TO: Honorable Mayor & City Council

**FROM:** John Muns, Chair, Planning & Zoning Commission

GAR **SUBJECT:** Results of Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting of September 08, 2020

#### AGENDA ITEM NO. 3A - PUBLIC HEARING ZONING CASE 2020-022 APPLICANT: PEBBLECREEK REAL ESTATE II, LLC

Request to amend Specific Use Permit No. 370 for Day Care Center to add Private School on 2.8 acres located on the east side of Coit Road, 730 feet north of Hedgcoxe Road. Zoned Retail with Specific Use Permit No. 370 for Day Care Center. Project #ZC2020-022.

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Speaker Card(s) Received		Support:	0	Oppose:	0	Neutral:	0
Letters Received Within 200' Notice Area:		Support:	0	Oppose:	1	Neutral:	0
Petition Signatures I	Received:	Support:	0	Oppose:	0	Neutral:	0
Other Responses:		Support:	0	Oppose:	0	Neutral:	0

## STIPULATIONS:

Recommended for approval as follows with the following stipulations:

- 1. A reduction of the number of children in the day care center to meet the parking requirements for the center. Maximum number of children for the private school and day care center combined: 515
- 2. Maximum number of students for the private school: 49
- 3. Private school students must be under 14 years of age on September 1st of the school year.

**FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF:** September 28, 2020 (To view the agenda for this meeting, see <u>www.plano.gov</u>)

## PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE

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xc: Pardeep Kohli, Pebblecreek Real Estate II, LLC Steven Homeyer, PE, Homeyer Engineering Jeanna Scott, Building Inspections Manager

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# CITY OF PLANO

# PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

September 8, 2020

### Agenda Item No. 3A

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Applicant: Pebblecreek Real Estate II, LLC

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

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#### BACKGROUND:

The subject property is currently developed as a day care center. The applicant is requesting to amend Specific Use Permit No. 370 for Day Care Center to add Private School to accompany the day care center.

The Zoning Ordinance defines day care center as an operation other than public, parochial, or private school providing care for seven or more children under 14 years of age for less than 24 hours per day at a location other than a residence. Private school is defined as a school under the sponsorship of a private agency or corporation other than a public or religious agency, having a curriculum generally equivalent to public elementary or secondary school.

The subject property is zoned Retail (R). The R district is primarily intended to provide areas for neighborhood, local, and regional shopping facilities for the retail sales of goods and services including convenience stores, shopping centers, and regional malls but not including wholesale or warehousing. The R district permits both day care center and private school with a Specific Use Permit (SUP).

The purpose and intent of an SUP is to authorize and regulate a use not normally permitted in a district, which could be of benefit in a particular case to the general welfare, provided adequate development standards and safeguards are established. Section 6.100 (Specific Use Permits) of Article 6 (Specific Use Permits and Certificates of Occupancy) states the following:

"The Planning & Zoning Commission in considering and determining its recommendations to the City Council on any request for a specific use permit may require from the applicant plans, information, operating data, and expert evaluation concerning the location, function, and characteristics of any building or use proposed. The City Council may, in the interest of the public welfare and to insure compliance with this ordinance, establish conditions of operation, location, arrangement, and type and manner of construction of any use for which a permit is authorized. In authorizing the location of any of the uses listed as specific use permits, the City Council may impose such development standards and safeguards as the conditions and locations indicate important to the welfare and protection of adjacent property from noise, vibration, dust, dirt, smoke, fumes, gas, odor, explosion, glare, offensive view, traffic, or other undesirable or hazardous conditions."

#### <u>History</u>

Specific Use Permit for No. 370 for Day Care Center was approved in 1998 with a parking stipulation. The stipulation required that the number of children be reduced to meet the parking requirements of the subject property. This stipulation was added to ensure the parking complied with city standards because the original proposal was not able to provide necessary parking on-site. The final site plan, approved in 2000, shows a two-story, 24,200 square-foot day care center building, with a maximum capacity of 515 children, which had been reduced per the SUP restriction. Parking has been constructed to meet the maximum capacity of the building.

The applicant submitted a request for a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) in June 2020 when they purchased the property. While reviewing the CO request, staff noted the property was being used as a private school without an SUP for that use. To allow the facility to continue to operate, the applicant is requesting to amend S-370 to add Private School as an allowed use.

North	Single-family residences zoned Single-Family Residence-6 (SF-6).		
West	Immediately adjacent to the subject property is a veterinary clinic zoned Retail (R). To the west, across Coit Road, are single-family residences zoned Two-Family Residence (2F).		
East	Single-family residences zoned Single-Family Residence-6 (SF-6).		
South	Post office, car wash, and vehicle repair minor zoned R with S-604 for Commercial Antenna Support Structure.		

