

Planning & Development Department
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Case No U-30-54

APN

Location 406 BONNEVILLE AVE

Applicant
MARGARET CLAWSON

Subject

USE PERMIT TO CONDUCT A FRIENDSHIP CLUB IN
RESIDENCE IN ADDITION TO FIVE (5) DUPLEXES
ON THE PROPERTY



September 2, 1954

Mrs. Margaret Clawson
406 Bonneville Avenue
Las Vegas
Nevada

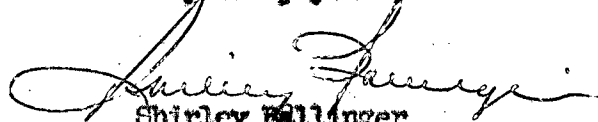
Dear Mrs. Clawson:

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners held September the first, 1954, your application for a Use Permit to conduct a Friendship Club in your home in addition to five duplexes at 406 Bonneville (Lot 1, Block 40, CLVT) was considered.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the recommendation of the Board of Adjustment that your application be denied was accepted.

In accordance with the Las Vegas City Code, you have ten days in which to file an appeal of this denial. In other words, if you wish to do so, you may file said appeal with this office no later than September the 10th, 1954.

Very truly yours,


Shirley Billinger
City Clerk

sb:sk
c.c.: Planning Commission
Building Department

On motion of Commissioner Jarrett, duly seconded by Commissioner Whipple and carried unanimously, the following resolution is adopted and order made.

(RESOLUTION COPIED IN MINUTE BOOK NO. 9)

Sec. 26, T20S, R61E
Street

The Board considered the acceptance of a right-of-way of a street in Section 26, T20S, R61E, executed by Frank and Alice Klinkhammer, dated August 27, 1954

On motion of Commissioner Jarrett, duly seconded by Commissioner Whipple and carried unanimously, the following resolution is adopted and order made.

(RESOLUTION COPIED IN MINUTE BOOK NO. 9)

USE PERMIT APPLICATION
Searchlight College
U-17-54

Action on the application of Dr. Howard D. Tawney for a Use Permit to use 311 Bonneville Avenue to conduct the Searchlight College was held until September 15, 1954.

USE PERMIT -
Henry S. Scott

The Board considered the application of Henry S. Scott for a Use Permit to use his residence at 428 Van Buren Avenue for a business address. The recommendation of the Board of Adjustment was that this application be denied.

Commissioner Sharp moved this application be approved subject to the condition that only one truck be allowed, that this truck be parked on private property, and the following resolution adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, in a regular meeting on the 1st day of September, 1954, having considered the application of Henry S. Scott for a Use Permit to use his residence at 428 Van Buren Avenue for a business address; and

The Board having considered the recommendation of the Board of Adjustment denying this application.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is the decision of this Board that the application of Henry S. Scott for a Use Permit to use his residence at 428 Van Buren Avenue for a business address be approved subject to the condition that only one truck be allowed, and that this truck be parked on private property, and the inspection departments are authorized to issue the necessary permits.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Whipple and carried by the following vote: Commissioners Bunker, Sharp, Whipple and His Honor Mayor Baker voting aye; noes, Commissioner Jarrett.

USE PERMIT -
Margaret Clawson
U-30-54
Denied

Consideration was given to the application of Margaret Clawson for a Use Permit to conduct a friendship club in her home, in addition to five duplexes, at 406 Bonneville. This application was denied by the Board of Adjustment.

Thereafter Commissioner Whipple moved the recommendation of the Board of Adjustment be accepted, and this application denied, and the following resolution adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, in a regular meeting on the 1st day of September, 1954, having considered the application of Margaret Clawson for a Use Permit to conduct a friendship club in her home, in addition to five duplexes at 406 Bonneville; and

The Board having considered the recommendation of the Board of Adjustment approving this application

NOW, THEREFORE, it is the decision of this Board that the application of Margaret Clawson for a Use Permit to conduct a friendship club in her home, in addition to five duplexes, at 406 Bonneville, be and the same is hereby denied.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Jarrett and carried by the following vote: Commissioners Bunker, Jarrett, Sharp, Whipple and His Honor Mayor Baker voting aye; noes none.

