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Re: BZA Application No. 18471

Nancy Desmond

Dear Chairperson Jordan:

Robin Diener

Mary Lord

I am writing on behalf of the Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA) in support of the request for a zoning variance by the Universalist National Memorial Church, 1810 16th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. (UNMC), which is within the Dupont Circle neighborhood. This variance will allow a small, non-profit theater company, Spooky Action Theater, to hold performances in the church basement, Perkins Hall. We understand that the variance is being requested on the basis of economic hardship facing the UNMC, in part due to damage sustained in last year's earthquake. DCCA thinks that the restoration of UNMC and its continued use as a church and occasional meeting site for community groups, including DCCA, will contribute to the quality of the Dupont Circle neighborhood and the well-being of its citizens.

Nelson Marban

Greg Milman

Matt Webster

We understand that some nearby residents, including members of DCCA, initially objected to this application for a zoning variance because activity in the alley at the entrance to the basement theater disturbed their peace and quiet. However, now that the UNMC and Spooky Action Theater have agreed to use only the church's front entrance for Spooky Action Theater staff, performers, and audiences (except for ADA access), and to other stipulations as detailed in the resolution submitted by ANC 2B in support of the variance, DCCA thinks that Theater activity will no longer disturb the neighbors. We also understand that, if the BZA supports the UNMC's application, the ANC will negotiate an agreement among the neighbors, Spooky Action Theater, the UNMC and the ANC to address other issues such as number of performances per year, no-subleasing by Spooky Action Theater, noise from staff, performers, or audience congregating outside the church, off-street parking, and litter. We think that this agreement will alleviate any remaining concerns and provide the basis for resolving new problems, should they arise.

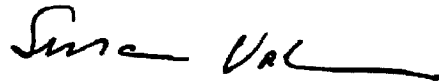
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Volman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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