### Surrounding Land Use and Zoning

#### Conformance to the Comprehensive Plan

**Future Land Use Map** - The Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan designates the subject property as Neighborhood Center (NC).

The Neighborhood Center future land use category applies to corner retail sites along major arterials. Redevelopment of existing retail centers is strongly encouraged and should reduce retail square footage, focus on quality design and pedestrian access, and increase the mix of uses. Neighborhood Center uses are typically located in low-rise buildings with retail, service, and office uses that serve the N N HEDGCOXE RD

adjacent neighborhoods. The introduction of residential uses within Neighborhood Centers is recommended where it can be accomplished in a context-sensitive manner and integrated into the center. When residential is introduced, single-family uses are desired for compatibility with existing adjacent neighborhoods. Neighborhood centers will be based on the concepts of mixed-use, community design, and transit-oriented design, where possible. Adequate building setbacks must be considered when development is proposed near neighborhoods. Useable open space will be included within the centers to create active and interesting public spaces.

The NC designation supports a mix of uses including retail, service, and office uses that serve the adjacent neighborhoods. The private school use increases the mix of uses within the area and will serve the surrounding neighborhoods. The proposed limitations on the number of students will make the private school uses secondary to the day care center. This request is in conformance with the NC designation.

**Growth and Change Map** - The Growth and Change Map designates the subject property as Improve and Refine (IR).

These areas are expected to experience moderate changes through infill, reuse, and redevelopment.

The proposed use would allow the applicant to add a private school to the existing facility. With the limitations on the number of students, this change would be a minor addition to the subject property. This request is in conformance with the IR designation.



#### Private School Use

Schools are a typical land use located within and adjacent to neighborhoods in Plano. Schools offering primary curriculum are usually sited on parcels of land within proximity to residential areas. The location of the property adjacent to residential neighborhoods, its access to public streets, and separation from adjacent neighborhoods to the north and east by a masonry screening wall and alleys indicate this location is appropriate for a private school use. Additionally, the proposed restrictions are intended to mitigate potential impacts of the private school use by limiting the age and number of students.

#### Proposed Amendment to SUP Restrictions:

The applicant is proposing the following amendments to the restrictions of Specific Use Permit No. 370 as discussed in their attached letter and noted below:

- 1. A reduction of the number of children in the day care center to meet the parking requirements for the center. Maximum number of children for private school and day care center combined: 515
- 2. Maximum number of students for private school: 49
- 3. Students must be under 14 years of age on September 1st of the school year.

The current building and on-site parking can accommodate 515 children, therefore, the current restriction is no longer necessary. The applicant is requesting to include 49 private school students under age 14. The current stipulation on parking is being removed and replaced with more specific restrictions which confirm the maximum number of children per the site plan.

The Texas Education Code uses September 1st of the school year as the school-yearage cutoff date. The applicant is proposing to clarify the permitted age of students to align with the state regulations. The proposed stipulations are intended to respect the adjacent residential neighborhoods by continuing to limit the total number of children to 515 while allowing for the addition of the private school use in limited capacity. Staff is in support of the proposed stipulations.

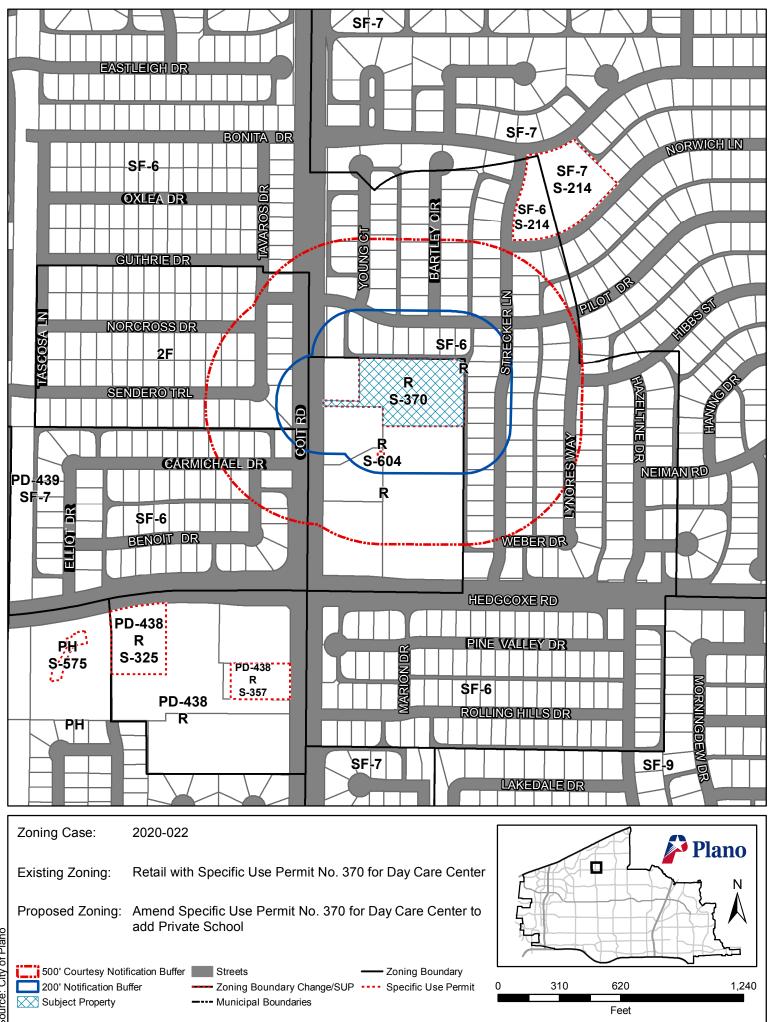
#### SUMMARY:

