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Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2013 9:48 AM
To: DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: Application No. 18678--Embassy of Oman, 1100 16th Street, NW

Please include this email in the record of this case. Thank you.

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From: Michael Fasano [mailto:mfasano@fasanoassociates.com]
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2013 12:44 PM
To: Collins, Christopher H (WAS - X77841)
Subject: RE: Embassy of Oman, 1100 16th Street, NW

Yes, by all means.

Mike

From: chris.collins@hklaw.com [mailto:chris.collins@hklaw.com]
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2013 12:34 PM
To: mfasano@fasanoassociates.com
Subject: RE: Embassy of Oman, 1100 16th Street, NW

Mike--May I send your email to the FMBZA to indicate your position?

Thanks.

Chris

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From: Michael Fasano [<mailto:mfasano@fasanoassociates.com>]

Sent: Friday, October 25, 2013 11:01 AM

To: Collins, Christopher H (WAS - X77841)

Cc: 'Abigail Nichols'

Subject: RE: Embassy of Oman, 1100 16th Street, NW

Chris,

Thanks.

The Presidential Cooperative supports the proposed use of 1100 16th Street, NW as a Cultural Center by the Embassy of Oman.



Michael Fasano

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Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 9:41 PM

To: mfasano@fasanoassociates.com

Subject: RE: Embassy of Oman, 1100 16th Street, NW

Mike--The answers to your questions below are as follows:

2. The building will not be used as a mosque, and there will be no call to prayer. This will be a chancery annex which will be occupied as a Cultural Center, with exhibition space, meeting and conference space, function space, a library, and classrooms for the purpose of disseminating information about the culture of the Sultanate of Oman. The Cultural Center will display Omani handicrafts such as pottery, basketry, model ships, textiles and traditional clothing.
3. There will be few, if any, cars coming to the site that have diplomatic license plates. For those that do, there are strict regulations imposed by the State Department on all types of motor vehicle violations, including revocation of diplomatic license plates. I have been assured by the Cultural Center representatives that they respect the laws of the US and the District and have never impeded traffic in any of their current locations. The Embassy does not anticipate that this will become an issue.

Let me know if any other questions arise. Thanks.

Chris

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Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 12:09 PM

To: Collins, Christopher H (WAS - X77841)

Subject: FW: Embassy of Oman, 1100 16th Street, NW

Chris,

Good talking with you this morning.

As discussed, if you would respond to questions 2 and 3 below, that would be greatly appreciated.

Best,

Mike

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To: 'Jay Garfinkel'; mfasano@fasanoassociates.com
Cc: pinto@railtrac1.com; finniganja@hotmail.com; 'Matthew Kasner'
Subject: RE: Embassy of Oman, 1100 16th Street, NW

Looks very exciting to me. I have three observations.

Scott

1. This snip is from page 18 of the attachment. Looks like some dated address information.

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2. The proposal is for a cultural center not a mosque, so I doubt this would be an issue. However, it would be good to ensure that there are no plans for a loud call to prayer five times a day (or at least not at 4am). It's not a religious issue, it's a noise issue.
3. Given diplomatic immunity, would parking violations on 16th or in the bike lane on L St. be a potential problem? I doubt it would be more of an issue than a bunch of school buses lining up like in the old days.

From: Jay Garfinkel [<mailto:jay.garfinkel@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2013 1:04 AM

To: <mfasano@fasanoassociates.com>

Cc: <pinto@railtrac1.com>; <scottosberg@gmail.com>; <finniganja@hotmail.com>; Matthew Kasner

Subject: Re: Embassy of Oman, 1100 16th Street, NW

Brilliant! We would also benefit from having more embassy security police on the corner.

jay

Sent from my iPad. Please excuse typos.

On Oct 23, 2013, at 12:01 AM, "Michael Fasano" <mfasano@fasanoassociates.com> wrote:

All,

Please review and let me know if you have any objections to the proposed use of 1100 16th Street.

It would appear to me that this would be a great use for this property; and takes away the chance of it being used for a bar or club.

Mike

From: chris.collins@hklaw.com [<mailto:chris.collins@hklaw.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2013 9:01 PM
To: mfasano@fasanoassociates.com
Cc: kridolfo@gmail.com; iman.albusaidi@gmail.com; Jessica.Bloomfield@hklaw.com
Subject: Embassy of Oman, 1100 16th Street, NW

Dear Mr. Fasano--Our client, the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman, has filed an application with the Foreign Missions Board of Zoning Adjustment to convert the former public charter school at 1100 16th Street, across L Street from the Presidential coop, to a chancery annex to be occupied as the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center. The public hearing is scheduled for December 17. We will be going to the ANC on November 5 and 13. ANC Commissioner Abigail Nichols gave me your name as the contact person on behalf of the Presidential.

I would be pleased to discuss the application with you at your convenience. I am available Wednesday morning till noon, or late afternoon between 5 and 6, or anytime Thursday after 11:30. Attached is a copy of the application.

Thank you.

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