July 13, 2000

Ms. Shelia Cross-Reid
Director, Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Washington D.C. 20001

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Dear Ms. Shelia Cross-Reid,

My informed and adamant opposition to the Georgetown University Campus Plan to destroy my neighborhood, Burleith, is a NO-BRAINER, and it should be for all B.Z.A. members. VOTE NO.

If the post Carrie Thornhill era B.Z.A. is no longer the rubber stamp agency to destroy neighborhoods vis-à-vis protecting and promoting the encroachment of G.U. and G.W.U. et. al. on the adjoining tax paying residents- then this continuing charade today should also be a NO-BRAINER for at least the, if any, IMPARTIAL members of this B.Z.A. Impartial judgment by too many members of past B.Z.A.'s was as rare as Haley's Comet but with much more far-lasting effects which I will now describe.

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My name is Thomas R. Coonan, a 26 year occupant/homeowner at 1720 37th Street NW, a mere two blocks north of Reservoir Road, the northern boundary of G.U.

The following is just a brief summary of situations on my 1700 block of 37th street NW.

- At my residence a ten foot rocket juniper fir tree, one of two matching ornamental trees, and three feet of hedge as well as three feet of fence were yanked from the roots and fenceposts and destroyed randomly at 3 a.m. Has any B.Z.A member suffered this senseless destruction?

- At my residence a concrete bird bath and statuary were destroyed with a large rock at 3:30 a.m. I am sure no B.Z.A. member has had this experience. But hey this was just a birdbath. Yeah, it was my birdbath and not that of a B.Z.A. member.
- At my residence a large concrete urn containing geranium flowers was taken after 3 a.m. This urn was one of a matching set. Do B.Z.A. members have matching sets of urns or is one missing? Are you wise enough to sense a pattern here or could it be that you are just another appointed city agency cypher who does not want to be confronted with such dastardly facts and simply chooses to side with prestigious institutions over the pleas of taxpaying residents?
- At my residence several egg peltings took place over the years, all after 3 a.m. Has any member of this B.Z.A. been pelted? Could it be that your neighborhood is sunny-sideup?
- My automobile parked on the street has been used as a makeshift bleacher seating arrangement for five during 3 a.m. antics on the street. The hood was permanently damaged. Are

the automobile hoods of B.Z.A. members damaged? Remember your vote has real consequences for us peons. And we have been peed on.

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Several times a month during each school year large gangs of drunken students roam 37th street in search of parties after 3 a.m. all the while screaming, urinating, vomiting, and generally acting like no one would act in front of the residence of a member of this B.Z.A. and past B.Z.A. residences. Get the picture?

⌘ Trash in the alleys of Burleith is "no" problem. We have so much overflowing trash and rats that I now have assigned names such as Thornhill,I,II,III for the rats that frequent my alley and yards.

⌘ For years D.C. has been noted for its three leading industries-government, tourism, and car theft. In Burleith we have the fourth industry, converted backyards housing up to six automobiles each for G.U. related drivers all with out of state license plates. None of these "parking lots" pay the D.C. Unincorporated Franchise Taxes. But who cares? Do the B.Z.A. members gaze out from their back doors into unlicensed parking lots A.K.A. backyards? But then you wouldn't tolerate that on your block, would you?

⌘ TRAFFIC-37th Street has been for at least twenty-six years rated for vehicles less than one and one-quarter ton. But alas "the G.U. exception." All G.U. and G.U. hospital supply trucks scream and screech up and down 37th street starting at 5:30 a.m. These include all food service vendors, Coke-a-cola, Seven-Up, bread, meat, poultry, and produce, plus unmarked rental trucks bringing various supplies to the cafeterias and hospital and oh yes our favorite B.F.I. trash compactor behemoths. Oh yes, I have asked the G.U. liaison to the communities, Ms. Greenam, at a Burleith Citizens Association

meeting to address this problem of directing this illegal trucking to supply G.U. via the only commercially rated streets to the university, namely Wisconsin avenue and Reservoir Road. So much lip service for effective community liason or is it just window dressing for the B.Z.A. et. al. Incidentally, this position is cleverly occupied by a former staff member and campaign manager of our Ward Two COUNCILMAN. What a revolving door. This is akin to Mayor Marion Barry being hired by the Drug Enforcement Administration in to end cocaine usage in D.C. Is anybody out there monitoring this nonsense in the local D.C. media? Don't try and tell me that traffic is a Metropolitan police department problem because they will point to department of public works who then points to metropolitan police department. What a continuing joke. No effective "no truck" signs on 37th street and consequently no effective truck enforcement for clear violations of the weight limits on 37th street.

- Our latest threat to life and limb are the "cut-throughs" that now daily menace our alleys and streets. Cars racing through our streets and alleys at thirty plus m.p.h. to circumnavigate a block to race to an empty parking space or to get to Reservoir Road or Wisconsin avenue faster to complete their fastest possible comute from Maryland or Virginia. "Burleith, doormat to the suburbs," thanks to B.Z.A.

- BUT WHAT ABOUT SEX. Well if the number of times one hears the four letter F- word screamed out on 37th street after 3 a.m., then I am sure that sex is just a four letter word. Hey B.Z.A. members how many of you are awakened nightly at 3 a.m. to this word? Do your children love hearing this word? Just curious you know, you do know- don't you? Are you

better than us? Your decision here today has a four letter consequence. But then none of you on this B.Z.A. live near G.U.

- My neighboor two doors south and therefore closer to Reservoir Road had her new rear fence at the alley plastered one night after 3 a.m. with graffiti accusing another student with child molestation. The university saw fit to power wash this disgusting display off the fence. If only the residents of Burleith could get the same power wash to erase our memories of vandals and their cute pranks. Well, B.Z.A. members how much graffiti do you wake up to next door? And you sit here in judgment today on how much more balone y that I and my neighbors are to endure based on your expected ill-founded decision based on the SPECIAL INTEREST that you serve vice what is best to preserve a tax payer based v.s. G.U. interest.
- Perhaps a G.U. power wash could erase the memory of the family of former D.C. city councilman, Jim Nathanson, who suffered the indignity of students who placed a dildo in his mailbox after a long simmering student group house-v.s.-taxpaying resident, Glover Park feud. Nathanson gave in and moved his family to a DILDO-LESS COMMUNITY. Can you believe the degree of intimidation and terror it takes for a then sitting city councilman to throw in the towel and move? This terrorism is real and has no bounds.
- So B.Z.A. members if you lived in my home could you honestly vote in favor of continuing this TERRORISM by supporting this G.U. Campus Plan to Terrorize Burleith? You as a member of the B.Z.A. will vote either to continue this TERRORISM or finally exercise your civic duty regardless of a possible future confirmation of a tainted honorary degree, implied employment sinecure, or some such other esoteric

recognition scholarship/tuition discount etc. - and oh how we all love to be recognized and validated by vaunted institutions.

If your insulted by this factual testimony then good. Just think how much I and my neighbors are continually being insulted by your everlasting omission of duty. STOP TERRORISM NOW-VOTE NO!

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Coonan