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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Attn: Ms. Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA, Director, Office of Zoning
Re: ANC Report Regarding Application 16407, Capitol Hill Group Request for Modification to Reduce Off-Street Parking Spaces from 276 to 200

Dear Ms. Reid:

This report is submitted in response to the Board of Zoning Adjustment's decision to rehear the subject matter (12/21/00 letter from Jerrily Kress, BZA to Wanda Stevens-Harris, ANC 6A) and offers the information required by Title 11 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, Section 3115.1, regarding ANC reports. As directed in Ms. Kress's January 4, 2001 letter to Ms. Harris, the ANC posted the necessary orange signs January 28, 2001 and submitted the required affidavit on February 1.

ANC 6A considered this application at its regular monthly meeting, held February 1, 2001. Proper notice of the meeting was given using the ANC's usual methods. In addition it was announced to the public at a Special Meeting held January 24, 2001. ANC 6A currently requires seven Commissioners for a quorum. Commissioners Pernell, Jarrell, Amon, Quigley, Martin, Fields, Edwards, Harris, McIntyre, Nelson, Ferrell and Basterrecheia were present. At both the February 1 meeting and the regular Zoning and Licensing Committee meeting held January 10, 2001, the Commission received extensive input from members of the community.

ANC 6A has the following concerns regarding Capitol Hill Group's modification request. All regulations cited below refer to DCMR Title 11.

1. As indicated in Commissioner Gregory Ferrell's 8/22/00 letter to BZA requesting a rehearing, there have been changes to some of the material facts on which the Board may have relied in granting Order 16407-A (Sec. 3129.7).

   a. *Material Fact: That this is a minor modification.*. Section 3129.7 allows only "minor modifications that do not change the material facts the Board relied upon in approving the application." Section 2108.2 limits parking reductions to 25%. The requested modification represents a 28% reduction. Because of parking congestion in the

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neighborhood, documented as early as 1984 (DPW 10/25/84 letter re Special Exception 14211), even a 25% reduction will have a significant impact.

b. *Material Fact: That ANC 6A supported approval of case 16407.* On 1/20/99 ANC 6A provided a conditional approval of case 16407 contingent on the Capitol Hill Group signing an agreement with St. James Church, which was to occur in the near future. To date this has not been done; in fact, St. James has now filed a lawsuit on the matter (DC Superior Court, Civil Action No. 00-004792). We continue to believe that CHG has an obligation to honor past commitments regarding parking for St. James parishioners, and we support the church on this issue.

c. *Material Fact: That ANC 6A did not oppose Capital Hill Group's 4/11/00 request for modification.* In fact, for reasons detailed in Commissioner Ferrell's 8/22/00 letter to the BZA, the ANC was not aware of the request. Nor were they aware that any hearings or meetings were scheduled to consider the request. As soon as we learned of the decision we took action. On 8/21/00, counsel for Medlink addressed the ANC 6A Zoning and Licensing Committee meeting regarding certain longstanding issues. She was unable to provide satisfactory explanations regarding the closure of the underground garage in Square 895 and the flooding in it, among other issues, and the Committee voted not to support CHG's 4/11/00 modification request.

d. *Material Fact: That the underground garage was open.* On 9/15/00, DCRA Zoning Inspector Yvonne Rockett inspected the underground garage. She found that the property was not in compliance with Order 16407, noting water damage, blockage due to furniture storage and other obstacles, and the need of a key pass to gain entry. On 1/26/01 she reinspected the garage. Finding the same problems, she issued a $500 citation to the hospital.

e. *Material Fact: That the underground garage contains 176 spaces, enough to meet the proposed reduction.* There appears to be a discrepancy in the number of spaces contained in the underground garage. CHG's 4/11/00 motion states it has 176 spaces. The zoning inspector estimated 98 plus an undetermined number on the third level. Holladay Corporation's filing of a surveyor's "existing conditions" with the Historic Preservation Review Board shows 147. CHG's 12/23/98 prehearing statement for case 16407 stated 144. This number should be verified before any reduction is considered, as it could have a direct bearing on the applicant's ability to meet the new requirement.

f. *Material Fact: That the applicant is in compliance with Order 16407.* Contrary to Condition 4 of Order 16407, they did not provide 276 parking spaces. Contrary to Condition 5 of Order 16407, the applicant has not met four times per year with the ANC.

