

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Policy and Planning Administration

Memorandum

TO: Zoning Commission (ZC)

FROM: Karina Ricks, Associate Director 
District Department of Transportation

DATE: October 29, 2008

SUBJECT: Zoning Commission Case # 08-14 (Kelsey Gardens)
1500 block of 7th Street, N.W.

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In addition to the comments the District of Columbia, Department of Transportation (DDOT) previously submitted to the Zoning Commission for Zoning Case Number 08-14, which were regarding the site plan to provide all loading and garage access off of the alley, DDOT wishes to provide the additional following information regarding a second site plan that contains a proposed fifty-five (55) foot curb cut located along P Street.

DDOT has evaluated the curb cut proposal along P Street with the DDOT Curb Cut and Driveways Policy (Title 24, Chapter 12, Sections 1201-1203) in mind. DDOT would like to point out Section 1201.4 "The Director may grant a public space permit for a curb cut when the applicant for the permit submits to the Director information that there is **no alternative way to access on-site parking or a loading dock through existing or proposed paved alleys**, or there is a special need as provided in section 1202." We feel strongly that the impact of the proposed curb cut would introduce unnecessary conflicts to pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and arterial safety and operations; and adversely affect the streetscape along P Street. The public space application will be reviewed within this context by the DDOT Public Space Committee.

DDOT staff spoke with the applicant about widening the existing 10' alley to assist with mobility around the site. As stated in the previous set of comments, DDOT believes widening the alley to 20' will provide for plenty of access for

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vehicles to travel to the site. Those vehicles include personal, commercial and service delivery vehicles.

DDOT is committed to building and maintaining a sustainable urban transportation system that can accommodate continued growth and development within the District while at the same time improve safety and mobility, and maintain neighborhood quality of life. Accomplishing this means acknowledging the urban nature of the District and managing our major roadways and public space to encourage an ever increasing number of trips to be made on foot, bike or transit; minimizing conflict points between modes; and managing the number of arterial access points to facilitate person through-put. The DDOT Public Space Committee will consider all of these aspects, especially with regards to safety and the DDOT Curbcut policy when reviewing this application.

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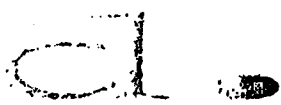
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