GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUILDING AND LAND REGULATION ADMINISTRATION

February 29, 2000

Catherine Jackson
Sasha Bruce Youthwork, Inc.
741 8th Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Re: 1022 Maryland Avenue, NE
Square: 961 Lot(s): 803
(Basement through Third Floor)
Zoned: R-4

Dear Ms. Jackson:

Your certificate of occupancy application filed on behalf of Sasha Bruce Youthwork, Inc. to use the subject premises as a "Youth Residential Care Home, 15 residents and Rotating Staff" is disapproved due to the need for Board of Zoning Adjustment approval.

Occupancy records indicate that certificate of occupancy B132492 was issued 2/8/83, authorizing use of the subject premises as a Youth Rehabilitation Home for 10 residents. You will be required to obtain a special exception under the provisions of DCMR Title 11, Section 303.1 to convert to your use in the R-4 Zone.

The Board of Zoning Adjustment has authority to grant special exception under provisions of DCMR Title 11, Section 3104.1.

This letter must be presented to the Office of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, Room 210, 441 4th Street, N.W., when filing for the hearing. If your request is granted, a new certificate of occupancy application must be filed.

Sincerely,

Edgar T. Nunley, Chief
Zoning Review Branch

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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2. Program Summary

The purpose of the program is to provide shelter care and crisis intervention to youth in crisis. Sasha Bruce House is a 15-bed youth shelter. Young people can reach Sasha Bruce House 24 hours a day through our crisis hotline or walk-in service. At Sasha Bruce House, young people receive shelter, food, supportive services, and counseling. Children stay at Sasha Bruce House for up to 21 days. During this time, they are assigned household chores and learn skills in home living. They attend school during the day and participate in a variety of activities and group counseling sessions after school. Residents receive a wide range of support services guided by individual service plans based on a careful assessment of each client's needs. Family counseling is emphasized. As a crisis shelter, our service strategy is to stabilize a young person's immediate crisis and provide access to ongoing services. The focus of our work is to preserve families while protecting the well-being of children and to facilitate alternative placements when family unification is not possible.