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Ms. Robeson Hannan,

My apologies for the delay in responding to your earlier email. I am just returning to my inbox after a day of back-to-back meetings.

The answer to your question below is that it is the latter – KCSC requires individuals to become members when they register/participate in programs/appointments. This was addressed by Dr. Cho in her testimony found in the hearing transcript at 50:1-11, where she briefly described the intake process that all individuals are required to go through prior to participating in KCSC programs or receiving services. While the collection of a membership fee is not a required element of the Zoning Ordinance definition for the ‘private club, service organizations’ use category, it is worth mentioning that KCSC benefits from not having to require a membership fee because as a recipient of both state and county grants, KCSC is able to provide its members with access to services and programs without imposition of membership dues.

Please let us know if we can provide any additional information.

Thank you.

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Ms. Lee-Cho and Mr. Rogers, in reviewing this case I noted that the definition of “private club, service organization” states, “Private Club, Service Organization means an association for civic, social, cultural, religious, literary, political, recreational or like activities, *operated for the benefit of its members and not open to the public.*”

Does the KCSC have “members” or do they become “members” when the visit or participate in programs/appointments?

I’m just trying to clarify this for the record because it wasn’t specifically addressed in CU 17-12.

Thanks very much for your prompt response.

Best,

Lynn Robeson Hannan
Hearing Examiner

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