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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Case Number - 18327

My name is Mr. Curtis Sands and I am the owner of the home located at 4708 Meade Street. My place of residence is located two doors down from the proposed site for the Fishing School's Parenting Center. My neighbors and I are opposed to the zoning for this building due to a strenuating parking condition.

I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and the other homeowners in my neighborhood in order to come to an agreement regarding the parking situation that has plagued us since the extreme home makeover of the Fishing School in the 4700 block of Meade Street. I have attached the names of the neighbors directly affected by this parking situation:

Name	Address	Telephone #	Signature
Colyn John	4702 Meade St NE	2/3461503	Colyn John
Tammie S Woodward	4731 Meade St NE	2/684-0944	Tammie S Woodward
Reginald Parker	4701 Meade St NE	202 396 8865	Reginald Parker
William Q. Brown	4704 Meade St NE	2/3961390	William Q. Brown
Brian Petty	4709 Meade St NE	2/680-0231	Brian Petty
Ronald King	4700 Meade St NE	202-389-2960	Ronald King

Since the Fishing Schools' renovation, parking has been virtually nonexistent during the times when the School has visitors or meetings. We have noticed that when events go on at the school due to lack of parking, patrons park in front of our homes and not in front of the school and/or the side of the school. We, being so close to the Metro station, already have to pay for parking. It is unethical that I/we have to come home from work at night and park our car around the corner. It is also a concern because we are afraid to become victim to a crime having to park so far away from our homes. As you may know, this particular neighborhood is not the safest area in the District.

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4. There will also be a Ward-wide visitor parking pass program.
5. Each Ward 1 Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) may vote by resolution to opt out of the ERPP program for their particular ANC area.

The statute and the rules allow DDOT to exempt delineated areas impacted by the streetscape construction until completion of the project.

With sustained enforcement by DPW, I am confident this program will bring much needed relief for those Ward 1 residents who own cars and who are tired of circling the blocks trying to find parking.

Bests, Councilmember Jim Graham

I typically answer emails before 9 AM on weekdays. If you email me after that, it is likely that you will hear from me the next weekday. If there is a need to communicate prior to that, you may wish to call me. For most effective communication, please use my direct email address: jim@grahamwone.com

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Burglars hit The Fishing School in D.C.

By Mary Pat Flaherty

When burglars hit [The Fishing School](#) in Deanwood at about 4 a.m. Tuesday they needed a way to haul their tools and cart away a flat screen television, computers and a safe. They took a taxi.

Actually three taxis, stolen earlier Tuesday, said Sixth District police who responded to an alarm and caught the suspected burglars in the act of stealing electronics from the non-profit afterschool program in the 4700 block of Meade Street in Northeast.

A canine team captured two men on an upper floor. Another man was caught running out the back door and a juvenile was picked up across the street, police reports show.

Sixth District Police Commander Robert Contee said the suspects drove the cabs to the scene after the taxis allegedly were stolen in the 1300 block of Kenilworth Avenue Northeast.

The Fishing School offers tutoring and arts programs as part of its work with about 300 middle-school and elementary school neighborhood children each year.

The Fishing School opened on Wylie Street in Northeast 20 years ago and expanded to its second site in Deanwood in a building that was renovated in 2009 as part of an [Extreme Makeover Home Edition](#) that aired in February. The new building was "extensively damaged" during the break-in, police reports show.

"We are very saddened this happened. This is the type of thing we are working to overcome," said Erin Gore, director of development at the school, which takes its name from the adage "give a man a fish and feed him for a day, teach him to fish and he will feed himself for a lifetime."

Charged with burglary in the case, police said, are Darius Smith, 20, and James Partridge, 19, both of the 4500 block of Quarles Street Northeast. Also charged, police said, are Rayshawn Reed, 18, of the 4700 block of Meade Street Northeast, and a 15-year-old boy.

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