

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT



Application No. 12510 of Dr. & Mrs. Frank A. Davis pursuant to Sub-section 8207.2 of the Zoning Regulation for a special exception under Paragraph 3104.46 to permit the continuation of a temporary community service center for the Signs of the Times Cultural Workshop and Gallery, Inc., in the R-2 District at the premises 605 - 56th Street, N.E. (Square 5216, Lot 20).

HEARING DATE: November 16, 1977

DECISION DATE: November 16, 1977 (Bench Decision)

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The subject property is located in an R-2 Zone District at 605 - 56th Street, N.E.
2. The present use of the property is that of an art gallery and administrative office.
3. The applicant proposes the continuation of this use.
4. The subject property is operating pursuant to this Board's Order 11623 dated July 31, 1974, and covered by certificate of occupancy No. B-90563.
5. The applicant is a non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia.
6. The subject property is approximately 25, 424 square feet and improved with a two-story structure housing the subject workshop. To the immediate north is a vacant residential structure owned by the applicant and proposed to be used for the Sign of the Times Graphics Department at some point in the future. On the opposite side of the structure is a vacant lot also owned by the applicant.
7. The vacant lot in conjunction with the driveway of the subject property, provides parking for six automobiles.
8. The facility is operated from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., seven days per week with a staff of three administrators and three teachers (one full and two part time) managing the facility.

9. The applicant receives funds from various private foundations, the District Government, the D.C. Community on the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

10. The applicant provides service to the far northeast community by giving exhibitions and providing training in: dance, photography, drawing, painting, silk screening, etc.

11. There was no Advisory Neighborhood Commission report on this application.

12. The Municipal Planning Office by report dated October 21, 1977, recommended a three year approval of this application.

13. There was no opposition to the granting of this application.

CONCLUSION OF LAW AND OPINION

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and the evidence of record, the Board concludes that the proposed use is a community Service Center. The Board is of the opinion that the applicant has satisfied the requirements of Paragraph 3104.46 of the Zoning Regulations, and that the granting of this application is in harmony with the general intent and purpose of the Zoning Regulations and Map, and will not adversely affect the use of adjoining and nearby properties. It is therefore ORDERED that the above application is hereby GRANTED for a period of three years.

Vote: 5-0 (Mr. William F. McIntosh, Chloethiel Woodard Smith, Charles R. Norris, Ruby B. McZier, and Leonard L. McCants)

BY ORDER OF D.C. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT



STEVEN E. SHER
Executive Director

FINAL DATE OF ORDER: 5 DEC 1977

THAT THE ORDER OF THE BOARD IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS ONLY UNLESS APPLICATION FOR A BUILDING AND/OR OCCUPANCY PERMIT IS FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WITHIN A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDER.