Burleith CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20007

Testimony of Patricia Scolaro
July 18, 2000
BZA Application no. 16566
Georgetown University Campus Plan

Madam Chairman and Members of the Board:

My name is Patricia Scolaro, President of the Burleith Citizens Association and I represent the Burleith community. Thank you for this opportunity to present our position.

The Burleith Citizens Association opposes any increase in undergraduate enrollment; we oppose aligning 38th Street with Entrance No. One of the University and, further, we are opposed to the use of only four categories to identify the land and/or building use of the facilities.

Burleith was developed in the late 1920's as a residential community of 550 single-family row houses. It is zoned R-3, and of the communities represented here today, Burleith is the most impacted because it is located directly across Reservoir Road from the University.

Student housing is of major concern, we cannot support any increase in undergraduate enrollment.

There is serious community impact from excessive numbers of students living off-campus. By the University's own count there are 538 undergraduate students living in Burleith; and another 162 graduate and medical students and 301 non-traditional students living in zip code 20007. **(Exhibit No. 3).** Although the plan addresses only undergraduate enrollment, communities have to contend with the non-traditional and the graduate students who live here and impact the community.

By our personal count there are over 100 undergraduate group houses in Burleith – all four quadrants and practically every block has student houses. **(Exhibit No. 4)**

Student occupied group rentals pose serious behavior problems - excessive noise – loud parties – groups of revelers roaming the street looking for or returning from a party – and, over the years, very serious vandalism …… alcohol abuse appears to be a contributing factor (addressed later by Bonnie Hardy) **(Exhibit No. 5)**

Overcrowding and inappropriate use of single family housing is common – six and in some cases as many as eight students are in these three bedroom houses resulting in serious trash problems, unkempt gardens, not to mention an infestation of rats. **(Exhibit No.s 6 and 7)**

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Add to all of this, back yards which have become parking pads for out-of-state cars. **(Exhibit No. 8)**

Despite the University's efforts to control the impact, serious problems persist. And they will continue and accelerate if the proposed enrollment increase is supported by the BZA.

Over the years, the community has been pro-active in an attempt at containment – we have worked with the University's Office of Off-Campus Student Affairs; the Metropolitan Police Department; DCRA and DPW.

For years, members of our community have been diligent in pursuing avenues of recourse to mitigate the impact of students in the community. How much are we expected to do?

There have been some successes – but much frustration. We have worked closely with the MPD, and most recently under Commander Cockett and Lt. Burke of the Second District (unfortunately both of them have been reassigned) and with support from our Councilmember, noise legislation was passed allowing police officers to use "a reasonable person's standard" to identify an unacceptable level of noise allowing them to issue a 61d – either as a warning or $300.00 fine to the recalcitrant houses and offenders. And it worked, while Lt. Burke was assigned to our PSA.

There have been successes with DPW regarding trash – but regular follow-up is always required.

In March, we submitted to DCRA a list of houses identified with serious housing or zoning violations – phone calls have been traded, but we have yet to receive information on any actions taken.

We have fought for legislation to have a zoning overlay in this area limiting the number of unrelated occupants in group houses; the Board of Zoning did not hear our case.

Over the years, we have asked for legislation requiring inspections and licensing of these group homes – it sits in limbo.

These are just a sampling of the efforts by residents to take back their community. **(Exhibit No. 9)**

Much has been said about the South West Quadrangle leading us to believe that when it is opened all student-related problems will end. However, it is not part of the current campus plan and its benefits should not be used to mask problems.

The University proposes to enroll 111 undergraduates to reach its current cap. That means that 111 upperclassmen will be forced into the community before the South West Quad opens.

Three school years will have passed before the first student enters this new dormitory – and they will be sophomores …

The University makes the assumption that the majority of students returning to campus will come from Burleith and West Georgetown. We do not believe that this will happen. We believe that the students who live farthest away from campus may want to return to campus (the 200 who ride the GUTS bus) or they may just want to move closer to the University - West Georgetown or perhaps Burleith – where they can park their cars in our back yards….this is a significant incentive to living in Burleith. **(Exhibit No. 8)**

And as we look ahead, if permitted, an additional 389 students will be enrolled by 2010 – wiping out all the positives that would come from a new dormitory. For the communities it is status quo.

We have not even discussed the cost to the city in lost revenues, the special week-end overtime costs for the police, the extra burdens on DPW particularly when students are moving out. And, of course, we have to consider lost income to the District since many absentee landlords do not live in the District. One, who owns multiple student rental properties, lives in Florida.

In reviewing all of the testimony and documents – it is ironic that the Office of Planning – in its extensive report - and the investigation by the real estate consultant, and others have acknowledged, by their testimony, that Burleith and West Georgetown) are in jeopardy. They have implied that there is a negative impact by the presence of Georgetown University undergraduate students.

What would help mitigate the impact of students? Maintain the current cap on undergraduate enrollment.

On the two other issues - Burleith is opposed to the alignment of 38th street with Entrance No. One to the University. It will result in drivers using the side streets as cut throughs as they look for short cuts to avoide traffic signals and stop signs…

Another issue, the description of current and future use of land use and facilities is inadequate – a campus plan must include "a description of all activities conducted or to be conducted on the campus, and of the capacity of all present and proposed campus development". This is essential for the community to properly evaluate the impact of proposed activities. We urge the BZA to require greater specificity of these categories before approving the campus plan**. (Exhibit No. 11)**

We look to the stewardship of the Board of Zoning Adjustment to exercise your good judgment and consider our neighborhoods' quality of life important and vital.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Scolaro
President
Burleith Citizens Association
July 18, 2000

APPLICATION NO. 16566 GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS PLAN 2000-2010

TESTIMONY OF BONNIE HARDY OF THE BURLEITH CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT HEARING
JULY 18, 2000

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Office of Student Affairs is pivotal in the University's request for this Board to allow an addition of 389 students to live off campus after the SW Quad dorm is built. We must argue that this office is not as successful as the University would like you to believe.

Ms. Lord's testimony and the Campus Plan spend a great deal of time telling you about the good deeds the University students do throughout the City which is wonderful and which we certainly don't deny, but it really has nothing to do with their daily lives or should we day "nightly lives" in our neighborhood.

Ms Lord speaks of the job of the Office of Student Affairs which is to educate their young people to be "responsible and thoughtful citizens." But on the job training cannot be at the expense of the surrounding neighborhoods. Unfortunately, it is at our expense – the homeowners, taxpayers who have roots in our community, who work hard and are entitled by law to a tranquil life in this busy city.

The issue before this Board is the disruptive effect of student misconduct in the neighborhood and the minimal efforts of the Office of Student Conduct to deal with the problem. The Burleith Citizens Association has made the following suggestions to the University and as far as we know, none have been adopted:

1. Require registration of parties for off campus group houses. The students who live in University owned townhouses outside the gates of the campus are required to register a party. Why not the same for us?

2. Parental notification by the University if their children are involved in an off campus arrest or are issued a noise violation by the metropolitan police.

3. Students can live off campus only if they have a "clean record" from their on campus living. Off campus living should be considered a privilege – not a guarantee.

4. Juniors who has proven not to be good citizens in their off campus living experience should be returned to campus their senior year.

5. Varsity athletic teams should be required to live on campus. They make up a lot of the so called "problem houses" and need campus life where training and studies can be monitored. **(EXHIBIT 12).**

6. The University recognizes that alcohol abuse is a serious problem and that the Office of Student Conduct has a "comprehensive alcohol education program." Quite frankly, this is not enough. Please refer to Exhibit No. 2 and the section of newspaper articles dealing with student drinking. This past March, the Burleith Citizens Association and the Citizens Association of Georgetown wrote separate letters giving specific suggestions as to what the University can do to help deter this alcohol abuse that we constantly witness in our neighborhoods. **(EXHIBIT 13).** A response to these letters has not been received.

As Pat mentioned in her testimony, we must work closely with DC agencies and believe the University ought to be involved. The DCRA is a perfect example. You would think the University would be pro active to make sure the houses their students live in are up to code in a safe and secure environment. Please remember in this last decade an early morning fire in the 1700 block of 37th Street took four houses and the life of a young man who was asleep in his basement apartment and who could not escape because the fire began at the back basement door. The stairs to the first floor had been illegally removed. To my knowledge the University has never requested a DCRA inspection of any neighborhood properties nor has the University ever sought an annual licensing inspection for group houses, which it so heartily endorsed when they helped defeat the zoning overlay process in November of 1997 **(EXHIBIT 14)**. This licensing procedure was a measure we all (except the landlords) could accept. Surely, the lobbying efforts of the University are more persuasive than those of a small citizens' association.

We need to address the Hot Line which is a very important part of the Office of Student Conduct and an important means of appeasing the neighbors. Two requests we have made over the years are; to extend the Hot Line to Thursday nights and to improve the Hot Line process with follow up calls to inform the neighbors what actions were taken, if any.

Since Jeanne Lord became an Assistant Dean a year ago, her duties have grown. Also, she has been operating with temporary help ever since her full time assistant, Greg Merepol, left in November of 1998. **(EXHIBIT 15).** We do hope that the University will see its way clear as to how important Ms.Lord's office is and to give her the support we feel she needs.With a new Dean starting up next month we have no idea how neighborhood conscious he will be. We can only hope for the best which bring me to my last point – living the way we do, from semester to semester, not knowing what new group of students will fill our houses, does not make for a stable neighborhood. Until this University houses its students, we are in a state of containment and constant "hope for the best."

