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Memorandum

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Director
Office of Zoning

FROM: Kenneth Laden, Associate Director Rick Rybeck for KL
Transportation Policy and Planning Administration

DATE: July 22, 2002

SUBJECT: BZA Application No.16902 - Special exception to construct a Daycare Center at 2017 Savannah Terrace, SE

The Department of Transportation (DDOT) has reviewed the application and other material submitted by the Office of Planning. This memorandum addresses the transportation elements of the proposal.

The proposal is for the construction of a child development center for 89 children, ages from infant to 12 years old. The primary hours of operation of the center will be from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The applicant proposes to employ a staff of 20 persons and seeks a variance from the off street-parking requirement for employees of the Center.

The property is located on the east side of Savannah Terrace, a 34-foot local street. Unrestricted parking is allowed on both sides of the street. Another local street serving the project is 22nd Street, which terminates in a cul-de-sac.

It should be noted that the proposed Center is a part of a larger residential development containing approximately 182 apartment units. We also note that the day care center is situated away from the street and the challenge for kids is to safely walk from the street to the center.

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To determine the potential impact of the proposal in the area, we have examined the project with regard to parking availability and the provision of a safe drop-off and pick up area to accommodate parents who will drive to and from the Center.

With regard to parking, the applicant is unable to provide the five parking spaces required under the Zoning Regulations. DDOT staff survey of on-street parking in the vicinity of the site indicated that some curb parking may be available but may result in competition with the residents of the apartment complex. Hiring staff from the neighboring community could minimize the impact of the parking.

A safe drop off and pick up at the center is an issue in this case. As previously stated, Savannah Terrace is a 34-foot, two-way street with parking on both sides. Any drop-off and pick up will block traffic on Savannah Terrace, not to mention the safety hazard the children will be exposed to. For the above reason the Department of Transportation will not support this project unless the applicant provides a designated drop-off /pick up area for the students.

Cc: Andrew Altman, OP