

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Board of Zoning Adjustment  
**FROM:** Jennifer Steingasser, Deputy Director Development Review & Historic Preservation  
**DATE:** February 22, 2011  
**SUBJECT:** BZA Case Number 18079-A – Supplemental Submission

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On July 13, 2010, the Board of Zoning Adjustment approved, with conditions, Application No. 18079 of Church of the Pilgrims. The application requested a special exception under § 205 to operate a child development center for 50 children and 12 staff at 2201 P Street N.W. (Square 2510, Lot 827). The Applicant now requests a modification to the Order's condition number 7, which provides the following:

The Applicant shall provide traffic monitoring for pick-up and drop-off of the children, having one monitor on the outside and one on the inside of the building, and a traffic assistant.

The Applicant indicates that its commitment to provide three dedicated traffic coordinators has proven excessive. According to the Applicant, there has been little congestion in the adjacent parking area. The relatively small student population, combined with staggered pick-up and drop-off times and the use of additional on-site parking spaces beyond what the regulations require<sup>1</sup>, have contributed to a smooth traffic pattern. The Applicant also states that the expense of providing multiple coordinators has been burdensome with no appreciable benefit. As a result, the Applicant is requesting that instead of three traffic coordinators, that there only be one designated school employee who would, as needed, generally coordinate the pick-up and drop-off of children and manage any traffic concerns.

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) conducted a site visit to observe the current pick-up and drop-off at the school. DDOT has informed OP that “the school performs very well and it does not need a traffic monitor to assist with the movement of vehicles in and out of the adjacent parking lot.” DDOT further observed that multiple traffic coordinators are unnecessary, instead recommending that a single school employee could sufficiently handle traffic issues should any arise.

**OP recommends approval** of the Applicant's request to modify the Order's condition number 7, which would be modified to require that one designated school employee coordinate the pick-up and drop-off and traffic flow as needed.

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Paul Goldstein, case manager

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<sup>1</sup> OP estimates that only 3 off-site parking spaces are required. A child development center use requires 1 space for each 4 teachers and other employees. The Applicant indicates that it currently has 14 on-site parking spaces.