2. Parking requirements are determined not just by the number of beds (Sec. 2101), but by the total volume of employees, patients and visitors (Sec. 358.4). These components were cited in the 1999 Order and should continue to be the standard. Regarding visitor parking,

Medlink's September 1999 request to the Department of Public Works to eliminate the Zone 6 exception (to the 3-hour limit) in the 200 block of 7th Street suggests that they have insufficient facilities for visitor parking. This rendered approximately twenty-eight on-street parking spaces unavailable to the community. Approximately two weeks ago the exception was restored on the west side of 7th Street. We respectfully urge Medlink to reverse the request to DPW for the east side as well.

3. Regarding beds, we note that Medlink is currently licensed by the Health Department for a total of 205 beds (145 nursing home plus 60 long term acute). Although CHG's intentions to sell its property to the Holladay Corporation are well known, they have not been finalized and even the best laid plans are subject to change. Section 2117.2 allows the Board to make provisions for potential subsequent increases in parking requirements. For these reasons we respectfully request that consideration of the instant modification not take into account the proposed sale. We also suggest that the Board consider the total potential number of beds, rather than the subset currently licensed by BZA, in determining an appropriate parking requirement.

4. Counsel for CHG has suggested, 9/27/00, that past and current noncompliance should have no bearing on consideration of the requested modification. If nothing else, a history of violations and unmet commitments raises questions about the reliability of any future promises made during this proceeding.

5. Our final concern involves notification of residents within the 200' area. This is the responsibility of the applicant, who obtains the information from Office of Finance and Revenue. For unknown reasons, the mailing list for this case had several irregularities. We request that the appropriate parties ensure the list is corrected in any future actions.

The problems listed above have had a variety of negative effects on the community. The problem of parking congestion in this area has been raised in several community meetings and documented in local newspapers. The lack of a fully open and accessible underground garage contributes to this problem, and the elimination of the Zone 6 exception on 7th Street took spaces away from community members. We have heard from neighbors that employees park on neighborhood streets instead of on hospital property. Safety at night is compromised when congestion forces citizens to park several blocks from their homes. St. James parishioners used to be able to park in the underground garage next door to the church but now must park a block away. Local residents used to be able to park in the above ground lots on Square 865 at night, alleviating the on-street parking crunch, but now unauthorized cars in the lot will be towed. St. James and two other local churches use the Square 865 lots on Sundays and neighborhood parking will be severely taxed when they are sold. While not required to do so by zoning laws, Medlink could be a better neighbor. Copies of neighborhood comments are attached to this report.

Recommendation:

For the reasons listed above, ANC 6A opposes the Modification of Order 16407 and respectfully recommends the following:

1. That the Board of Zoning Adjustment disapprove the modification and maintain the requirements of Order 16407 until:

a) The garage is reinspected by DCRA with a structural engineer, with representatives of ANC 6A and neighborhood organizations present, the applicant is found to be in compliance, i.e. that it is not only open but accessible without needing a key card, and the applicant ensures its security, and

b) The applicant reaches a written agreement with St. James Church to provide parking.

2. That only after these conditions are met and independently verified, the applicant may reapply for a change.

3. That this matter be considered more than a minor modification and treated in accordance with the appropriate administrative guidelines.

The vote to adopt the report was 12 in favor and 0 against. The Commission has authorized Janet Quigley, ANC 6A-05, to present the report to the BZA at the February 13, 2001 hearing.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Ivette Basterrechea
Chair, ANC 6A

Attachment: Citizen Letters, E-mails

Copy to: Capitol Hill Group
DC Office of Planning
Council Member Sharon Ambrose

Letters from ANC 6A Community Members
Regarding the BZA Rehearing of Modification Request, Case 16407-A

From: SNievesgra@aol.com
Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 19:31:29 EST
Subject: (no subject)
To: quigleyjl@yahoo.com

Dear Commissioner Quigley:
I am writing to ask for your assistance in the ANC's request that the BZA rehear MedLink's request for a reduction in parking requirements from 276 to 200 spaces. To date MedLink has not met this requirement for 276 spaces, and has not opened their underground parking per earlier BZA orders. As a result, staff and vistors routinely park on neighborhood streets exacerbating an already already difficult parking situation. I believe that their request for reduced parking requirements should not be considered until the underground parking be fully opened. Thank you for you assistance in advance.

Sara Nieves Grafals

From: Sarah Gavian
To: Marina Martin
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2001 3:19 PM
Subject: Medlink/Holliday proposal for Capitol Hill

Greetings Ms. Martin-

As a resident of Capitol Hill living only 1 block away from where the proposed Holliday apartment buildings may be built on the former Medlink site, I am writing to share my concerns about the mundane but important issue of parking.

