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Item 7(a)

Comments

I am the corporate architect for Celebree School, under contract to purchase the current Goodwill Retail & Donation Center site at 10351 Corkscrew Commons Drive, and am in full support of the proposed amendment to the Land Development Code for daycare playground standards. I specialize in the design of daycare centers around the country, and in our experience a requirement of 75 square feet per child for the full licensing of a daycare center is extremely overburdensome due to the fact that the total number of children are not using the playground at the same time, as may be the case with a K-12 school. Generally, on average, approximately 40-60 children may be on the playground at any one time during the day as a function of having similarly aged children utilizing the playground at one time and as a function of the required teach-to-student ratios per the State. That amount equates to approximately 2 to 4 classrooms that alternate usage of the playground during a typical day. Having designed multiple daycare centers in Florida, and more than 200 nationally, we have found that the State's requirements are more than sufficient for the safe operation of a playground and do provide for a large enough space for all outdoor activities that are typical for a daycare

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center. In fact, we find the state's requirement to be more consistent with other state requirements, which is not the case with the current Land Development Code requirement. Generally, other states that require 75 square feet per child, are for "at the time of use," not for the entire licensing of the daycare center. Under the State's requirements, the proposed Celebree School would require a minimum of 4,000 square feet of playground space. If the requirement was for 75 sf per child at the time of use, based on the average number of children on the playground at any one time, the requirement would be 4,500 square feet. Therefore, this shows that the current State requirement is generally in line with the larger area requirement specifically at the time of use. Keeping the Village's current heightened standard for playgrounds serving child daycare uses, by comparison, would make in-fill redevelopment for daycare uses nearly impossible without a corresponding request to reduce parking and/or allow placement of the playground to encroach into a required buffer area.

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River Oaks Preserve

Comments

I understand that Kimley-Horn has been providing consulting services to Lee County related to planning and design at Larry Kiker Preserve. This work has been on-going for several years and appears to be similar to that under consideration here by the Village of Estero. Before committing to Kimley-Horn for similar services at River Oaks Preserve, I hope that Village of Estero staff will investigate why those services for Lee County have taken so long and whether Kimley-Horn has exceeded its contract budget and/or schedule. If so, what are the reasons? Can Lee County staff provide a positive recommendation for Kimley-Horn? Thank you.

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