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Petition of Wellesley Community Children's Center/Wellesley Hills Unitarian Church
309 Washington Street

Pursuant to due notice, the Special Permit Granting Authority held a Public Hearing in the Upper Town Hall Main Hearing Room on Thursday, October 4, 1984 at 8 p.m. on the petition of WELLESLEY COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CENTER and the WELLESLEY HILLS UNITARIAN CHURCH requesting renewal of a Special Permit which will allow the premises at 309 WASHINGTON STREET to continue to be used as an infant-toddler day care center, said location being in a General Residence District. Said request is pursuant to Sections IV and XXV of the Zoning Bylaw.

On September 14, 1984, 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 Carol Henrichs, Director of the Wellesley Community Children's Center, who stated that there are no changes in the operation since last years request.

There were no others at the hearing 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 Special Permits granted by the Board of Appeals. The center serves twenty-four children with twelve staff members. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

A letter of support for the program, dated October 2, 1984, was received from Robert B. Frost, Property Chairman, Unitarian Church.

The Planning Board, at its regular meeting of 9/25/84, voted to offer no comment on the petition.

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Decision

This Authority has made a careful study of the evidence submitted regarding this petition. It is the opinion of this Authority that the continued use of the facilities at the Wellesley Hills Unitarian Church at 309 Washington Street for an infant/toddler program of the Wellesley Hills Community Children's Center will not disturb or disrupt the neighborhood, and that 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 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 8 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. That all State and local laws shall be complied with as well as the recommendations and requirements of the Fire Department, Board of Health, and Building Inspector.
5. That this Special Permit shall expire one year from the date of this decision.

APPEALS FROM THIS DECISION, IF ANY, SHALL BE MADE PURSUANT TO GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 40A, SECTION 17, AND SHALL BE FILED WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF FILING OF THIS DECISION IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK.



Stephen S. Porter, Chairman



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