

Before the Board of Zoning Adjustment, D.C.

PUBLIC HEARING -- July 12, 1967

Appeal No. 9295 Paul May, appellant.

The Zoning Administrator of the District of Columbia, appellee.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried with Mr. Arthur P. Davis dissenting, the following Order was entered at the meeting of the Board on July 19, 1967.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDER - August 4, 1967

ORDERED:

That the appeal for permission to expand community center building activities at 1251 Carrollburg Place, SW., lot 87, square 651, be granted conditionally.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

(1) The subject property is located in an R-4 District and is improved with a two-story building formerly used as flats.

(2) In Appeal No. 8889 the Board granted permission to establish a community center building at the subject premises for offices of a credit union on the first floor. The Board's Order was effective November 10, 1966.

(3) The current appeal desires an expansion of the community center use to include the storage of food items.

(4) It is proposed to operate a consumer education training program for residents of the public housing projects in the area. The program is under the sponsorship of the anti-poverty agency.

(5) In addition to the training it is proposed to purchase food stuffs in quantity for persons who joined the community organization and store the food on the subject premises. Orders would be procured from the persons and food would only be held until such time as the products could be picked up by the member.

(6) Membership in the community organization would be limited to persons living in the public housing projects and earning less than \$7,000 per year.

(7) This buying arrangement would permit food to be purchased at lower prices than could be obtained at ordinary retail stores.

(8) The facilities of the credit union will be used to take care of the money obtained to make purchases on order of various members of the group.

(9) No opposition to the granting of this appeal was registered at the public hearing.

OPINION:

We are of the opinion that this proposed use is a "community center" use as that term is defined in the Zoning Regulations and that the organization is not operated for profit and that there be no items of commerce will be offered for sale at the subject premises. The organization is operated for the good and welfare of the community within which it is located.