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To: Lloyd Jordan, Chairperson – Board of Zoning Adjustment

From: Janae Grant – Chair ANC 5A

Date: December 6, 2012

RE: **BZA 18478 – Application of Rene D. McCray**

Dear: Chairperson Jordan,

The Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5A would like to weigh in on the matter of the Special Exception filed by applicant Rene D. McCray to pursue construction of a secure 9ft carport with electronic remote control garage doors at 1502 Irving Street, NE.

The following summarizes the request made for the carport to ANC 5A: The applicant Ms. McCray was assiduous in reaching out to ANC5A regarding this matter, especially after having been misinformed due to the recent boundary changes as a result of redistricting. Ms. McCray was originally attending ANC 5B meetings due to her recent voter registration that stated her SMD was 5B03. After bringing her matter to the ANC she was informed that she currently resides in ANC 5A. Upon contacting one the Commissioner's in 5A, who shared with her that she is in SMD 5A10, which is currently vacant, both Ms. McCray and the Commissioner informed the Chair of the matter. The Chair shared with the Commission the situation at our October monthly meeting, with the hopes of providing a letter before the hearing date, since the boundaries would then officially be changed in 2013, the same time this hearing would be convened. Therefore, ANC 5A met at a public meeting in November to address this matter so as to not prevent delaying this case from being heard.

The applicant is seeking to construct a carport on her existing property in which she will replace the current gate that is manual with an electronic remote detached carport in the rear of her house. Her current property is fenced and so the look will continue to be concealed, however the electronic car door that is open by remote adds a security feature that was not there due to the manual gate door. The car port though free standing will be cemented to the ground. Additionally, the carport is an existing accessory most homes have that do not have garages, so as will blend in to the aesthetics of the neighborhood with no adverse affect. Finally, this special exception is not exceeding any of the required measurements sought for this type of relief.

ANC 5A met on October 24, 2012 at UDC/Backus at 5171 South Dakota Avenue, NE at our regularly scheduled meeting, where the Chair acknowledged Ms. McCray regarding her special exception. After hearing the matter the Commission was willing to vote so as to finalize this matter due to the timing sensitivity, since this was supposed to be our last meeting for the year and ANC 5A does not meet

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in December. However, in keeping with proper protocol we agreed to vote on the carport along with two other issues, thereby ANC 5A agreed publicly to convene an additional meeting on November 14, 2012 to vote on the carport at our ANC Office at 1322 Irving Street, NE.

On Wednesday, November 14, 2012, ANC 5A met with a quorum of 7 Commissioners to vote on Application 18478. While there were quite a few neighbors in attendance at the October meeting, there was no opposition regarding the carport at our November meeting. Ms. McCray spoke again in regarding her request and it should also be noted that Ms. McCray was diligent in seeking her neighbors support via 3 separate consenting letters. The motion to support BZA Application 18478 for Rene McCray for a special exception to allow a free standing carport as an accessory structure under subsection 2300.8 in R-1-B District at premise 1502 Irving Street, NE, was properly moved by Commissioner Alston and seconded by Commissioner Preston. There were no objections or abstentions, the vote passed unanimously, 7-0-0 in support.

Lastly, we are requesting that ANC 5A's 'great weight' be given to support the special exception of the carport at 1502 Irving Street, NE. Additionally, ANC 5A realizes that this matter will be heard on January 8, 2013. At that time the address will be zoned in the new SMD 5B03/ ANC 5B, and there will not have been sufficient time given to allow for the newly formed SMD/ANC to convene and structure their meetings in time for this hearing. Therefore, we ask that this letter be treated and given the proper attention in the year it was made, since the location and neighbors do not change and there was no opposition to the carport. Likewise, I am sharing this letter with the current ANC 5B, since the newly formed ANC 5B has not met yet, but some of the Commissioners currently are members of the current ANC 5A which gave its support.

Thank you kindly,

Janae Grant

Chair ANC 5A
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