Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, BZA Chair
c/o Ms Jerrily R. Kress, Director
The Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210
Washington, D. C. 20001

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF ZONING
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Re: Case No. 16559 - The Field School - Special Exception

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing to oppose the above referenced application of The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation/The Field School for a special exception to establish a private school for a maximum of 320 students and 74 faculty and staff in the R-1-A District at the premises 2301 Foxhall Road, NW.

The proposed use would cause even more severe vehicular congestion, render residential streets and commuter thoroughfares more unsafe, create permanent environment impacts, and finally saturate the neighborhood with schools. The result would be to reduce the level of service of the adjacent streets, create gridlock on Foxhall Road in rush hour, diminish the quality of the neighborhood, and remove from the city's tax base a large residential tract of land.

Traffic on Foxhall Road is already seriously congested. The additional accommodation of as many as 320 vehicular turns (by the Field School's own traffic estimate) into and out of the proposed school each morning cannot be reasonably and safely accommodated. The school's traffic consultant, Gorove/Slade Associates states: "The Field School will generate traffic levels which can be accommodated by the public street system without adverse impacts." and proposes neither traffic controls nor sidewalks at the school's entrance. Any traffic solution short of eliminating these additional vehicles on Foxhall Road in rush hour will be unacceptable when the seven other schools in the vicinity have completed their expansions.

Furthermore, the plans filed with the BZA entail major disturbances to the natural land and locate driveways and parking lots next to the private residences on W Street. This will likely result in negative permanent ecological impacts and the emission of dangerous fumes from vehicles idling in car pool queues toward the adjacent homes. The closest home is an authenticated historic farm house willed to the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

For the above stated reasons, I urge rejection of this application.

Sincerely,

Nancy Stone

William E. Stone

BZA
Case No. 16559
Exhibit No. 85

cc: Katherine Patterson
Council of the District of Columbia
441 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

PS/ See attachments re existing Traffic problems on 49th St., which already is used as a cut Through from Foxhall to Mac Arthur

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.16559
EXHIBIT NO.85

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October 30, 1996

Advisory Neighborhood Commission, 3D
5729 Sherier Place NW
Washington DC 20007

Dear Commission Members:

We, the undersigned, request your assistance in solving a problem that affects our safety.

Problem:
The section of 49th Street, N.W. between Garfield Street and V Street is narrow, hilly, and winding. In recent years, because of speeding automobiles, it has become very dangerous to the many pedestrians who walk on this street on the border of Battery Kemble Park. There are no sidewalks, so parents with small children, people walking with dogs, and residents going to the local stores or the MacArthur Boulevard bus stop must walk in the street. Residents driving out of driveways or exiting the driver's side of parked cars also are endangered by the traffic.

We have been unsuccessful in efforts to have the police monitor traffic, which passes along this street far in excess of the posted 25 miles per hour speed limit. Our observations are that cars regularly drive between 30 and 35 miles per hour and at times as rapidly as 45 to 50 miles per hour, placing all of the people who use this street at risk of injury or death from being struck by a passing vehicle.

Requested Action:
To reduce the speed of vehicles passing along this street, we request that stop signs be placed at the intersection of Calvert and 49th Street, N.W. and at the intersection of Ashby and 49th Street, N.W.

This stretch of 49th Street has become an accident waiting to happen! Our representative on the City Council has informed us that this request should be directed to the ANC. We will appreciate action promptly before a fatal accident occurs.

Thank you for your assistance.

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2230-49th St. NW.
John N. Padella Jr
age 10

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Age - 9
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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION

REPLY TO:
BUREAU OF TRAFFIC SERVICES
2000 14TH STREET, N.W. 7TH FLOOR
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20009

JUL 17 1997

Dr. Nancy W. Stone, M.D.
2347 49th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Dr. Stone:

This is in reply to your recent letter concerning traffic conditions on 49th Street between Garfield and V Streets, N.W.

We will install CURVE WARNING signs and advisory 15 MPH signs at key locations along 49th Street. These signs together with police enforcement should alleviate speeding in this area.

As you are aware, we have met with the Palisades Citizens Association to discuss several traffic issues including 49th Street.

Thank you for your interest in traffic operations and safety.

Sincerely yours,

Karen G. Benefield
Acting Bureau Chief

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November 16, 1999

Shannon Crockett, Comander
DC Police Department
Second Division
3320 Idaho Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Commander Crockett:

I am writing to ask your assistance with the problem of traffic on 49th Street between Ashby and Garfield Streets. As the attached copies of correspondence show, the residents in this area have been concerned for a number of years about the safety of the persons who use this section of 49th Street.

Although we finally were able to obtain 15 miles/hour signs at the sharpest curves, automobiles continue to drive very rapidly, most of them paying no attention to these traffic signs. The signs have had no evident effect on making the street safer for pedestrians and for those of us who must exit our driveways in automobiles..

Our belief has been that if tickets were issued to speeders periodically, this would change the behavior of drivers who regularly drive to the nearby Safeway or are using this street to cut through from Foxhall to MacArthur. We have informally asked for assistance from officers we encounter from time to time on MacArthur or elsewhere in this area, but we have been unsuccessful in efforts to have an officer available to check for and issue tickets to cars driving beyond the speed limit.

Sending the attached copies of earlier communications regarding this problem seeemed the most efficient use of your time to inform you of our concerns. We will appreciate your help, and if it would be useful for me and/or other residents to make an appointment to talk with you in your office, please ask your assistant to call me.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Nancy Stone

Attachments (9)

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

December 1, 1999

Mrs. Nancy W. Stone
2347 49th Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20007 - 1002

Dear Mrs. Stone:

This is in reply to your correspondence, in which you expressed concerns regarding a traffic problem on 49th Street between Ashby and Garfield Streets, Northwest.

Your letter was referred to Lieutenant Angela Cousins, for investigation. Lieutenant Cousins designated Officer Gregory Frost to regularly conduct radar enforcement in this area. In addition, a tracking system regarding the number of traffic infractions issued, and the average rate of speed traveled on 49th Street, was designed to monitor this problem.

The Second District will continue its fundamental duty of providing quality police service to the citizens and businesses of our community. Thank you for taking time to bring this matter to my attention.

Should you desire further information or assistance relative to this matter, please contact Lieutenant Angela Cousins on (202) 282 – 0022.

Sincerely,

Shannon P. Cockett
Commanding Officer
Second District