Thank you for your attention.

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LIST OF EXHIBITS

BURLEITH CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

EXHIBIT NO. 1	BINDER WITH 20 PHOTOGRAPHS
EXHIBIT NO. 2	BINDER WITH NEWSPAPER ARTICLES
EXHIBIT NO. 3	ENROLLMENT FIGURES
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EXHIBIT NO. 6 & 7	PHOTOS - TRASH
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EXHIBIT NO. 15	STAFFING OF OFFICE OF OFF CAMPUS AFFAIRS

Attachment H

Georgetown University Students in Zip Code 20007

Undergraduate Students in Zip Code 20007

Community	Undergraduate Spring 1996	Undergraduate Spring 2000
Georgetown Waterfront & Park	41	47
East Georgetown	29	24
West Georgetown	622	533
Burleith	536	538
Foxhall	35	38
Cloisters	51	41
Hillandale	8	7
Georgetown Reservoir	13	9
Glover Park	88	90
Palisades	4	15
Total (ie. includes part-time, commuters, non-degree, Veterans, students over 25, returning RN's)	1427	1342
FT Traditional Undergraduate (Excludes part-time, commuters, non-degree, Veterans, students over 25, returning RN's)	1220	1041

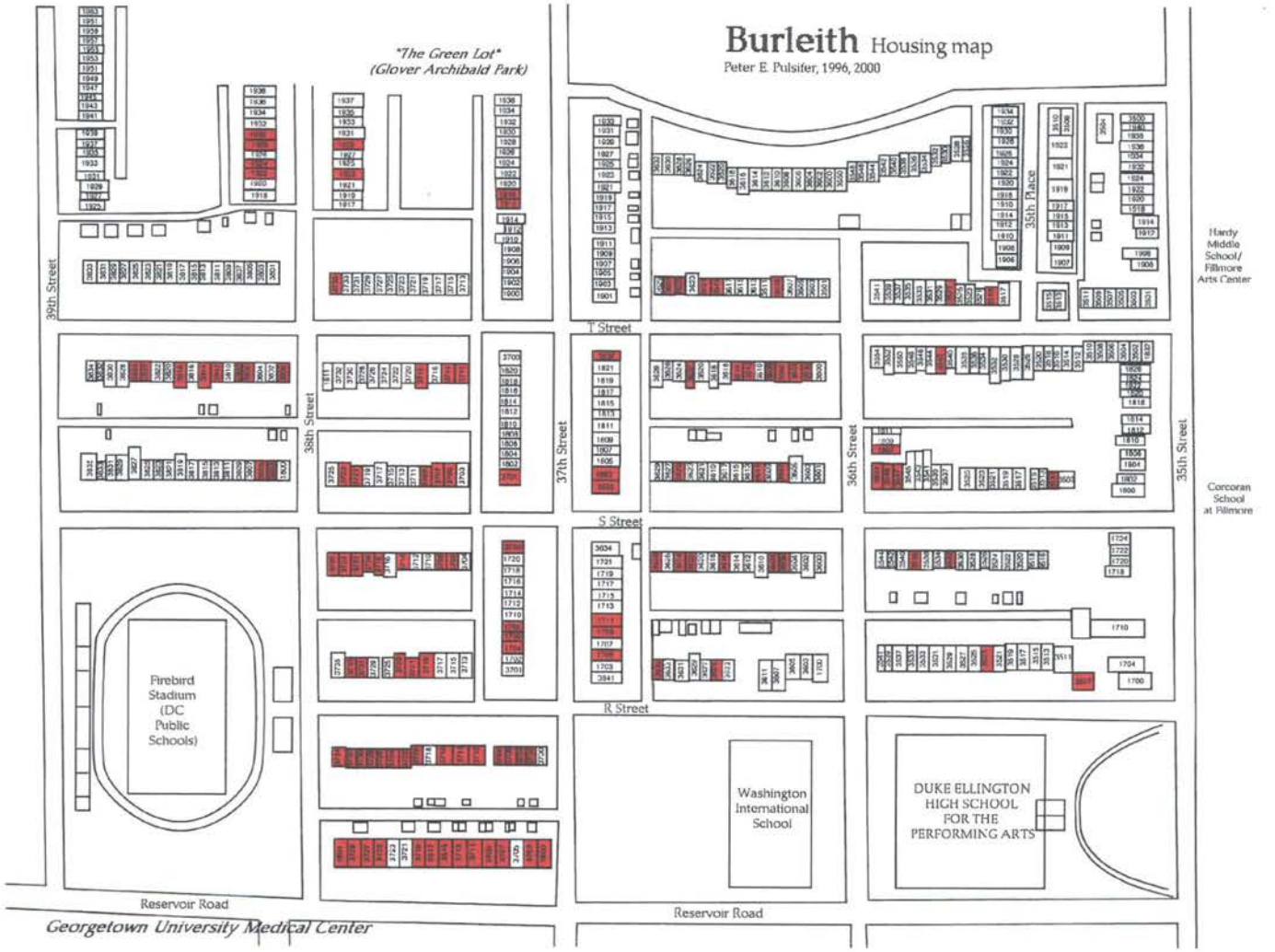
- Of the 418 addresses occupied by GU undergraduates (all categories) in Spring 2000, 57% are occupied by one or two students and 43% are occupied by three or more students.
- When the Southwest Quadrangle comes on-line, the 1041 FT Traditional students will be reduced by 780 leaving approximately 260 students in the community. It is anticipated that the majority of these students will come from the neighborhoods of Burleith and West Georgetown.
- A recent survey of GUTS ridership reports 200 new students riders (did not ride last year) on the Arlington, Rosslyn and Dupont Circle GUTS routes.

