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Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
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INFORMATION FOR BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

City Gate is a faith-based non-profit incorporated on October 11, 2000 in the District of Columbia. We are sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church (8th & H Streets, NW), which has a long history of community service and urban mission. We have received our IRS tax exemption.

Action by Calvary Baptist Church, recommended by the Church Council and approved by the congregation on July 19, 2001:

"That Calvary Baptist Church sponsors the establishment of a not-for-profit corporation for the purpose of maintaining existing community ministries and extending the Church's community outreach."

City Gate also has a covenant (formalized as a contract) with the DC Baptist Convention to train and deploy ministry volunteers (individuals and groups) in ministries related to the 140 churches in the convention.

Current Programs include:

- Summer day camps at Calvary Baptist Church
- Urban Hands mission program at Calvary Baptist Church and other sites
- Out-of-school time programs (summer day camp and after-school program) at the Johenning Baptist Community Center, a ministry of the churches of the DC Baptist Convention
- ESL (English as a second language) instruction at Wisconsin Avenue Baptist Church
- Coordination of volunteer ministry services for the DC Baptist Convention, including orientation, training, supervision, and educational programs for Urban Hands groups.

INFORMATION FOR BZA ACTION (4B. Statement of existing and intended use)

5917 16th St. NW was used by St Luke's Serbian Orthodox Church for worship services and other religious programs (first floor and basement) and as a rectory/housing for clergy and church workers or guests (second and third floors). City Gate (a not-for-profit ministry sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church, and working with other churches affiliated with the District of Columbia Baptist Convention), which purchased the property on August 30, 2001, would continue similar uses as follows:

1. First floor and basement:
   a) Worship and instructional services, educational meetings and program in chapel with attendance of 75 or less persons
   b) Homework assistance for neighborhood children and youth, and mentoring programs teaching faith, values, and life skills
   c) ESL tutoring and small classes

NOTE: Above programs will primarily be conducted by volunteers

   d) Non-profit organization (City Gate) office for 2-3 volunteers or staff with computer, copier, basic office equipment/furniture

2. Second and third floors (six bedrooms and kitchenette)
   a) Housing for up to eight long-term volunteers or City Gate staff (e.g. house manager). This number would include spouses or any family members. Some volunteers or staff may be college/seminary student ministry interns.
   b) Overnight hospitality for short-term mission volunteers for up to one week where there is space available.

   NOTE: The majority of the mission activity engaged in on a daily basis by both long-term and short-term volunteers will not take place at 5917 16th St., NW, but at other ministry sites and churches.

3. First floor and basement:

   e) Worship and instructional services, educational meetings and programs in chapel (with some meetings in basement area) with attendance of 75 or less persons. These programs would primarily involve instruction and inspiration for church volunteers involved or interested in programs of social betterment for the community. Most programs would involve small groups of 8-15 persons.

   f) Homework assistance for neighborhood children and youth, and mentoring programs teaching faith, values, and life skills, using volunteer tutors from churches and/or community.

   g) ESL tutoring and small classes, likewise primarily utilizing volunteer leadership.

   h) Small office with computer, copier, and phone to resource volunteers and program staff.

4. Second and third floors (six bedrooms and kitchenette)

   c) Housing for up to eight long-term volunteers or City Gate staff (e.g. house manager). This number would include spouses or any family members. Some volunteers or staff may be college/seminary student ministry interns.

   d) Overnight hospitality for short-term mission volunteers for up to one week when there is space available.

NOTE: The majority of the mission activity engaged in on a daily basis by both long-term and short-term volunteers will not take place at 5917 16th St., NW, but at other ministry sites and churches. Worship and training activities would be held at this site, and with ESL and children's programs of limited scope, designed for the social betterment of the neighboring community.

PARKING

Garage provides two parking spaces, plus one additional parallel space between garage and alley. This is a corner lot, and approximately 5 street spaces are available along the lot on Oglethorpe. Parking on 16th Street is permitted non-rush hour. Public transportation on 16th provides alternative access. Parking needs will be less than when the property served as the Serbian Orthodox Church. It is anticipated that children/youth and ESL students will generally walk or use public transportation. Since programs on this site generally involve

church groups, many volunteers will come in church vans and not individual vehicles. Off street parking normally would be reserved for long-term volunteers housed at the site. Street parking will be adequate for program needs, especially since program times (except for after-school tutoring) will not occur during rush hour.