GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DISTRICT DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Policy and Planning Administration

MEMORANDUM

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Case No. 16894
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TO: Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
Director
Office of Zoning

FROM: Kenneth Laden
Associate Director for Transportation Planning

DATE: July 2, 2002

SUBJECT: BZA No. 16894 – Application for a Special Exception to Establish a Child Development Center Located at 2001 14th Street, SE, Lot 836, Square 5774

The District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) has reviewed the subject application and material for the above site. This memorandum addresses the transportation aspects of the proposal.

The applicant requests a special exception to operate a child development center at an existing church between the hours of 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM Monday through Friday at the subject site. The applicant states the number of children shall not exceed 95 and the number of employees shall not exceed 22. The subject property is located on the western side of 14th Street and occupies the entire block bordered by U Street and V Street, SE. The 2000 block of 14th Street has a very wide median strip that separates the northbound and southbound traffic, making the street appear to have two one-way legs with southbound traffic traveling adjacent to the subject site.

DDOT staff conducted a midday site visit. The subject site, including the accessory parking lot, was in good condition, well maintained and free of debris upon a midday site visit conducted by staff. The applicant is required to provide six off street parking spaces, one parking space for each four employees. The applicant states the site exceeds the parking requirements by providing 19 parking spaces in an accessory lot located at the corner of 14th and V Street, SE. Staff observed stacked parking spaces in the accessory lot with the potential capacity for 25 automobiles. In the street classification system 14th Street is identified as a collector and U Street as a local road, and both streets had light vehicular traffic. On street parking is available adjacent to the site on 14th Street and all spaces were unoccupied.

The 14th Street curb adjacent to the site can be used as a curbside drop-off and pick-up area for the children. The applicant may re-design the parking lot to create a drop-off and pick-up area on site however, the parking lot is also used for church parking and re-striping the parking lot may reduce the stacked parking spaces necessary for church services.

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The proposed use will not negatively effect on-street parking in the neighborhood, create dangerous or otherwise objectionable traffic conditions, or cause a large increase in the traffic volume for neighboring streets. Accordingly, DDOT has no objection to the proposal.

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