

January 6, 2014

Dear City of Norman,

I am writing in support of the City of Norman approving the request for special use permit by Thomas Rose located at 2795 Broce Drive for an Early Education Program Center and Private School.

I have three children who will be enrolled in this program. They are ages 17 months and 11 years. They provide an educational program throughout the day for all ages from age 6 weeks through twelve years. As you are aware, the development in the first 5 years is crucial to the lifetime learning of a child. I selected this school because of the many educational opportunities for young children.

The area already has MANY businesses that are geared to support small children. For the City to not approve this would be an incredible disservice to children. The area has changed from being an Industrial one to one that has services for children, older seniors and families. This program more than meets the requirements of a Special Use. The City recently approved Pumpkin Shell for a Special Use permit and they are not a nationally accredited facility like the one I am writing about. Additionally, Kidoplis Learning Center operates in a heavy industrial area under the same roof as a fencing manufacturer. I have included some of the educational guidelines that they teach to my 17 month old child.

Child care in Oklahoma has changed and is no longer "babysitting." The City of Norman needs to update their outdated policies on child care and private schools. Please approve this facility for Special Use of a Private School.

Thank you,



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To Whom it May Concern:

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My three children have attended Bright Start School since 2010. Bright Start School was recommended by a friend/neighbor. My husband and I chose to enroll our children at Bright Start School due to being three star certified and being a Nationally Accredited Organization. We have been extremely satisfied since enrolling our children at Bright Start. Our children have learned and excelled in social skills, motor skills and cognitive abilities. I would recommend Bright Start to anyone looking for ~~a~~ an organization for school enrollment for his/her children.

Paula Rether

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City Of Norman
Planning Department
Norman, OK 73072

Dear City of Norman:

As a Norman resident and taxpayer, I am requesting that you grant a special use permit at 2795 Broce Drive for an Early Education Program Center and Private School. The school also has housed a Norman Public Schools PreK Program since 2001. The City thought them to qualify for a school zone earlier this year as demonstrated in an email, yet now they want to not recommend. The other "day care centers" that the City has approved do not have a PreK program, follow OK Early Learning Guidelines or are accredited. No offense, but the accrediting agencies are far more qualified to spot high quality educational programs than the City of Norman.

I have nieces and nephews that attend this school and will continue at the Broce location. The center is nationally accredited and will remain accredited. The school follows the Oklahoma Early Guidelines and uses them in their curriculum and lesson planning.

It feels unfair that the City is denying this facility, yet others were allowed to walk in and open up shop without even trying to do the right thing. Even now, the city has knowledge of these improper uses and refuses to rectify them.

I am formally asking that you grant the Special Use permit being requested and also re-zone the area to that of the Commercial area that it has become.

Sincerely,



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Dear City of Norman,

I am asking that you grant a special use permit at 2795 Broce Drive for an Early Education Program Center and Private School.

My two young sons will be enrolled in this school. One is age 12 months and the other is three years of age. We have benefited greatly from this facility and will at the new school. The program is mandated by Oklahoma law that they be licensed as a child care program, but that does not exempt them from being a private school as well. The center is nationally accredited and will remain accredited.

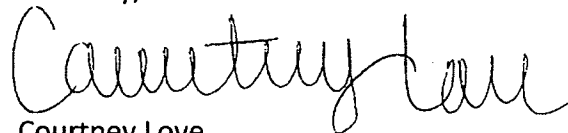
They have a curriculum, lesson plans and teach science and math along with other skills daily to all of the children-including the infants through school age.

It is confusing and concerning to me as a taxpayer why other facilities in the area have never been made to get a Special Use permit when they are not operating under the approved uses for the zoning area. Pumpkin Shell School also operates in an Industrial area and was granted Special Use because they said they are a school, yet are licensed as a child care center too. They have not taken the step to demonstrate that they are accredited, like this school has.

The hospital, gyms, dance studios, and a retirement center is in this area. Denying this private school is applying partiality.

I am asking that you grant the Special Use permit being requested and also re-zone the area

Sincerely,



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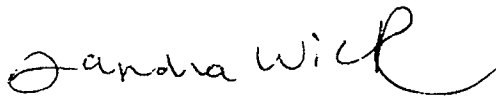
This letter is to request the City of Norman to approve the request for special use permit by Thomas Rose located at 2795 Broce Drive for an Early Education Program Center and Private School.

I have two children who will be enrolled in this program. They started at the center when she was 12 months old. Our children have benefited from the education at the school since they were toddlers.

It is wrong for this facility to be denied when the city has not made others get a Special Use permit.

This center has a license as a child care center because the law says it must. They are still a private school. I am asking that you approve this facility as a Special Use or re-zone the area altogether sine it has a hospital, dance studios, gyms, high schools and pet resorts. Please approve this facility for Special Use of a Private School.

Thank you,



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