Traffic Survey
March 17, 2000, morning
Observed from 1406 Jonquil Street, NW

Shepherd cars using Jonquil Street east alley		Shepherd cars on 14th Street	
7:52 - 7:58 am car parked in alley blocks traffic		8:00	xx
8:01	x	8:01	xx
8:02	xx	8:02	xxx
8:05	x car DC	8:03	xxxx
8:07	van speeds thru alley	8:05	xx
8:10	x car DC	8:09	xxxxxxxx
	SUV speeds	8:11	xxxx
8:12	x MD	8:12	xxxxxx
8:14	SUV MD speeds	8:15	xxxxx
8:15	Start of children walking thru alley and walking north on 14th		
8:17	van DC	8:16	xxxx
8:19	x DC tag AG9725	8:17	SUB MD
8:20	xxxxx	8:19	xxxx
8:21	x	8:21	19th St Baptist Church bus
8:22	x	8:22	xxxx
8:26	xx	8:25	xxxxxx
Continued pedestrian traffic – children and adults – approaching school from alley and botl directions on 14th Street			
8:28	xx	8:27	xxxxxxxxxx

Also observed cars using alley at lower field, approaching from Kalmia.

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- I moved to Shepherd Park 13 years ago, and my daughter and I have been living in this home 5 years ago.

- I live within 300 feet of Tifereth Israel, and directly across from Shepherd Elementary. My home faces the school's auditorium, the loading dock and entrance students and parents use for morning- and after-care.

- On this same block is the lower field, operated by the DC Department of Recreation.

- From 6:25 am (this morning's first delivery) until 7:00 pm, there is constant vehicular traffic coming to either the school or the field. Trucks back up into the loading dock, and children arrive for morning care which begins at 7:00 am.

- The proposed operation of a private school for 215 students and 32 teachers and staff at these locations will create more objectionable traffic and safety onto a block that is already congested with the traffic of our public elementary school. The plan would bring over 50 additional commuter cars onto Jonquil Street. This block already is busy from 6:30 am (with the first truck delivery) thru 6:45 pm (with the closing of the after school program, and the use of the lower field).

- The proposed private school has set its morning start time at precisely the same time that traffic at the public school experiences most of its arrivals. According to the survey I conducted, the peak time for morning dropoff is 8:15 to 8:25 am. Many cars come onto Jonquil to avoid the congestion on 14th Street caused by Maryland commuters who travel from Eastern Avenue, down 14th and onto Alaska Avenue – to avoid 16th Street congestion. Moreover, Walter Reed employees are also using 14th Street at this time to enter the north gate of the Walter Reed complex.

- Our alleys are already blocked by parents dropping off and trucks backing up. During peak times the alleys are used as thoroughfares because the streets are impassable – thereby endangering the students who use the alleys to walk to school. Shepherd parents typically drop off near the corner of Jonquil and 14th, travel west on Jonquil, then turn into the alley, turn left on Juniper, then turn right on 14th to travel south. Many also continue west on Jonquil and attempt to turn left on 16th to travel south. When the backup is too deep at 16th, they turn into the alley behind Tifereth Israel.

- Because there are no stop signs at alleys, drivers turn into them without slowing down or stopping. They assume that the alleys are of low use, and proceed without using caution.

- During peak times the Jonquil Street residents use the alleys to approach their homes because the street is often impasssable. <u>During peak times,. I don't allow my daughter to walk outside alone – or even empty the garbage -- because I am afraid that she will be struck by the car of a commuting parent. The safety of our children is already threatened; to add 200 more students arriving by car is asking for sure tragedy.</u>