

# Government of the District of Columbia


## Department of Transportation



### d. Planning and Sustainability Division

#### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment

**FROM:** Anna Chamberlin, AICP   
Associate Director

**DATE:** December 30, 2021

**SUBJECT:** BZA Case No. 20593 – 3637 Patterson Street NW

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#### APPLICATION

Archdiocese of Washington, on behalf of the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament (the Applicant”), pursuant to Title 11 (2016 Zoning Regulations) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR), Subtitle X, Chapter 9, requests special exception from the matter of right uses of Subtitle U § 201; pursuant to Subtitle C § 1504 and Subtitle X § 901.2; pursuant to Subtitle U § 203.1 (m) and Subtitle Subtitle X § 901.2 to continue the use of a recreational playing field to serve an existing private school. The playing field was previously approved by the BZA in case numbers 16561, 17718, and 18236. The site is located in the R-1-B Zone at 3637 Patterson Street NW (Square 1863, Lots 824, 825, 826) and is served by a 15-foot rear public alley.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has reviewed the application materials and has determined that the proposed action will not have adverse impacts on the District’s transportation network. DDOT has no objection to the approval of this application.

#### STREETScape AND PUBLIC REALM

DDOT’s lack of objection to this application should not be viewed as an approval of the public realm design. It is noted that the site has a 15-foot building restriction line (BRL) along Patterson Street NW. The area between the property line and the BRL is regulated as if it is DDOT public space and should remain park-like with landscaping. Currently, a portion of the playing field and surrounding ornamental fence are located in the building restriction area. If any portion of this or future projects at the property propose elements within District owned right-of-way or the building restriction area, the Applicant is required to pursue a public space permit through DDOT’s permitting process.

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DDOT expects the adjacent public realm to meet all District standards. The Applicant should refer to Titles 11, 12A, and 24 of the [DCMR](#), the most recent version of DDOT's [Design and Engineering Manual \(DEM\)](#), and the [Public Realm Design Manual](#) for public space regulations and design guidance. A permit application can be filed through the DDOT [Transportation Online Permitting System \(TOPS\)](#) website.

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