

Charlie,

The news of the requirement for relief for 21 parking spaces, rather than the 14 initially proposed, was first announced by the Applicant during the BZA hearing on March 10. No ANC member was present at the hearing and so the Opposing Party requested the Applicant inform the ANC of this change. A 50% increase over what was proposed is a significant change that should be re-evaluated by the CDC and ANC, and should be brought before the public. The current support letter from the ANC no longer applies to this project due to the changed request for increased parking relief by a factor of 50%.

At the request of the Opposing Party and at the direction of the BZA, the Applicant sent the attached notification letter to the ANC on March 18, a week after the hearing.

We formally request that the ANC either officially rescind its current out dated letter of support for the parking relief, or place this issue on the agenda for the next ANC and CDC meetings. In the meantime, the due date of April 21 for findings of fact and conclusions of law should be postponed, as well as the April 28 BZA decision until the ANC has reviewed this new aspect of the project.

We further request the ANC to make a formal request of the BZA for postponement while the ANC review takes place.

Sincerely,

The Party in Opposition Representatives Ahmed Ait-Ghezala and Barbara Schauer

On Tue, Apr 14, 2015 at 10:28 AM, Bengel, Charlie (SMD 2F06) <2F06@anc.dc.gov> wrote:

Ahmed,

Thanks for your message.

I do not recall any member of the community coming to a CDC or ANC meeting this year and requesting this issue be looked at again and now I am afraid we are out of time. I personally believe that the ANC would need to vote to rescind the letter that was submitted last year and ask for a delay on the decision at the BZA on the same vote. The ANC would likely also want to send the matter back to the CDC for consideration before the ANC voted to advise the BZA. The next ANC meeting, however, is not until May 6 so I do not see how any of this is possible given the time frame. If Chairman Fanning's guidance differs from my understanding I am certainly fine deferring to him.

As an aside, I do believe we could have gotten the developer to secure some parking spaces elsewhere, among other concessions, had your group been willing to drop the opposition. While you may consider that unreasonable I have found that negotiating with developers has been far more effective than just opposing a project altogether.

Thanks,
Charlie

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