

PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMEN

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Village of Arlington Heights Department of Planning Attn: Bill Enright

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RE: Justification for Special Use – Kensington School 840 E Kensington Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois

Dear Sir:

In support of our application to build a day care center as a special use in a General Business District (B2), we offer the following arguments:

- The site at Kensington and Dryden is slightly removed from the primary retail corridor along Northwest Highway.
- The land has been vacant for over 7 years
- The land was 9and is) held by a bank for an extended period of time, available for sale with marginal interest. (No sale)
- The Day Care Center provides a valid use and local amenity to this underutilized property.
- The site exists in a transitional area between a residential district with typical pitched roof form, smaller commercial buildings - both retail and office - and a large "big box" development. There is not a discernible fabric to this transition. The design of the Day care Center provides a bridge in scale, form and detail between these varied elements.
- The market study, attached, indicates that the proposed use will be utilized and benefit both local residents and those who work nearby.
- The site plan for the development provides more green space than a typical retail development with a heavy parking load.
- There will also be less vehicular traffic, except at specific times.
- 1. That said, special use is deemed necessary for the public convenience at this location.
- 2. That such case will not, under any circumstances of the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety, morals or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity.
- 3. That the proposed use will comply with the regulations and conditions specified in this ordinance for such use, and with the stipulations and conditions made a part of the authorization granted by the Village Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

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