As I'm sure you've heard from others, even at 276 parking spaces (never mind the possibility of fewer), the overflow from such a large residential unit will completely swamp local on-street parking capacity. I returned from my office at 11 pm last night and had to circle all the blocks around my home for 15 minutes until I found a parking space 3 blocks away. There I was, carrying 5 bags, feeling quite vulnerable as a woman walking alone at that hour. And the complex isn't even built yet!

As ANC6A06 Commissioner, I urge you to do what is in your power to keep our neighborhood liveable.

Many thanks,
Sarah Gavian
121 9th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
202-544-9445

From: Algetz312@aol.com
Date: Wed, 31 Jan 2001 18:59:32 EST
Subject: BZA rehearing of MedLink case #16407
To: quigleyjl@yahoo.com

Commissioner Quigley:
I understand that the ANC agenda for tomorrow will include a discussion and resolution on the upcoming BZA rehearing of case MedLink #16407. I request that you consider voting against MedLink's request to reduce their required parking from 276 to 200. The following letter that I sent to the BZA explains why I think MedlLink's request should be denied. Thank you for your considereation of this request.
Al Getz

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312 7th St, N.E.
Washington, D.C.

September 19, 2000

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, BZA Chairperson
c/o Jerrily Kress, FAIA Director
Office of Zoning
441 4th St, N.W.
Suite 210 South
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Ms. Cross Reid:

I am writing to you to request that the Board of Zoning Adjustment "re-hear" the parking case of MedLink, BZA Order #16407, dated September 8, 2000. I am making this request on the grounds that the neighborhood and the ANC were not given proper notification regarding the request by MedLink to reduce their required parking slots from 276 to 200, to close their above ground parking lot on the 200 block of 7th Street, and relocate all their required parking to the underground garage and 24 slots inside the 8th and C Street complex.

I have major concerns regarding the MedLink request, since it appears that MedLink has never been in compliance with earlier BZA orders to open the underground garage, and the garage remains unopened for general staff and visitor parking. Many in the neighborhood are concerned that the garage is unsuitable for parking because it currently is used for storage, there appears to be flooding on lower levels, there may be ventilation problems, and the facility lacks an elevator.

Although MedLink has argued that they have adequate parking, staff continue to park on the street in the neighborhood. Despite MedLink's claim that they have adequate parking, in the Fall of 1999 the facility petitioned DPW (and was granted) a change of parking status on the 200 Block of 7th Street from Zone 6 to 3 hour parking. If MedLink made this request while their 7th Street lot was open, I fail to understand their argument that the requested reduction of parking slots to the underground garage and associated 24 above ground slots alone will be more than adequate. Needless to say, the proposed new 18 townhouse (with English basements) on the 7th Street lot would add further demands for the limited parking in the neighborhood. I am requesting that the BZA provide opportunity for further exploration before final granting of the MedLink request. Thank you for you consideration. If you have questions, I can be reached at 301 443-3822 (work) or 202 543-6986 (home).

Respectfully,

Al Getz

816 Massachusetts Ave., N.E.
Washington, DC 20002
January 28, 2001

Board of Zoning Adjustment
Government of the District of Columbia
441 Fourth Street, N.W., Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Members of the Board:

We write in opposition to Application number 16407, by the Capitol Hill Group, to reduce the number of parking spaces on and adjacent to the Medlink nursing home and hospital complex on Capitol Hill.

We have lived in the 800 block of Massachusetts Ave., N.E., one block from Medlink, for more than twenty-two years. We are concerned a grant of this application would have significant harmful impact on our block and the entire surrounding community.

During the past two or three years, parking on our block and the surrounding area has become vastly more difficult. Finding a parking space is now difficult at virtually all hours, and especially so in the evening. Decreasing the number of parking spaces by approving the Capitol Hill Group application would mean that persons employed by the Group, and visitors to it, will have park on the street, thereby reducing still further the spaces available to those of us who live here.

Approval of the application would of course create inconveniences by forcing residents to park further from their homes (if they are able to find parking spaces at all). More seriously, it would increase the possibility of crime, as people returning home at night have to walk farther between cars and houses. The problem of long-distance walking is particularly severe for our elderly neighbors. Capitol Hill has always been a hospitable neighborhood for retirees. Decreasing parking opportunities threatens this characteristic of the neighborhood.

