



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of December 9, 2006**

**DATE:** November 21, 2006

**SUBJECT:** U-1243-56-2 USE PERMIT REVIEW for a child care center located at 913 23<sup>rd</sup> Street South (Busy Bee Child Care Center) (RPC #36-032-012).

**Applicant:**

Aura and Rocio Valarezo, Owners  
919 16<sup>th</sup> Street South  
Arlington, Virginia 22202

**C.M. RECOMMENDATION:**

Renew, subject to all previous conditions, with a review in five (5) years (December 2011).

**ISSUES:** None.

**SUMMARY:** This is a use permit review for a child care center that has been at this location since 1950. The applicant has been operating this establishment since 2002. The business has been and is operated in compliance with state and local regulations, as well as with all use permit conditions, which allow for a maximum of 30 children from infants to 13-year-olds, weekdays, from 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

**BACKGROUND:** The applicant provided daycare services in a family daycare home located at 919 16<sup>th</sup> Street South with the required certificate of occupancy from 1995 to 2002. Since May 2002, the applicant has operated the Busy Bee Child Care Center at 913 23<sup>rd</sup> Street South, a site which has served as a child care center since 1950. Since 1956, the use permit approval was for a maximum of 30 children between the ages of two (2) to six (6) years. In November 2002, the County Board approved a use permit amendment related to the ages of children in care at the subject site, extending the ages from two (2) to six (6) years to infant to 13 years. The broader age range allows the center the flexibility to accommodate older siblings and/or other children before or after school and during school holidays. Since leasing and assuming operation of the Busy Bee Child Care Center in 2002, the applicant has operated the center in compliance with state and local regulations, as well as the use permit conditions.

**DISCUSSION:** The Busy Bee Child Care Center has operated continuously on the subject site since 1950 under use permit approval. Since leasing and assuming operation of the center in

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2002, the applicant has ensured that the center has been in compliance with state and local regulations, as well as the use permit conditions. County agencies report no issues, concerns or complaints with this establishment. There are currently 30 children in care at the center, ranging in age from 3 months to 5 years.

**Since the last review (December 6, 2003)**

Use Permit Conditions: The applicant is in compliance with all use permit conditions.

Community Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement reports that the applicant is in compliance with all use permit conditions.

Fire Marshal's Office: The Fire Marshal's Office reports no violations.

Police Department: The Police Department reports that it has received no calls regarding this address in the past five years.

Civic Associations: The Aurora Highlands and Arlington Ridge Civic Associations were notified of this use permit amendment review. At this time, neither civic association has voiced any concerns.

Child Care Office: The Child Care Office reports no complaints or violations.

**CONCLUSION:** Child Care staff has worked with the applicant over the years at the applicant's previous child care location and more recently at the Busy Bee Child Care Center. Child Care staff reports that Busy Bee Child Care Center is in compliance with state and local regulations and with the use permit conditions. Therefore, staff recommends that this use permit be renewed, subject to all previous conditions, and with a review in five (5) years (December 2011).

PREVIOUS COUNTY BOARD ACTIONS:

November 18, 1950	Approved use permit (U-1009-50-1) for a day care center for 25 children, ages two (2) to five (5) years of age, Monday through Saturday.
June 28, 1952	Continued use permit (U-1009-52-1) with a review in one (1) year (June 1953).
June 27, 1953	Continued use permit (U-1009-52-1) with a review in one (1) year (June 1954).
June 19, 1954	Continued use permit (U-1009-52-1) with a review in one (1) year (June 1955).
November 10, 1956	Approved use permit (U-1243-56-2) for a day care center for 30 children, ages two (2) to 6 years of age, Monday through Friday with a review in one (1) year (November 1957).
June 8, 1957	Continued use permit (U-1243-56-2) with annual reviews.
June 3, 1978	Continued use permit (U-1243-56-2) with no further review.
December 7, 2002	Approved use permit (U-1243-56-2) amendment to change ages from two (2) to 6 years to zero (0) to 13 years, subject to conditions in the staff report with a review in one (1) year (December 2003).
December 6, 2003	Continued use permit (U-1243-56-2) with a review in three (3) years (December 2006).

Approved Condition:

1. The applicant agrees to meet the requirements of the Child Care Ordinance, Community Code Enforcement Office, the Environmental Health Bureau and the Fire Marshal's Office, including the installation of a smoke detection system.