

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E



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Meridith Moldenhauer, Chairperson, and Members of the Board
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW
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BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT
District of Columbia

CASE NO. 18315

EXHIBIT NO. 25

Re: 1623 28th Street, NW, (the "Evermay" property), BZA Application No. 18315

Dear Chairperson Moldenhauer and members of the Board:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E, at a public meeting held on January 30, 2012, duly noticed, and at which seven commissioners were present constituting a quorum, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

ANC 2E has no objection to the application of Evermay Georgetown, LCC on behalf of the S&R Foundation for a special exception to operate a non-profit at the property known as Evermay in Georgetown, subject to the conditions which we have been provided with, as amended to provide for an initial exception period of 5-years, and with the understanding that the property will not be used as a rental for any purpose.

During our discussion of this matter, we commended both the applicant and the R Street NW neighbors for their willingness to work together collegially toward specific conditions, as reflected in what was presented to us, that both permit the applicant to carry out its nonprofit functions and respect the interests of the neighbors and the community. The agreed-upon conditions as presented to us at our meeting are essential to the harmonious use of this property and to our support of the special exception.

The sole matter as to which we did not agree with the applicant is the duration of the first special exception. The applicant requested a seven-year duration and we support a five-year initial duration. We believe five years for the initial special exception is prudent under the circumstances. This is a start-up operation and as such there is a higher degree of uncertainty regarding operational impacts. There is precedent for a five-year duration in similar circumstances in Georgetown: the early special exceptions for the nearby nonprofit Tudor Place

COMMISSIONERS:

Ed Solomon, District 1 Ron Lewis, District 2 Jeff Jones, District 3 Jake Sticka, District 4
Bill Starrels, District 5 Tom Birch, District 6 Charles Eason, District 7

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property were for five years, until a track-record developed that justified a longer duration. We respectfully request that the Board apply the same prudence here and provide an initial five-year duration.

ANC 2E Commissioners Solomon, Lewis, Jones, Sticka, Starrels, Birch and Eason, or any one or more of them, are authorized to act for ANC 2E in this matter and any matters which may come before the Board relating thereto.

We appreciate the opportunity to bring this resolution to the attention of the Board of Zoning Adjustment and we trust that it will be given the "great weight" to which it is entitled under District of Columbia law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Lewis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Ron Lewis
Chair, ANC 2E