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ANC 6A Zoning & Licensing Committee Meeting Minutes

Dec. 14th, 7pm @ Medlink Hospital

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

In Attendance:

Commissioners: Daniel Pernell, Jim Schulman, Marvin Fields, Gregory Ferrell
Derrick Barnes (not a member of the Z&L committee)
Rosalie Johnson (she arrived after quorum was established)
Non-Commissioner Committee Members: Mary Albert, Virginia Gaddis
Commissioners-elect: Terri Bishop, Frank Withrow, Darryl Walker, Angela Cox, H.J. Amons
Public: Jay Adelstein, William Silagi, Linda A. Smith, Marilyn S. Mitchell, John Lunsford, Ellen McCarthy, Linda Grigsby, Stuart Long, Marta Wagner, William Persson, Jane Weaver, Ronald Nelson, Dr. Peter Shin

1. The Committee Meeting convened at 7:15pm with a quorum of 6 out of 10 committee members. Ronald Nelson offered information about possible office space for the ANC at 10th & D Streets N.E.

2. The Committee reviewed and unanimously approved minor modifications to the already approved May '97 Z&L meeting minutes (based upon comments from Commissioners and LGI trash transfer station attorneys). The committee then reviewed and unanimously approved the Report to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) re: the LGI trash transfer facility appeal, again, with minor modifications to the version that had been distributed to committee members in the summer of 1997. (Note: although the BZA has yet to schedule a hearing for this case, the out-going committee members wanted to have the Report's approval on record.)

3. The Committee next reviewed Capital Hill Associates' (at Medlink Hospital) request for a special exception from the BZA to provide more nursing beds. (Note: the Z&L committee had already been briefed by the Capital Hill Associates (CHA) at previous meetings, but CHA wanted Ms. Ellen McCarthy to speak before the public on the issue.) The committee heard at length from many parties including parishioners of neighboring St. James Church. Incoming Commissioner Angela Cox (in whose future single-member district the Hospital resides) submitted a memo regarding her concerns about public parking availability and a letter that had been sent from the Church staff to Dr. Peter Shin at the Hospital. CHA explained that parking for the 40 new staff members serving the new beds will be made available in the existing underground parking garage. After the discussion, the Committee voted to approve Commissioner Pernell's motion for the Z&L committee to endorse the CHA request for a special exception under several conditions. These are:

1) that CHA should address the trash and parking concerns of the community, namely that the exterior trash barrels on Hospital property continue to be emptied regularly and that the Hospital should continue its policy of making Sunday parking available to selected area churches by means of parking passes;

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2) that CHA keep Commissioner-elect Angela Cox informed of discussions between the Hospital and St. James Church;

and that

3) ANC Commissioners be offered a tour of the Hospital (after construction is complete).

4. The Z&L meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30pm.

5. No subsequent Special ANC meetings to vote on zoning issues could be convened after the Z&L Committee meeting, as had been planned, due to a lack of a quorum of 7 out of 11 "seated" Commissioners. (This occurred even though Susan Orndorff, counted among the 11, officially resigned in the Fall.)