The property owner is requesting to amend Specific Use Permits No. 370 for Day Care Center to add Private School. The request is in conformance with the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan. The applicant is proposing stipulations to limit the number of children consistent with the existing capacity limitations which apply today and to clarify the proposed private school operations. Staff is in support of this request.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

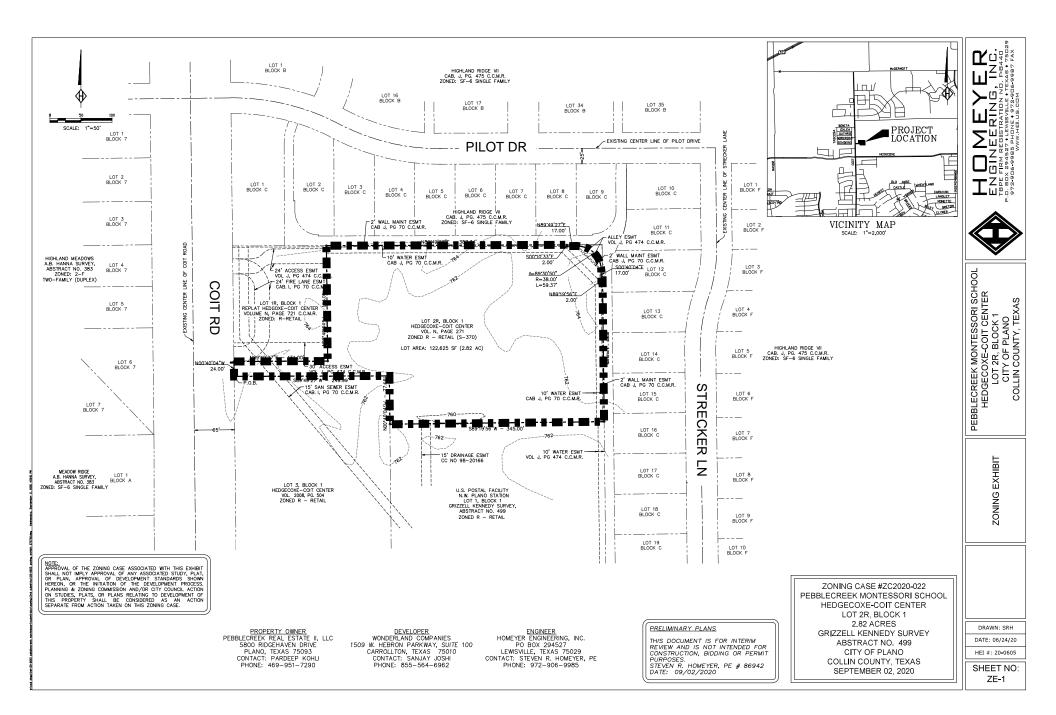
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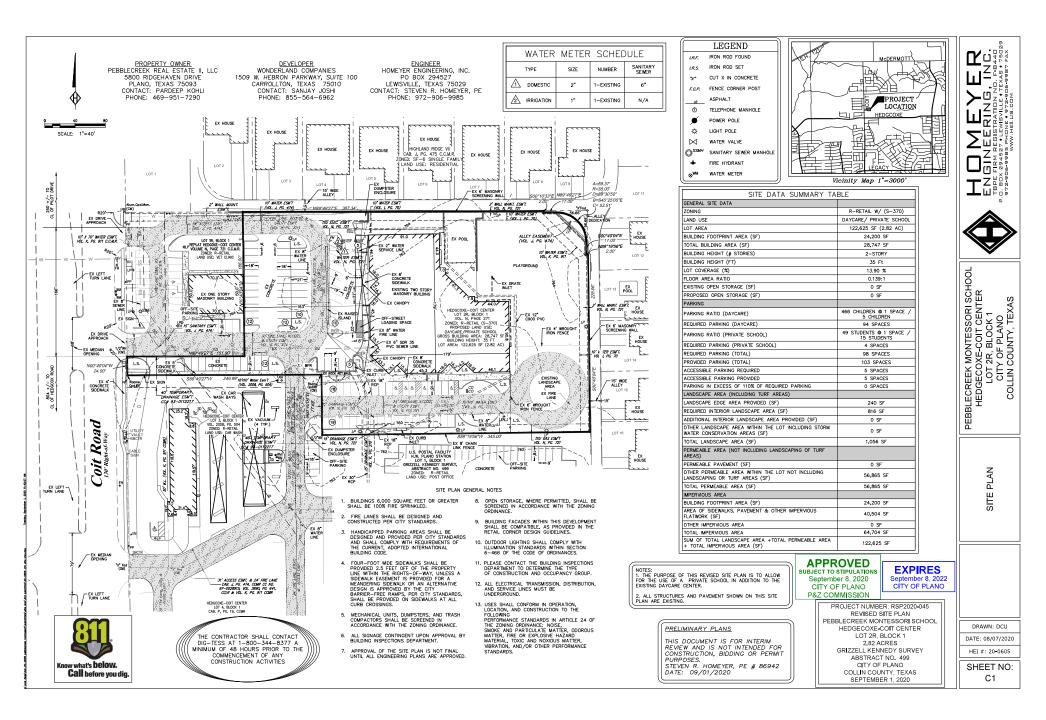
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Source: City of Plano