Any application from the Capitol Hill Group should be received with special skepticism. This organization insisted only two years ago that it needed 276 off-street parking spaces in order to operate its facility properly. You granted the application at that time. There is no reason to believe that anything has happened in the past two years to change this conclusion. Further, the Group has not fulfilled its promise to open and maintain the underground parking structure on its facility (though it has misrepresented to the local Advisory Neighborhood Commission, and apparently to others, that it had fulfilled that promise). The Board should demand that the organization honor its commitment to maintain the underground parking structure and continue to provide all 276 parking spaces, in order to decrease the facility's adverse impact on the neighborhood.

We also urge you to view the application with skepticism in light of the Capitol Hill Group's history of poor community relations. The Group has made virtually no effort to participate in community affairs. (In contrast, its predecessor, the Capitol Hill Hospital, was an involved neighbor.) The Group has rarely responded to community concerns or requests for information. One example is the reason why you are reconsidering the application -- the Group did not properly inform the local Advisory Neighborhood Commission of the application in advance of your initial consideration. Another example is the organization's apparent disinterest in honoring its agreement with adjacent St. James Episcopal Church, an excellent neighbor to us on the Hill, to make parking spaces available to parishioners. In closing, we again urge the Board to deny application number 16407 of the Capitol Hill Group.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen M. Daniels

Maygene F. Daniels

--- LISA Tate <LTate@nachri.org> wrote:
Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2001 16:08:30 -0500
From: "LISA Tate " <LTate@nachri.org>
To: <marina.martin@verizon.net>, <quigleyjl@yahoo.com>
Subject: Medlink parking issue

** High Priority **

Commissioners Martin and Quigley:

I'm writing to express my appreciation for your vigilence and attention to the Medlink parking situation, and urge you to continue your work with the ANC and BZA to both open the underground parking garage as well as reverse the parking changes on 7th street. My family lives at 636 Constitution Ave, directly acroos from Medlink, at the intersection of Const and Mass Aves and 7th (you know the house facing the triangle park where the two blonde children are always playing).

The parking situation in our block has signivicantly worsened during the past two years with the current situation being that if you arrive home after 10 pm we regularly have to park several blocks away and/or park illegally for safety reasons. This never used to be the case (we lived there for 10 years) and I am sure that it is not a coincidence that situation worsened exactly at the same time that the 7th street changes were made.

Parking is of particular concern to the 600 blocks of Cons and Mass because none of us have any off street parking options in almost the entire block. My family is not outright opposed to the whole Medlink development project because we think it could, if done correctly, benefit Capitol Hill. But parking is the biggest negative and really the main dealbreaker, at least for us.

I strongly urge you to push for the 7th street changes and more importantly for the immediate opening of the underground parking. The latter, particularly is an insult to the neighborhood and the governance process since it is supposedly "open" for parkting. It is critical that it be opened fully before the townhouse construction begins or we will all face an untenable parking situation.

Lastly, I don't know what kind of enforcement powers you or others have but the "word" of Dr. Shin doesn't seem to actually be of much value, and I think that should be taken into consideration in your deliberations. (And I hope Dr.S doesn't continue to thumb his nose at the ANC and the neighborhood by sending that poor young attorney with false and incomplete info to your meeting tonight as he did a couple of meetings ago.)
I hope to be able to attend tonight's meeting but am a bit at the mercy of my 3 and 5 year old's schedule. Again, I thank you for your efforts. I will keep in touch with other neighbors should I not be able to attend. And if there is anything else that I can do to improve the situation, please let me know.
Lisa M. Tate, 202-544-0382

From: E.T. Anderson
To: Marina Martin
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2001 2:04 PM
Subject: BZA meeting and Medink

Dear Ms. Martin,

I live in the 100 block of 7th Street, NE, and I understand that you are my ANC6A06 representative. Since I can not attend the BZA meeting tonight (Wednesday, 1-10-01), I would like to express my views in writing regarding the Medlink parking modification (BZA case #160407) and the Holladay project in general.

As a nearby resident of this property, I am very concerned about the effect these projects will have on the neighborhood. It is my understanding that Dr. Shin of Medlink has been in violation of an earlier BZA order to reopen their underground garage to its full capacity. Now Dr. Shin wants permission to reduce the number of off-street spaces required of Medlink.