CONVENTION ATTENDANCE
City Attorney

Commissioner Bunker moved the request of City Attorney, Howard W. Cannon, to attend the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers in San Francisco on September 13 to 15, 1954, with expenses of \$250.00 be approved.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Sharp and carried by the following vote: Commissioners Bunker, Jarrett, Sharp, Whipple and His Honor Mayor Baker voting aye; noes, none.

WASHINGTON AVENUE
Right-of-Way

Consideration was given to the status of the right-of-way of Washington Avenue, between H. Street and Highway 95.

Thereafter Commissioner Whipple moved this matter be referred to the Traffic Commission for study and recommendation.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Jarrett and carried by the following vote: Commissioners Bunker, Jarrett, Sharp, Whipple and His Honor Mayor Baker voting aye; noes, none.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Height Regulation

Commissioner Jarrett and Sharp, committee for recommendation on the proposed ordinance on Height Regulation for Nellis Air Force Base requested additional time before reporting.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Off-Street Parking

Director of Planning, Franklin Bills, requested that the committee for recommendation on the proposed ordinance on off-street parking leave this ordinance in pending form until more education and exploration can be done.

At this time Commissioner Jarrett left the meeting.

Thereafter Commissioner Whipple moved the City Commission not pass this proposed ordinance on off-street parking in its present form and refer the same to the Traffic Commission for further study.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Bunker and carried by the following vote: Commissioners Bunker, Sharp, Whipple and His Honor voting aye; noes, none. Absent: Commissioner Jarrett.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Billboard

Commissioner Whipple, member of the committee for recommendation on the proposed Billboard Ordinance requested additional time before reporting on this ordinance in order that the committee can meet with the individuals interested in this matter.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Parking Meters

Commissioner Sharp, member of the committee for recommendation on the proposed amendment to the Parking Meter ordinance, requested additional time before reporting.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Repeal of Electrical
Inspection Fee
Referred to Committee

An ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 522, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 233, ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 7, CODE OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, 1949, BY CHANGING THE PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEES FOR BILLBOARD AND ELECTRICAL SIGNS;

August 30, 1954

Honorable Mayor and Board of City Commissioners
City Hall
Las Vegas, Nevada

Gentlemen:

At the regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Adjustment held on August 25, 1954, it was voted to refer to the Board of City Commissioners the application of MARGARET CLAWSON for a Use Permit authorizing the conduct of a "Friendship Club" in her home at 406 Bonneville Avenue with the recommendation that it be denied in accordance with the facts recited in Resolution #30, a copy of which is attached.

Respectfully,

FRANKLIN J. BILLS
Director of Planning

FJB: jm

ATT:

RESOLUTION #30

(8-25-54)

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING DENIAL OF THE APPLICATION OF
MARGARET CLAWSON
FOR A USE PERMIT AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCT OF A
"FRIENDSHIP CLUB" IN HER HOME AT 406 BONNEVILLE AVENUE

WHEREAS, the application of Margaret Clawson for a Use Permit authorizing the conduct of a "Friendship Club" in her home at 406 Bonneville Avenue has been received and studied by the Zoning Board of Adjustment and

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Bureau has recommended denial of this permit because of the existing violation of Ordinance No. 507 on the lot, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has recommended denial of this permit because of its opinion that the organization would later become a "Lonely Hearts Club", and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department staff has recommended denial of this permit because it concurs in the recommendation of the Police Department and because it is the opinion of the Planning Department staff that regular gatherings of up to sixty (60) persons for social purposes on a membership-fee basis constitutes a definite commercial activity in a non-commercial zone designated R-4, and

WHEREAS, because of the facts cited above, the Board of Zoning Adjustment has determined the granting of this Use Permit to be contrary to public interest;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Zoning Adjustment that the application of Margaret Clawson for a Use Permit authorizing the conduct of a "Friendship Club" in her home at 406 Bonneville Avenue be and hereby is referred to the Board of City Commissioners for denial.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Mr. Replogle who moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Mr. Schroer and upon roll call the ayes and nays were as follows:

Aye - Replogle
Schroer

Nay - None
Absent - Schmutzer

joined and explained the application in the absence of the applicant, it was moved by Mr. Replogle that Resolution #32, A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING DENIAL OF THE APPLICATION OF RAY W. BALDWIN FOR A USE PERMIT AUTHORIZING HIM TO CONTINUE TO USE A PORTION OF HIS HOME AT 308 NORTH ELEVENTH STREET AS A PROFESSIONAL OFFICE, be adopted. Motion seconded by Mr. Schroer and declared unanimously carried.