# PEBBLECREEK montessori

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August 4, 2020

Pebblecreek Montessori is requesting that our Specific Use Permit No. 370 for Day Care Center be amended to request a Specific Use Permit for a Private School. Please consider this letter to be a project plan for the amendment.

- Pebblecreek Montessori is a high-fidelity private Montessori program. We serve children from 8 weeks through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We are also a licensed childcare center for ages 0-12.
- Pebblecreek was founded in 2002 in Plano on Pebblecreek Court, with 90 children in five preschool classrooms and one elementary classroom. In August 2003, Pebblecreek purchased a second building located on Coit Road and moved the elementary students to their new facility.
- Pebblecreek Montessori moved to Old Custer Road in 2008. The school has served students as a private Montessori for nearly 20 years in Collin County.
- The school moved into its current location at 8104 Coit Road in 2017, under previous ownership.
- The property was previously occupied by Cambridge Academy, who also served (and continues to, at another location) children from infant through 12 years old. Cambridge initiated the first SUP when they built the property. The SUP is listed as a childcare facility. Under the previous ownership, the childcare center SUP was continued when Pebblecreek Montessori moved into the building.
- Pebblecreek Montessori acquired this building from Cambridge Academy in 2017 and started its operation in 2017. We as the current owners of the Pebblecreek Montessori acquired the operation of the school in December of 2019. When we applied for CO, We learned that private school was not listed as one of the uses in zoning and is different than the child care. Even though the majority of our operation is still child care, we still have two classrooms which we would like to use as Private School.
- We are applying for a Specific Use Permit as a private school to ensure there is no future discrepancy in our function.
- Our typical enrollment does not exceed 325 students total, of which less than 49 have been elementary.
- We have 28 total enrolled in the child care program currently.

Their ages are: 0-1: 1 child 1-3: 4 children 3-6: 14 children 6-12: 9 children

We have a few more enrolling in the coming months at each level, but this is our enrolled attendance today. The 9 children that are currently enrolled in the child care program from ages 6-12 will be in the private school program once it is approved. Prior to COVID, we had about 150

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students, with about 20 of them being in the 6-12 private school program, and 20 in the 6-12 elementary aftercare program (which we have discontinued).

• There is no change in the building structure, and no change in the ages or quantity of children served. The only difference is that we employ certified teachers who teach a specialized Montessori curriculum. The elementary children who will attend our private school program are the same children eligible for our licensed child care.

#### We propose the following stipulations:

a. Maximum number of students: 49. This number must be combined with the number of day care center children and must not exceed a combined total of 515 children as restricted by Specific Use Permit No. 370 for Day Care Center.

b. Students must be under 14 years of age on September 1st of the school year.

#### Thank you for your consideration.

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