Taking into consideration that at least 99 above ground off-street parking spaces will be lost once the Holladay townhouse project gets underway (across 7th St from the hospital around the "Louise" building), the parking problem around and near the Medlink site will become considerably worse if Medlink's garage is not operational. I hope that ANC will recognize the impact this issue will have on the neighborhood, and support the requirement that Medlink re-open it's garage to the full capacity before permits are issued for the groundbreaking of the townhouse project.

I would also like to address the 7-8 story, 230+ unit apartment complex proposed by Holladay to be built off of Mass.Ave. between 7th and 8th streets. I think the idea of building more residential housing on the Hill is a wonderful. However, I strongly believe the developments should fit in with the existing scale and mass of the neighborhood, which is a federally recognized Historic District. A building that is up to 90 feet tall will overshadow the surrounding historic rowhouses, churches, and modest-size apartment buildings. Scaling the project down to a more reasonable size (4-5 stories) would be much more appropriate for this neighborhood. In addition, a residential development this size should provide sufficient parking for the residents and their guests.

Holladay had initially proposed 1 space per unit with no allowance for visitor parking. Considering many units will be 2 or 3 bedroom, with the likely possibility of more than one car per unit, the already limited amount of off-street parking in the neighborhood will become a huge problem. I fear that our charming historic district will begin to transform into upper NW, with terrible traffic/parking problems and towering megaplexes lining the streets.

In closing, I whole-heartedly support more residential development on Capitol Hill, but the projects should be reasonable in size and mass befitting of a Historic District. Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to the well-being of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Ellen Anderson
111 7th Street, NE

From: Laura Salarano <lauraland1@yahoo.com>
To: <quigleyj@yahoo.com>; <marina.martin@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2001 2:47 PM
Subject: Re: ANC 6A Monthly Meeting

Dear Ms. Quigley and Ms. Martin:

Unfortunately, I will not be able to participate in today's ANC 6A meeting, when an issue that greatly concerns me will be discussed, since I live on the 100 block of 7th Street, NE.

I am writing to you because I would like the BZA to reverse its decision of June 2000 that resulted in reduced Medlink's Hospital parking requirement from 276 spaces to 200 spaces, and to reverse 3-hour parking back to Zone 6 on the East side of the 200 block of 7th Street, NE.

Also, I think Dr. Shin (owner of the Medlink property) should fully open the underground parking garage, and honor parking access rights to St. James Church.

There is not enough available off-street parking in this neighborhood, as evidenced by all the cars that routinely park beyound the signs and almost on the corners of the block every evening. We should not be forced to violate parking regulations because there is no parking available in many blocks around, and we need all the help that we can get to make it comfortable for the neighbors.

Thank you for your attention to this opinion.

Laura Salarano
106 7th Street, NE

Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2001 11:20:00 -0500
From: Charles Smith <Charles.Smith7@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Medlink Parking issues
To: quigleyjl@yahoo.com (Receipt Notification Requested)

Ms. Quigley:
I am writing in my personal capacity as a resident at 629 Constitution Ave., NE, Washington, D.C. . I would like the following statement to be considered by the ANC regarding the Medlink parking issues.

In light of the detrimental impact on parking in the neighborhood and Medlink's history in the matter, I urge the BZA to reverse its June 2000 decision that reduced Medlink's 276-space parking requirement to 200 spaces. Also, I believe that Medlink should be required to fully open (verified by city /ANC inspection) the underground parking garage and honor parking access rights to St. James Church. Additionally, the ANC should support reversal of 3-hour parking back to zone 6 on the 200 block of 7th Street (east side). This action will substantially alleviate the dearth of parking available to residents in the neighborhood and correct an inequitable situation. Thank you for considering my input.

Charles F. Smith

Marina Martin

From: Harshaw, Kirsten J. <KHarshaw@GilbaneCo.com>
To: 'Janet Quigley' <quigleyjl@yahoo.com>; 'Marina Martin' <marina.martin@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2001 10:40 AM
Subject: Medlink

I live on 8th Street NE, directly across from St. James and the Medlink Hospital complex. Personally, I am having a difficult time understanding why employees of Medlink must use on-street parking in my neighborhood, rather than utilize what appears to be ample on-site parking within the complex. I have heard that the existing parking garage is closed due to safety hazards revealed during a city inspection. I do not advocate subjecting Medlink employees to dangerous conditions, however, do expect the hospital to reverse the condition of the garage and use it for its intended purpose.
Medlink, I presume, is a for-profit business operating in a residential neighborhood. It seems reasonable to me, that this business be instructed to keep structures in working order and function in accordance with governing requirements. For the hospital to put the burden on the neighborhood to bear the consequences of their lack of proper maintenance, is unacceptable.
Thank you for your immediate attention to this issue.