(Resolution #32, on file in Document Book
as Document #35)

U-28-54:

The application of M. S. McCOY for a Use Permit to erect a service station in an R-E area located at the intersection of Charleston Boulevard and Rancho Road was presented. Considerable discussion followed in which Mr. Goodrich took part. The applicant was represented by Attorney Cliff Jones who maintained that such use of the area involved would not be incompatible with other uses in the section or lower property values of the land surrounding the location. Mr. Goodrich stated that the Planning Department disagreed with this contention. Motion was made by Mr. Replogle that this matter be held over for a Public Hearing at the next meeting of the Board of Zoning Adjustment. Motion seconded by Mr. Schroer and unanimously carried.

U-30-54:

The application of MARGARET CLAWSON to conduct a "Friendship Club" in her home in addition to five (5) duplexes on the lot at 406 Bonneville Avenue which is located between Fourth and Fifth Streets on Lot #1, Block 40, Clarks Las Vegas Townsite, in an R-4 zone was discussed by the Board. No person or persons present to represent this petition. Mr. Goodrich introduced correspondence

from the Las Vegas Police Department taking exception to the granting of such a petition. Motion was then made by Mr. Replogle that Resolution #30, A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING DENIAL OF THE APPLICATION OF MARGARET CLAWSON FOR A USE PERMIT AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCT OF A "FRIENDSHIP CLUB" IN HER HOME AT 406 BONNEVILLE AVENUE, be adopted. Motion seconded by Mr. Schroer and unanimously carried.

(Resolution #30, on file in Document Book
as Document #33)

U-31-54:

The application of CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL to build a church building and carry on a normal church operation on property situated at Maryland Parkway and St. Louis Avenue in accordance with a plot plan and design submitted was presented to the Board by three members of the church's vestry: Reverend T. Malcolm Jones, pastor, Francis Brown and H. K. Madison, vestrymen. Following brief discussion, Mr. Schroer introduced Resolution #28, A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF THE RECTOR, WARDENS AND VESTRYMEN OF CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL FOR A USE PERMIT AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CHURCH BUILDING AT THE SOUTH-WEST CORNER OF ST. LOUIS AVENUE AND MARYLAND PARKWAY, and moved that it be adopted. Motion seconded by Mr. Replogle and unanimously carried.

(Resolution #28, on file in Document Book
as Document #31)

Meeting stood adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

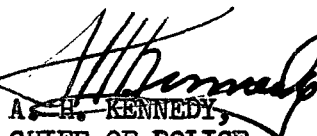
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August 20, 1954

TO : FRANKLIN J. BILLS, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
FROM : A. H. KENNEDY, CHIEF OF POLICE
SUBJECT : MARGARET CLAWSON, APPLICANT FOR USE PERMIT

Enclosed you will find report made by Officer Wortman concerning the application of Margaret Clawson for a Use Permit for a Friendship Club. Officer Wortman's report is self-explanatory.

It is the policy of the Police Department to discourage this type of organization as much as possible. Our understanding was that the lady had offered one of the Fire Inspectors a fee if he would overlook certain things in the building. With that in mind, Officer Wortman and Officer Montgomery contacted this lady and gave her an opportunity to make the same offer to them, but during their investigation and conversation she made no mention of any fee being paid anyone to obtain this license.


A. H. KENNEDY,
CHIEF OF POLICE.

AHK:dh
Encl.

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Encl.

TO: A. H. KENNEDY, Chief of Police

FROM: Officer C. A. Wortman

SUBJECT: MARGARET CLAWSON, Application for Use Permit to Operate a "Friendship Club".

Pursuant to the request of Franklin J. Bills, Director of Planning, City of Las Vegas, the undersigned conducted an investigation into the application of Margaret Clawson, 406 Bonneville, this City, for a Use Permit to operate a "Friendship Club" at the above address.

A check at the Southern Nevada Credit Bureau disclosed that Mrs. Clawson has a satisfactory credit rating, transferred to Las Vegas from Los Angeles, California.

