

Shetal Divatia

From:
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 4:11 PM
To: Shetal Divatia
Cc:
Subject: Sunny Chinese Learning Ctr.

Dear Shetal,

I am writing to you regarding the upcoming Zoning Hearing for the Sunny Chinese Learning Ctr.,(SCLC), located at 1025 The Dalles, Sunnyvale.

I understand that the hearing has been moved to Wednesday, October 10th at 1:30 pm.

Prior to the hearing, I would like to make you aware of some issues related to the SCLC and also related to general activities that take place on the property of St, Luke's Church.

In 2012 when the SCLC was approved for their last permit, the instruction and activity of the Center was to take place indoors and between the hours of 3:30 and 7 pm. It was made clear to the Center by city staff that students were not allowed to have outside activities and they stated they understood and would abide by these rules. However, outside play areas were built next the the classroom portables and both this area and the grass area behind the church hall were used for outside activities.

I asked Pastor Bob McKee to speak with the Director of SCLC and Pastor McKee confirmed with a church member in attendance at the last hearing that the Center has agreed to no outside student activities. Outside activities continued to take place.

As recently as yesterday evening at 6 pm, 10/28/18, I had to walk through to the Center and ask Lucy, the Center Director, to move the students indoors because they were so loud.

Frankly, our neighbors and my husband and I have no confidence that the SCLC will abide by any time or other restrictions considered on 10/10/18, as they have not done so since 2012.

The SCLC held camps during the summer and other school breaks from 8:30 to 7 pm every days although they did not have the permit appropriate to that activity.

St. Luke's also has the Amazing Creations Preschool in the classrooms facing The Dalles. Amazing Creations has a preschool and transitional kindergarten programs as well as daycare.

The Dept of Social Services, CDSS, defines Amazing Creations as a daycare center with a capacity of 65 children. The Preschool has had an outside area that was fenced next to the church parking lot on the Dalles.

Within the last two months, on a Saturday, the original fence was taken down and rebuilt to twice it's original dimension. My husband and I measured the fence extension which is now 55 feet closer to the fire lane directly behind out house. Along the fire lane, the new fence is 123 feet. The bushes that were stipulated as part of the original permit as a sound barrier to the neighborhood now run down the middle of the play area and no space was left along the fire lane for plantings.

This new fence is approximately 39 from our back fence. (The SCLC fence is less than 50 feet from the fence than runs behind our and our neighbors.)

The new Preschool outside play area now has play structures that allow children and adults to look directly into our backyard. I do not know if the Preschool or St. Luke's applied for a permit modification to double the size of the play area while also moving the play area closer to the backyards of the neighbors. My husband and I estimate that the outside play area increased from 6,765 ft. to 13,530 ft.

Within a couple of weeks of the new fence being installed, a 4 year old student of the Preschool opened the side gate onto the fire lane behind our house and couldn't get back into the play area. I heard a sobbing child and went through our back fence gate to see if there was a problem. The Preschool staff did not hear me yell to them and so I walked the child around the building into the play area. The staff did not realize they were missing a child and the child's mother, also a member of the staff, was very thankful I brought the child back. Since that time, the Preschool first installed a battery alarm on the exit door which broke and then a bell was installed so that it rings every time the door is opened.

This Preschool exit door is used by not only Preschool staff and parents but also AA members who have meetings almost every evening from in the empty classrooms and the Boy Scouts who have meetings once a week in the church hall and access their storage unit at the end of the classroom wing directly behind our house. The result is that the bell on the exit door is ringing every evening right behind our house until at least 8:30 pm.

I would like to express the concerns of ourselves and our neighbors that the activity, traffic and volume of the noise already created by the various groups/businesses that use the St. Luke's property has become a hindrance to our neighborhood and further growth of the SCLC would not be compatible with our neighborhood as a whole.

Thank you for your time and please let me know if you have any questions.

Warm regards,

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From: Vivian Euzent
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2018 9:28 PM
To: Shetal Divatia
Subject: File #: 2018-7519/St. Luke Lutheran Church

We live across The Dalles from St. Luke's Church. We received the request to modify the permit for the Sunny Chinese Learning Center. We are not members of the church and have lived at this address since 1976. We do support this change in both time and giving permission to have outdoor play areas.

Respectfully,
Vivian and Bruce Euzent
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