Kirsten Harshaw
229 8th Street NE

Capitol Hill Coalition for
Sensible Development



February 1, 2001

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
624 H Street, N.E.
First Floor
Washington, D.C. 20002

Subject: Rehearing of Capitol Hill Group Modification to Application Number 16407

Dear ANC6A Commissioners,

On behalf of the Capitol Hill Coalition for Sensible Development (hereafter CHCSD), an ad hoc group of Capitol Hill Historic District citizens who are working to ensure that residential development in the neighborhood is "sensible," I am writing to you concerning the above case. Many of you in August received our parking committee's 8-7-01-information packet summarizing most of the parking problems around Medlink and an informal parking survey.

While CHCSD does not have strict boundaries, almost everyone in our coalition lives within a two square-block radius (25 square blocks) of the perimeter of the Medlink medical complex that Capitol Hill Group owns and is located on adjacent Squares 865 and 895. The majority of these neighbors live within a one-block radius of the site. (My husband and I for almost 17 years have been homeowners in the square immediately south of the hospital.) CHCSD is particularly concerned about the Medlink site, its future, and its impact on the surrounding community.

If the zoning relief granted in June is not reversed, there will be environmental, economic, and social impacts on CHCSD (and non-CHCSD) persons and property. In the matter of reducing the offstreet parking requirements for the Medlink complex from 276 to 200 spaces, this potentially will exacerbate an existing parking problem in the area. Even when Capitol Hill Group requested the modification in April 2000 the Medlink underground parking garage was not fully open, in fact it has failed two zoning inspections (September 2000 and January 2001) and has been in violation of BZA orders to be fully open. The potential sale of lots on Square 865 without the garage being fully open endangers parking access rights for St. James Church. Furthermore, during Fall of 1999 Medlink had DPW reverse both sides of the 200 block of 7th Street from Zone-6 to 3-hour-only parking, equal to about 28 parking spaces. This indicated that Medlink needed more parking capacity six months prior to its request for modification to 16407. Now, only a few weeks before the 2-13-01 rehearing, one side of 7th Street has been reversed back to Zone 6. There are other aspects that need to be nailed down in this situation. Taking into account a multitude of factors including Medlink violating BZA requirements, reducing the number of offstreet parking spaces for Medlink should not have been considered. To the best of

my knowledge, my neighbors did not receive any notification about the BZA June7, 2000 public meeting where the "modification" was approved. To make matters worse, the notification list used for the upcoming 2-13-01 BZA rehearing is faulty indeed and needs to be corrected. Many of the neighbors within the 200 foot radius were not notified due to problems with this list including wrong names, no apartment numbers, and the total absence of listings for some houses that do exist within the 200 feet.

CHCSD asks ANC6A to urge the BZA to do the following:

A.) Reverse the June 2000 BZA decision (reducing the offstreet-parking requirement from 276 to 200) and restore the 276-offstreet parking space requirement at Medlink at this time. Do not allow the reduction to 200 spaces at this time, even with conditions.

B.) Enforce BZA conditions that Capitol Hill Group opens the Medlink underground garage. Attach specific requirements to this including complete inspections by all city personnel necessary to render it safe and fully accessible to vehicles. Require neighborhood verification of these inspections by St. James Church, ANC6A05, ANC6A06, and ANC6A Zoning and License Committee, CHCSD, and SPNA.

C.) Require a reversal of the current 3-hour only parking to zone-6 parking on the east side of the 200 block of 7th Street.

D.) Require Capitol Hill Group to honor parking access rights for neighboring St. James Church now and in the future, providing it offstreet-parking spaces in an uninterrupted manner.

E.) Help ensure that the notification list be corrected in a timely manner and verified by ANC6A.

I ask you to take into consideration that, on another neighborhood matter involving Medlink, CHCSD gathered about 1200 signatures, all within the Capitol Hill Historic District, petitioning Medlink to fulfill its BZA requirement to fully open its existing underground garage for Medlink staff and visitors.

I respectfully request that ANC6A take our views into serious consideration. Your time and attention to this matter are appreciated.

Yours truly,

Nancy J Simpson

Nancy J. Simpson
Chairperson
202-544-0732

cc: Fr. Richard Downing, Rector, St. James Church
Al Getz, Parking Committee Chair
Ken LePoer, Zoning Committee Chair