On August 18, 1954, the undersigned and Officer Montgomery interviewed Mrs. Clawson at her residence. At this time, she explained that her "Friendship Club" would consist of persons over 50 years of age, who were lonely, and who desired companionship of those in their age group. She would maintain open house for these members, and in the evening "got-togethers" would furnish refreshments, which she stated would be non-alcoholic in nature. Membership fee for this club would be \$10.00 a month or \$25.00 for three months. From this amount Mrs. Clawson would furnish the refreshments, and she estimated that she would make no profit. According to her, her aim in starting this club was to obtain companionship for herself. She stated that she believed that there were many persons in Las Vegas who would be interested in such an organization, and she felt that she would have a large membership. Under direct questioning by the undersigned, she denied any intent to start a lonely hearts organization, and added that it made no difference to her if only women joined her club. She advised that she had had a similar club, called "Roth's Social Club", in Los Angeles, California in 1949, at 1311 S. Westlake Avenue, and that this club had had over 60 members. She stated that this had not been a lonely hearts club, but that some of the members had gotten married, as a result of meeting in the club. When being interviewed, Mrs. Clawson continually made reference to a Mrs. Miller, who she alleges, is conducting a lonely hearts club, and to whom Mrs. Clawson paid \$20.00, without any results.

On August 19, 1954, teletype communication with the Los Angeles Police Department revealed that they have no record, in the City files, of either Mrs. Clawson or the Roth's Social Club.

While Mrs. Clawson appears to be sincere in her attempt to establish purely a social club, it is the opinion of the undersigned that such an organization would degenerate into a lonely hearts club, and on this basis, issuance of a Use Permit is not recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Wortman
C. A. Wortman

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A H KENNEDY COP LAS VEGAS NEVADA VIA LVP
-- ATTN WORTMANN
RE UR 1 LVP 8-18-54 FROM YOUR DESCRIPTION, NXX UNABLE TO FIND ANY
RECORD MARGARET CLAWSON. IN CITY FILES.
(REF: D W BENN POL COMM)
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1-LVP 8/18/54 7:45 PM
W H PARKER CHIEF OF POLICE
~~LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA~~
MARGARET CLAWSON WFA HAS APPLIED FOR LICENSE THIS CIY FOR QUOTE
FRIENDSHIP CLUB UNQUOTE MRS CLAWSON STATES SHE CONDUCTED SIMILAR
CLUB IN UR CITY IN NINETEEN FORTY NINE UNDER NAME OF ROTHS SOCIAL
CLUB AT 1311 SOUTH WESTLAKE AVENE REQUEST ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE
UR FILES RE THIS MATTER REFER WORTMANN
A H KENNEDY CHIEF OF POLICE LAS VEGAS NEVADA LV RU

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MEMORANDUM

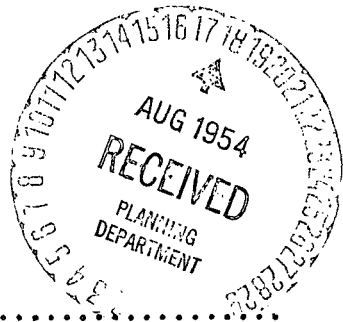
CLARK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Stewart and Second Streets

Las Vegas, Nevada

TO Franklin J. Bills, Director of Planning DATE Aug. 17, 1954

FROM D. D. Carr, M.D. SUBJECT Margaret Clawson (U-30-54)



We can see no public health reason why the above mentioned should not conduct a "Friendship Club" in her residence.

U-30-54

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Date August 17, 1954

TO : Franklin J. Bills, Director of Planning
FROM : E. C. Gates, Fire Chief
SUBJECT : Use Permit U-30-54 - Margaret Clawson

Attached hereto is copy of report dated August 16, 1954, of the Fire Prevention Bureau relative to the above, which is self-explanatory.


E.C. Gates, Chief

U-30-54

md.

Attach. 1.

August 16, 1954

E. C. Gates, Fire Chief

A. R. Trelease, Chief, Fire Prevention Bureau

Use Permit Application for Margaret Clawson


This Use Permit is for the conduction of a "Friendship Club" at 406 Benneville, to be located in the residence of Margaret Clawson.

Early in May of this year, this Bureau made an inspection of the premises in reference to the issuance by the City of a business license for Margaret Clawson to operate an apartment rental business. This application was rejected because a trailer was parked between two buildings on the premises which is in violation of Ord. #507; also, the trailer, in this Bureau's opinion, constitutes a distinct fire hazard.

