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Petition of Wellesley Community Children's Center (Unitarian Church)

Pursuant to due notice, the Special Permit Granting Authority held a Public Hearing in the second floor hearing room of the Town Hall on Thursday, September 16, 1982, at 8 p.m. on the petition of WELLESLEY COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CENTER, requesting a Special Permit which will allow the premises located at the UNITARIAN CHURCH, 309 WASHINGTON STREET, to be used as an infant/toddler day care center. Said location is in a General Residence District and the request is made pursuant to Section IV and Section XXV of the Zoning Bylaw.

On August 27, 1982, the petitioner filed a request for a hearing before this Authority, and thereafter due notice of the hearing was given by mailing and publication.

Presenting the case was Elaine Lang, Director of the Infant/Toddler Program, who stated that the Wellesley Community Children's Center has been offered additional space in the Unitarian Church for expansion of their program. They presently have twenty children enrolled and wish to increase the enrollment by four, bringing total enrollment to twenty-four children. Staff would be increased by four. Ms. Lang presented a floor plan of the facilities at the Unitarian Church.

Gina Greeley, new Director of the Wellesley Community Children's Center, was present at the hearing. No others were present either favoring or opposing the petition.

Statement of Facts

The Wellesley Community Children's Center has operated an infant/toddler day care center at the Unitarian Church, 309 Washington Street, in a General Residence District, since September, 1980, under a Special Permit originally granted by the Board of Appeals on August 15, 1980. On July 16, 1982, a Special Permit was granted by the Board of Appeals for renewal of the request for enrollment of twenty children in the program.

The Wellesley Community Children's Center now wishes to expand its program to serve twenty-four children and increase its staff by four members. An additional room would be used, adjacent to the space presently used. The hours of operation would remain the same.

A letter of support for the program and the proposed expansion was received from W. Ward Fearnside, Property Chairman, Unitarian Church.

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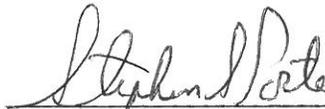
The Planning Board, at its regular meeting of September 14, 1982, voted to offer no comment on the petition.

Decision

This Authority has made a careful study of the evidence submitted regarding this petition. It is the opinion of this Authority that the proposed increase of four children and four staff members would not constitute a significant change in the operation of the program, nor impact the flow of traffic in the area of the Unitarian Church at 309 Washington Street. The parking lot behind the Unitarian Church appears to be adequate in regards to space and a safe location for children to be dropped off and picked up.

Therefore, a Special Permit is granted for the expansion of the infant/toddler day care center under the following conditions:

1. That the maximum number of children at any one time be no more than twenty-four.
2. That the hours of operation be from 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. weekdays.
3. That the pick-up and delivery of children shall take place in the parking lot of the Unitarian Church, at the rear of the building, and that there shall be no pick-up or delivery of children on Washington Street.
4. This Special Permit is subject to the full compliance of an regulations or restrictions as may be imposed by either the Public Safety Inspector, the Fire Inspector or the Building Inspector.
5. This Special Permit shall expire one (1) year from the date of this decision.

  
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