DATE: March 7, 2006

SUBJECT: U-3118-05-1 USE PERMIT REVIEW for a family day care home for nine (9) children located at 3015 N. Edison St. (RCP #02-085-012)

Applicant:
Emily DiCicco, owner
3015 N. Edison St.
Arlington, Virginia 22207

C.M. RECOMMENDATION:

Renew, subject to all previous conditions, with a review by the County Board in three (3) years. (March 2009)

ISSUES: None.

SUMMARY: The subject use permit review is for an existing family day care use. The applicant has provided care for nine (9) children successfully at this location during the past year. The applicant implemented measures to minimize impact on the neighboring properties. Staff has not received any complaints regarding this use. Therefore, staff recommends renewal of the subject use permit with a County Board review in three (3) years. (March 2009)

BACKGROUND: The family day care was originally approved at this home on March 12, 2005. Prior to the use permit approval, the applicant was licensed to care for up to five children and provided child care at the present location. The family day care currently provides care for children from infant to 2 years of age. Pick-up and drop-off occurs on a staggered schedule between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The family day care use was approved to also provide 24-hour care on an as-needed basis outside of those hours, but thus far has not had to provide overnight care.

DISCUSSION: Staff supports the renewal of the subject use permit. The applicant and her staff have implemented a staggered schedule and public transportation practices to mitigate impacts on traffic and parking.
Since the use permit approval on March 12, 2005:

Use Permit Conditions: The family day use care is in compliance with use permit conditions.

Community Code Enforcement: The Code Enforcement office has not reported any issues regarding the continuation of this use.

Police Department: The Police Department has not reported any issues regarding the continuation of this use.

Fire Marshal’s Office: The Fire Marshal’s Office has not reported any issues regarding the continuation of this use.

Child Care Office: The County Child Care office reports that they have no concerns regarding this use.

Civic Association: The subject use permit is located within the Yorktown Civic Association boundary. The civic association reports that they have no concerns regarding the continuation of this use.

CONCLUSION: The family day care continues to operate in compliance with the approved use permit conditions. The applicant works with both the State and County Child Care offices and maintains licensing requirements. Therefore, it is recommended that the use permit be renewed, subject to all previously approved conditions, with a review by the County Board in three (3) years (March 2009).
PREVIOUS COUNTY BOARD ACTIONS:

March 12, 2005  Approved use permit for family day care for up to nine (9) children from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays with additional hours on an as-needed basis.
Approved Conditions:

1. The applicant agrees to meet the requirements of the Child Care Ordinance, Community Code Enforcement Office, Environmental Health Bureau and the Fire Marshal's Office, including securing the appropriate assembly permit prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

2. The applicant agrees that parents of students attending the program shall escort their students to and from the home at all times.

3. The applicant agrees that the hours of operation would be Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and extended hours per parents’ request for 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week, with a maximum capacity of nine (9) children.