CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Title:	Considering a Special Use Permit request at 211 Albemarle Street (1 reading)
Staff Contacts:	Matthew Alfele, City Planner
Presenter:	Matthew Alfele, City Planner
Action Required:	Consideration of an application for a Special Use Permit
Agenda Date:	December 5, 2022

Background

Pilgrim Baptist Church (owner) has submitted an application requesting a Special Use Permit (SUP) pursuant to City Code Sec. 34-796, Sec. 34-420, and Sec. 34-158 to operate a Daycare Facility for fifteen (15) children within the existing church structure at 1113 5th Street SW or the Subject Property. The Subject Property is identified as Tax Map and Parcel 310025000 and has frontage on Albemarle Street and West Street. The Subject Property is split zoned between CC (Central City Mixed Use Corridor) and R-1S (Residential Small Lot.

Discussion

The Planning Commission held a hybrid virtual and in-person joint Public Hearing with City Council on November 8, 2022, on this matter. The Planning Commission and City Council had the following comments:

- The operation hours of the Daycare Facility should not be limited.
- This use is very much needed in this area.

Both Planning Commission and the City Councilors present were very supportive of the proposal and would like to see the Daycare Facility grow beyond the fifteen (15) children requested.

Staff note: A recording of the meeting can be found at the following link. Discussion starts at the 00:28 minute mark.

Link to the Public Hearing recording

Staff note: The full application for this project can be found at the following link. Materials start on page 74.

Link to Application Materials and Staff Report

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

If City Council approves the Special Use Permit request, the project could contribute to Goal 4: A Strong, Creative and Diversified Economy, 4.2 Attract and cultivate a variety of businesses.

Community Engagement

The applicant held a community meeting on site October 6, 2022, to engage the community and inform them about the proposed Daycare Facility. Those in attendance identified as community members and members of the congregation. A project explanation was provided and those in attendance provided support.

Budgetary Impact

This has no impact on the General Fund.

Recommendation

The Planning Commission voted 7-0 to recommend the application be approved.

Suggested motion: "I move the RESOLUTION granting a Special Use Permit with conditions for a Daycare Facility located at 211 Albemarle Street".

Alternatives

City Council may deny or indefinitely defer the requested Special Use Permit:

(1) Denial: "I move to deny the Special Use Permit requested for a daycare facility at 211 Albemarle Street"

(2) Deferral: "I move to defer Council action on zoning application no. SP22-00010"

Attachments

1. RES - SUP 211 Albemarle St