On August 13th, this Bureau again inspected the premises in reference to the Use Permit named above. It was found that the trailer is still located on the premises and that Margaret Clawson is in the apartment rental business and has been right along. Whether this is without benefit of City license is unknown to this Bureau, as Mrs. Clawson stated she has a license but it is locked in a safety deposit box at the bank.

In conversation with her, concerning the use permit, and that it would be impossible for this Bureau to approve the application in view of the violation existing on the premises, Mrs. Clawson asked if twenty-five dollars would make any difference in the opinion of this Bureau toward the signing of the application.

It seems that her intentions are to forget the "Friendship Club" and leave the trailer. This is still a violation of Ord. #507 and due to it's being lived in, constitutes a fire hazard to the area involved.


A. R. Trelease, Chief
Fire Prevention Bureau

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INTER-OFFICE MEMO

August 11, 1954

TO: Chief of Police

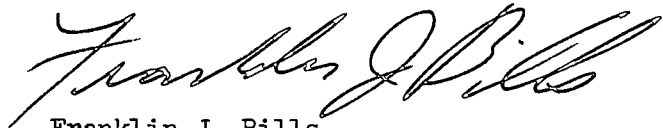
FROM: Franklin J. Bills, Director of Planning

SUBJECT: Investigation of Use Permit Application
MARGARET CLAWSON

Margaret Clawson, 406 Bonneville, has applied for a Use Permit, "A Friendship Club", in her residence at above address. We have ruled here that such a Use is not permitted in an R-4 zone without a special Use Permit.

In discussing this matter with Mrs. Clawson, I have found her to be somewhat vague regarding precisely the type of operation intended. Very frankly, I am afraid that this could easily become one of those half-baked matrimonial agencies or lonely hearts clubs.

Because of this situation, I think that the applicant should be checked carefully by the Police Department before action is taken on the Use Permit. I will, therefore, appreciate any information your department can uncover prior to the next meeting of the Board of Adjustment on August 25, 1954.



Franklin J. Bills
Director of Planning

FJB:jm

Encl. Copy of plans.

INTER-OFFICE MEMO

August 11, 1954

TO: Fire Chief
Clark County Health Department
FROM: Franklin J. Bills, Director of Planning
SUBJECT: USE PERMIT - MARGARET CLAWSON (file U-30-54)

The Board of Zoning Adjustment has received an application for a Use Permit from Margaret Clawson to conduct a "Friendship Club" in her residence at 406 Bonnevillie in accordance with a plot plan and design submitted.

In accordance with the provisions of the City Zoning Ordinance, this application is referred to you for investigation and recommendation. A copy of the plans is attached.

Franklin J. Bills
Director of Planning

FJB:jm

Encl.

APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

TO THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT:

The undersigned Margaret Clawson, the owner, respectfully petitions for a special use permit to:.....
..... Conduct a... friendship club in applicants' residence in addition to 5 duplexes on the lot

IN SUPPORT OF THIS PETITION, THE FOLLOWING FACTS AND REASONS ARE HEREWITH SUBMITTED:

The property is situated at 406 Bonnerille
..... between 4th and 5th in Land Use Zone R-4 ..
Said property is legally described as follows: Lot 1, Block 40, Clark's Las Vegas Townsite

Said property was acquired by the applicant on Apr. 28, 1954 State the use
Month Day Year
of property permitted under the deed restrictions: none

Expiration date of deed restrictions:
Month Day Year

TO ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION:

- 1. Three or more plot plans of the applicant's property drawn to scale and fully dimensioned showing the location of all existing and proposed buildings and structures and the location of any other improvements such as drives, walks, paved areas, planting, etc.
- 2. Any other pertinent information which may be requested.

OWNER'S AFFIDAVIT

~~We,~~ I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, depose and say that I am the owner of the property involved in this application; that the information, all plans and drawings attached hereto and all the statements contained herein are in all respects true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. ~~We are owners~~

1361 M
Telephone Number

Margaret Clawson
Signature of Owner
406 Bonnerille
Mailing Address

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of August 1954.

Dula S. Horn
Notary Public

My Commission expires December 12, 1956

