DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXISTING AND
PROPOSED USE
LOTS 173 AND 72 IN SQUARE 1003
1238-1240-1242 WYLIE STREET, N.E.

The zoning classification of the subject property is R-4 residential. This matter is before the Board of Zoning Adjustment pursuant to the application of the Fishing School for the following relief:

A special exception under provisions of Section 334.1 to continue a community center on lot 173 (see BZA Cases number 15681 and 15361) and to expand the approval to the adjacent lot 72 which is a covered breezeway used for a play area.

The applicant, the Fishing School, has been located on Wylie Street, N.E. since 1990. The Fishing School provides edcationaland informational services to families within walking distance to the center. The Fishing School is a nonprofit organization which has exempt status under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3).

The philosophy of the Fishing School is based upon the adage "Give a man a fish, you'll feed him for a day; teach him how to fish and he'll feed himself for a lifetime." The Fishing School has various programs which benefit the community. The objectives of the Fishing Schools program are:

(1) To provide educational support through tutoring, literacy training, communication skill enhancement and academic enrichment.

(2) To teach effective ways to secure and maintain employment.

(3) To instruct in African American History.

(4) To teach and enable the development of positive attitudes through spiritual beliefs.

(5) To promote responsible, healthy and sufficient families and build strong relationships.

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The Board of Zoning Adjustment under case number 16361 in an order dated September 24, 1998, granted several area variances and a special exception for the Fishing School to continue operatong for a period of three years. The applicant under this application seeks Board of Zoning Adjustment approval to operate for a ten year period. The Fishing School is seeking the approval for ten years due to the cost of the renewals and the length of time that it takes to renew each application

SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST

Under summary orders 15681 and 16381, the Board of Zoning Adjustment granted the Fishing School special exceptions to operate the programs for three years. The Fishing Schools main focus is on the youth of the surrounding area (Wylie Street, N.E.). The youth are encouraged to learn in a nuturing enviriment and are provided academic enrichment through tutoring and computer skills courses.

Families are also a focus of the fishing School. Counseling is offered to assist families with everday problems and in addition job training and interview skills training are offered to individuals trying to return to or who are taking their first step into the job market.

To obtain a special exception to continue the community center in the R-4 residential zone Sections 334.2 through 334.5 of the D.C. Zoning Regulations requires the following:

> Under SEction 334.2, a temporary community service center shall be so located so that it is not likely to become objectionable to neighboring properties because of noise or other ojectionable conditions.

Lot 173 was formerly a crackhouse in a struggling area and Lot 72 was a lot with trash and debris. These properties are now being used by the Fishing School for educational purposes which are beneficial to the surrounding neighborhood. The school perticipants are dropped off by parents, brought by the school's vans or they walk to the Fishing School.

> Under SEction 334.3, no structural changes shall be made except those required by other municipal laws or regulations.

The Fishing School is not requesting any structural additions. The fishing School is requesting renewal of a special exception to continue an existing use in a building located on lot 173 and to include an existing breezeway located on lot 72 in the approval.

> Under Section 334.4, the use shall be reasonably necessary or convient to the neighborhood in which it is proposed to be located.

Most of the program participants walk to the Fishing School. The participants are from the surrounding community.

> Pursuant to Section 334.5, a ~~temporary~~ community center shall not be organized for profit, and no part of its net income inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

Tha Fishing School has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to have exempt status under Section 501(a) of the ~~Interna~~ Internal Revenue Code as a not for profit Corporation as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

The Board of Zoning Adjustment, under SEction 3104 has the authority to grant special exceptions where in the judgement of the Board, the special exception will be in harmony with the general purpose and the intent of the D.C. Zoning Regulations and Maps of the District of Columbia. The Fishing School respectfully request that the Board of Zoning Adjustment approve its application for a community center so it may continue to provide services to the surrounding neighborhood.