

BEFORE THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ZONING COMMISSION

ATHENA GROUP INC. – CONSOLIDATED REVIEW
OF A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND
RELATED MAP AMENDMENT @ SQUARE 1356

Z.C. No. 08-21

**APPLICATION OF BENJAMIN SHAFFER, M.D., JILL
SHAFFER, MARO SARAFIAN, M.D. AND DARRELL
MEYER FOR PARTY STATUS AS PARTIES IN SUPPORT**

Pursuant to section 3022.3 of the Zoning Regulations, Benjamin Shaffer,
M.D. and Jill Shaffer and Maro Sarafian, M.D. and Darrell Meyer hereby request
that they be granted party status as parties in support of this application for a
Planned Unit Development (“PUD”). In support thereof, they state as follows:

Name, address and daytime telephone:

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Jill Shaffer
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Nature of application:

This is a request for party status as a party in support.

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Witnesses:

These applicants will offer testimony from both households, *i.e.*, either Dr. or
Mrs. Shaffer and either Dr. Sarafian or Mr. Meyer.

If necessary, and depending on recommendations from District agencies, they
may offer expert testimony on traffic and transportation issues. The name of any
such expert will be provided in advance of the testimony.

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Time:

They request 20 minutes, with additional time to be awarded depending on the number of parties in support that are admitted by the Commission.

Reasons for granting party status:

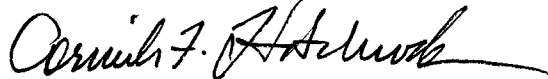
Dr. and Mrs. Shaffer and Dr. Sarafian and Mr. Meyer live in private homes immediately adjacent to the PUD site. A portion of the PUD site (Square 929) lies immediately in front of their properties. In addition, Lots 932 and 933, where two townhouses are proposed for construction, lie immediately to the east of the Shaffer residence and one lot away from the Sarafian/Meyer residence.

These neighbors are uniquely affected by this application because of their proximity to the PUD site. They support Athena's proposal because it would transform the fallow and undeveloped properties next to their houses into a high-quality planned residential neighborhood. While Athena has worked to address their concerns, they wish to address an issue of great concern that uniquely affects them and that may be raised by third parties, *i.e.*, whether the private road in front of their house should be connected to the District's street grid. They oppose such "connectivity," which is not a part of Athena's application and which would adversely affect them in terms of traffic and pedestrian safety, particularly for young children.

Conclusion:

For these reasons, Dr. and Mrs. Shaffer and Dr. Sarafian and Mr. Meyer request that this application for party status as a parties in support be granted.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this Application was served by e-mail and first-class mail, postage prepaid, this 14th day of November, 2008 upon Phil T. Feola, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, 2300 N Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20037, and upon Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D, P.O. Box 40846 Palisades Station, Washington, DC 20016.

