Written narrative identifying consistency with the applicable policies, regulations and criteria for approval of the permit requested

Over the past three years, Life Services has consistently seen 1400+ individuals through our clinic and maternity home each year. For every pregnancy, there was a potential father attached to the situation but often absent. Fatherlessness is at crisis levels in our in our state. In Spokane County, 30% of children live without a father in their home. Father-absent homes have ten times the incidence of substance abuse, and 4 times the poverty rate.

The 1724 W Chelan Street property was purchased to become the Headquarters for Life Services Fatherhood program. As part of a comprehensive plan Life Services will use this for gatherings, for a fatherhood mentoring program and for educational meetings that teach prospective fathers life skills and allow them to be an involved father to their children.

Our site plan includes interior remodeling consistent with the needs of the fatherhood program, including ADA required changes, but the basic footprint of the building will remain compatible with adjacent residential developments based on characteristics such as the site size, building scale and style, setbacks and landscaping. We do not anticipate any significant adverse impacts on the livability of nearby residential zoned lands due to noise, glare from lights, late-night operations, odors or litter. Any seasonal outdoor activities will be small gatherings in the backyard, which is completed fenced, and will have no significant impact on the neighboring property owners.

The house will not be a residence and will operate primarily during business hours with some early evening and weekend meetings. Because the building is adjacent to our 22-space parking lot, we do not expect that our uses will have an adverse impact on street parking around the house. We have no plans for late night activities, particularly anything that would include obtrusive noise or lights not consistent with the current neighborhood.