"WE THE CONGRESS HEIGHTS COMMUNITY AGREE TO ALLOW THE TUCKER DAY CARE CENTER TO EXPAND IT'S ENROLLMENT OF CHILDREN BY THE AMOUNT ALLOWABLE BY LAW."

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Proposed Expansion of Southeast Day Care Poses Concerns for Residents

By Keenan Suares
The Community News

For four years, Southeast resident Brian Dotson has endured the constant screeching of tires from parents' cars as they drop off and pick up their children at Tucker's Day Care, 3215 11th Place, S.E.

But if Bertha Tucker, owner of Tucker's Day Care, receives a permit for expansion, Dotson's street would be congested with even more cars in the morning and afternoon. Tucker plans to increase the number of children from 29 to 59 and the size of her staff from three employees to eight.

Dotson, of Savannah Street in Southeast, opposes the expansion of Tucker's Day Care because it would increase traffic in the neighborhood and reduce the number of available parking spaces for homeowners.

Tucker, who has operated her day care for four years, denies there is a parking problem on Savannah Street and 11th Place. She said there has been only one parking incident in her four years of running the business.

"Last year, I spotted a commercial truck that was illegally parked in front of the day care," she said. "At first, I was going to write the driver a letter and leave it on his windshield wiper. But my husband told me to speak to the driver instead. I saw the driver and asked him to park further up because he was a commercial truck. I never had a problem with that truck driver again."

Another concern, Dotson said, is the behavior of the children. He said he has witnessed them playing and leaving litter on his neighbors' property. However, Tucker claims the children Dotson saw misbehaving weren't from her day care because the day care is fenced in. She also has surveillance cameras in each room of the day care center.

Lois Childs, a Ward 8 resident, supported the expansion of the day care. She said she would rather see parents bringing children to Southeast for day care instead of people from other states coming into Southeast to buy drugs.

"I think when we're talking about a day care center, you are looking at children who will take care of you in the future," Childs said. "You can't penalize a day care center if the parents pick up their children in the morning and afternoon. It shouldn't be [considered] a hindrance."

Another Ward 8 resident, Roderick Liggens, of Bonini Street, agreed. "We need proper day care service. If you talk to the children, they will remember to pick up the trash. They will remember the guy on the steps who said to pick up the trash."

Mel Simms, chairperson of 8E Advisory Neighborhood Commission, will represent the community on May 24 during the Board of Zoning's hearing concerning the expansion permit.