

District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A P. O. Box 75115 Washington, DC 20013



November 15, 2013

Mr. Clifford Moy Secretary, Board of Zoning Adjustment Office of Zoning 441 Fourth Street, NW, Suite 210S Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 18662 (Douglas Memorial Methodist Church, 800 11th Street, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on November 14, 2013, our Commission voted 6-1 (with five Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the applicant's request for a variance from off-street parking requirements under subsection 2101.1 to allow the partial use of a church building by a child development center in the HS-R/C-2-A District at Square 958, Lot 800.

The Commission supports the variance because it meets the three standards for a variance. In particular, the lot is 100% occupied by the historic church building. The granting of the variance will reduce the parking requirement of the proposed CDC, known as Toddlers on the Hill (TotH), since currently parents' vehicles must be parked while they stay in required attendance with their children.

In addition, TotH has committed to a parking plan, will inform the ANC of any changes to that plan, and has committed to preventing double-parking.

Please be advised that David Holmes and Dan Golden are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at David.Holmes@anc.dc.gov.

On behalf of the Commission,

David Holmes, Chair

Attached is TotH's Transportation Plan as requested by the ANC.

¹ ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on the anc6a-announce@googlegroups.com, ANC- 6A and NewHillEast yahoogroups, on the Commission's website, and through print advertisements in the *Hill Rag.*

Toddlers on the Hill 800 11th Street NE Pick-up/Drop-off Plan

The following Pick-up/Drop-off Plan (the "Plan") addresses vehicle activity at 800 11th Street, NE (the "Property") in connection with operation of a Child Development Center by Toddlers on the Hill ("ToTH"). The purpose of this Plan is to ensure proper and safe pick-up and drop-off of children, resolve any traffic flow issues that may arise, and provide assistance to parents. The vast majority of children are escorted to and from ToTH by stroller, or other non-automobile means of transportation, which is encouraged by ToTH.

1. ToTH will designate a ToTH employee or parent volunteer to be the pick-up/drop-off coordinator ("PDC").

2. The PDC shall be responsible for ensuring that the Pick-up/Drop-off Plan is properly adhered to and otherwise facilitating a positive relationship between ToTH, the neighborhood, and the ANC.

3. ToTH will make the PDC's contact information readily available on its website to ensure that the PDC can promptly be made aware of, and immediately address, a traffic flow issue should one arise.

4. ToTH will encourage parents who do drive to carpool and will help coordinate carpooling arrangements.

5. A parent, guardian, or other authorized person dropping-off or picking-up children attending ToTH ("Parent") shall only park in valid street parking spaces.

6. At no time may a Parent block a driveway or alley.

7. At no time may a Parent double park or leave their car idling.

8. Drop-off shall occur be between 8:30am and 9:15am (the "Drop-off time").

9. Pick-up shall occur between 11:45am and 12:15pm (the "Pick-up time")

10. ToTH will encourage Parents to drop off and pick up their child only during the Drop-off and Pick-up times.

11. Parents shall always hold their child's hand while crossing the street.

12. Failure to abide by the provisions of this traffic plan on two or more occasions will be grounds for the Advisory Board to fine the parents \$30.00. Subsequent offenses may be grounds for suspension or expulsion from ToTH.

13. If necessary to effectuate the purpose of the Plan, the PDC, or a parent volunteer designated by the PDC, may be stationed outside ToTH during Pick-up and Drop-off times to monitor traffic, assist in the drop-off and pick-up of children, and escort children between vehicles and ToTH.

14. This Plan will be made publicly available on the ToTH website.

15. ToTH will inform all Parents, both orally and in writing, of the provisions in this Pick-up/Drop-off Plan and the consequences of noncompliance in August and January of each school year.

***The above Pick-up/Drop-off Plan may be updated or amended as necessary to better address concerns raised by the PDC or in response to changes in ToTH's programming.