
Associate Director

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DATE: July 22, 2015

SUBJECT: BZA Case No. 19054 – 1470 Irving Street N.W. (Square 2672, Lot 881)

APPLICATION

Pursuant to 11 DCMR §§3103.2 Barbara Chambers Children's Center (the "Applicant") seeks a special exception from the accessory use requirements under §§351.1, to add an accessory catering operation to an existing child development center in the R-5-B District at premises 1470 Irving Street N.W. (Square 2672, Lot 881)

RECOMMENDATIONS IN BRIEF

The purpose of the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) review is to assess the impact of the proposed action on the District's transportation network and, as necessary, propose appropriate mitigations. After a review of the case materials and additional information provided by the Applicant, DDOT finds:

- A total of two daily deliveries are proposed at 8:00 am and 11:00 am;
- The projected new trips will have a negligible impact on traffic conditions; and
- The proposal will have no adverse impacts on the travel conditions of the District's transportation network.

DDOT has no objection to the approval of the requested zoning special exception.

TRANSPORTATION ANALYSIS

Overview

DDOT is committed to achieving an exceptional quality of life in the nation's capital by encouraging sustainable travel practices, constructing safer streets and providing outstanding access to goods and services. As one means to achieve this vision, DDOT works through the zoning process to ensure that impacts from new developments are manageable within, and take advantage of the District's multimodal transportation network and ultimately discourage single occupancy vehicle trips. Accordingly, an Applicant is expected to show the existing conditions for each transportation mode affected, the proposed impact on the respective network and any proposed mitigations, along with the effects of the mitigations on other travel modes.

The catering service will be an accessory use to the existing child-care facility. Staff will use the existing facility including the kitchen to prepare food to be delivered to a satellite location in the Shaw community at 1734 7th Street, N.W. across from the Shaw-Howard University Metro Station. Detailed site plans were not included with the submittal package of the existing facility at 1430 Irving Street or the satellite location. However, the Applicant provided supplemental information regarding school operations during phone conversations.

Site Access

The main pedestrian entrance is on Irving Street on the northern edge of the site with a secondary ADA accessible entrance along the eastern edge of the building abutting a public alley. The Applicant does not expect any physical changes to the site or an increase in student and staff levels. An existing surface parking lot is located at the rear accessed by the public alley network.

Loading and Curbside Management

The Applicant expects the operation will generate two deliveries per day by an existing van owned by the facility. The van will use an existing parking space in the surface parking lot at the rear of the subject site for parking and staging. Curbside loading will occur at the satellite location using metered parking spaces; a dedicated loading space is not required given the low number of projected deliveries.

Streetscape and Public Realm

DDOT's lack of objection to the zoning special exception should not be viewed as an approval of public space elements. If any portion of the project has elements in the public space requiring approval, the Applicant is required to pursue a public space permit through DDOT's permitting process. The Applicant may refer to the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations and DDOT's Design and Engineering Manual for specific controls of public space. A summary can be found in DDOT's Public Realm Design Manual.

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