

Applicant: Children's House Montessori School

Project Location: 4131 36th Avenue S.E.

Case Number: PD19-01

Time: 5:30p.m.

Applicant's Representatives

Kristen Hill, Representative/Director
Grady Carter, Realtor

Attendees

Roberta Pailles - Neighbor

City Staff

Jane Hudson, Principal Planner
Beth Muckala, Assistant City Attorney II

Application Summary

Children's House Montessori School has shared space with St. John's Episcopal Church for 47 years, renting 2 buildings on the property and a portion of the current church building. However, an opportunity to relocate the school to a different facility, which would allow us to expand slightly in the coming years, is now available to us. While we are a secular school and are not affiliated with St. John's Episcopal Church, sharing space over the past 47 years has brought our two organizations together in a community driven way. Should this request for Special Use be approved, and we move to a new location, Children's House intends to continue our connection to the St. Johns community.

Currently, the school's enrollment is at 76 students with approximately 44 students on a waiting list. The school is a child focused, child led program and we are set at a maximum of 21 students per classroom. We have pre-school up to 5th grade.

Neighbor's Comments/Concerns/Responses

One neighbor attended the meeting; the neighbor wanted to know if the facility would be used as a school or some other type of facility? The neighbor had no concerns with the proposal of a private school locating at the site. The parking lot is of adequate size for drop-off/pick-up and the large open area allows for playground activities.