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To: DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: Comments in opposition to BZA Case 19377: The Boundary Companies and The Missionary Society

Comments in opposition

Dear Members of the Board,

As a mother of a 5-year-old child attending Lee Montessori Public Charter School, I believe the proposed development will have several negative consequences. I'm writing to express my concerns and priorities regarding the development plan:

- * The need for safe pedestrian access to Lee Montessori Public Charter School and Washington Leadership Academy. There need to be safe sidewalks allowing pedestrian access from 4th Street. Private sidewalks would limit pedestrian access and make it highly inconvenient for students, staff and parents to access the schools.
- * The need for safe vehicle access from 4th Street for school traffic, including a driveway entrance that is wide enough to fit two cars across (one entering and one exiting the school). There is no long-term plan on how to address the traffic impact on the surrounding area which is already congested and dangerous, with several accidents on nearby streets (ie. 4th Street; Lincoln Street; Franklin Street).
- * A clear and sufficient plan for vehicle flow during the busy drop off and pick up times at the schools, based on a traffic study and taking into account the expected planned growth of the schools.
- * Sufficient curb space to facilitate drop-off and pick-up at the schools.
- * Sufficient parking for the schools to accommodate the expected growth in school staff that comes with a growing student population, as well as for the occasional school events.
- * Preservation and retention of as much green space as possible, especially near the school. This would be a huge loss for the students/staff of the schools, as well as the residents who live in the surrounding area. The tree study is inconclusive and does not account for DC mandated heritage tree protection (which is a new DC requirement) or the long term die-off from underground root damage. The rapid development of the Brookland neighborhood is eliminating open green space. Once developed, green space is not easily reclaimed.
- * Clear and sufficient plans to minimize and mitigate construction-related disturbances for students, such as dust and noise.
- * Clear and sufficient plans to accommodate school access throughout the construction process, both on foot and by vehicle.

* Continuous communication and cooperation between the applicant and all those in the surrounding community.

I ask that you please consider the importance of the above concerns in the plans for development. I greatly appreciate your serious and thoughtful review in this matter.

Sincerely,
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