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Sent: Monday, May 7, 2018 4:04 PM
To: DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: Re: Specific Comments on Case 19377, The Boundary Companies and The Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle (the "Applicant") Special exception and Variance for 3015 4th Street N.E.

Dear Members of the Board- I'm writing to express concern related to the Charter schools that have leased the Paulist building from Building Hope that is part of the over all land deal in question in this case. This aspect of the proposal I feel has gone overlooked. The two charter schools while likely well intentioned have not been without issues in our community. Additionally while the schools initially pledged to work with our community Chancellors Row, now emails and phone calls to the schools administrators go unanswered. The school Washington Leadership Academy in particular has been a repeat problem in the community as their students during the morning commute to the school will walk up the middle of the roads to the school, sometimes yelling, shoving, and this morning fighting, literally in the middle of the road. They had to pause for a moment to allow a father and his 4 or 5 year old son to pass by and then they proceeded to continue fighting. This is an obvious negative impact on our community and our pleas to the school for resources to ensure the students maintain a minimum level of decorum in the community have gone unanswered. Since right now WLA is only 1/2 enrolled with its Freshman and Sophomore classes we only expect this problem to increase over the next two years. It is my request that any deal to allow this development to proceed come with conditions that require the schools to reroute students out of the Chancellors Row community, or at an absolute minimum require that school personnel are present during morning arrivals and afternoon dismissals. WLA actually did have a teacher outside for a few weeks just hanging out in the street however he literally did nothing. As you will see from the pictures below he is dressed in a brown jacket and was allowing students to just walk in the street when sidewalks were present and cars were traveling. He disappeared a few weeks later. I unfortunately do not have a video of the altercation this morning, I only have a very short gif of the event that shows a punch being thrown in the street. I also am providing some pictures of what the streets generally look like when the students travel through it. I hope this helps provide a visual picture of what is going on. The reality is my kids are scared to be outside around 3:30 when school lets out because its incredibly noisy with profanity and screaming from the high schoolers. Since the school will not act, I'm hoping the BZA will take these impacts on our quality of life in consideration and find the best possible outcome for all.

Thank you for your time.









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