Graduate and Medical Students in Zip Code 20007

Community	Graduates Spring 1996	Graduates Spring 2000	Medical Spring 1996	Medical Spring 2000
Georgetown Waterfront & Park	15	15	5	2
East Georgetown	50	49	17	11
West Georgetown	81	75	27	24
Burleith	99	102	76	60
Foxhall	98	57	135	123
Cloisters	1	3	7	3
Hillandale	2	6	0	10
Georgetown Reservoir	23	51	11	34
Glover Park	305	274	196	138
Palisades	5	26	64	9
Total (Includes all categories of graduate and medical students.)	679	658	538	414

Georgetown University Neighborhood Impact

Group Houses - Burleith



Georgetown University Neighborhood Impact

Group Houses / Student Behavior



1700 Block 37th Street



1700 Block 37th Street



37th & Reservoir



37th & Reservoir

Georgetown University Neighborhood Impact

Trash



34th & Prospect



34th & Prospect



Burleith



Burleith

Georgetown University Neighborhood Impact

Trash



Alley 3700 Block between R & Reservior



Alley 3700 Block between R & Reservior



Alley 3700 Block between R & Reservior



Alley 3700 Block between R & Reservior

Georgetown University Neighborhood Impact

Parking



Alley 3600 Block S Street



Alley 3600 Block S Street



Alley 3600 Block S Street



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On the two other issues - Burleith is opposed to the alignment of 38th Street with entrance No. one to the University. This will result in drivers using the side streets to cut through the Community as they look for short cuts to avoid traffic signals and stop signs. Traffic through Burleith has not been properly addressed in the traffic studies.

Another issue, the description of current and future use of land use and facilities, we believe is inadequate – a campus plan must include "a description of all activities conducted or to be conducted on the campus, and of the capacity of all present and proposed campus development". This is essential for the community to properly evaluate the impact of proposed activities. We urge the BZA to require greater specificity of these categories before approving the Georgetown University Campus Plan.

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Friday, April 30, 1999

James A Donahue
Dean of Student Affairs
Georgetown University
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Dear Jim:

I am sorry to report that this day got off to a very bad start. In talking to Lt. Hayes this morning he informed me that Diane Deland who resides at 3729 R Street had to call the police because of behavior from 3731 R Street, a house that is occupied by Georgetown students, in particular varsity Lacrosse players. Officer Middleton issued a 61D citation that carries with it a $300 fine. Jim, this is the third citation this house has received. Also four arrests were made at this address the evening of April 3rd. If need be, the police, Jeanne Lord and Diane Deland will confirm this for you.

The other Lacrosse house at 1918 - 37th Street also has a bad track record that reached a peak the night of April 16th. This activity required a meeting (not the first) of the students and their coach in Jeanne Lord's office. This particular evening left a bad taste in all our mouths in that Jeanne Lord told our BCA meeting on April 14th that the boys had informed her that they were going to have a "small victory party" on the 16th, that they would behave, and that they would inform the neighbors of this party.

Varsiety football players have traditionally resided at 1700-37th Street and this has always been considered a "bad" house - Lt. Burke can confirm this. Also, I need to look into my records but the varsity baseball team which resided at 1803-37th Street, also had a bad track record in this neighborhood.

It seems Jim that we can identify "problem houses" in Burleith and in many cases they are occupied by varsity team players. What we would like to suggest to you is to establish a policy of not permitting varsity teams to

live off campus. For reasons that I don't wish to go into now, these students cannot handle off campus life in a mature way like so many of your other students can. Drinking seems to be an important part of the varsity student's life (whatever happen to training?) and it seems they would be better served by living on campus where you and their coaches can be more responsible for their actions. It is a task that this neighborhood has grown tired of.

We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Bonnie

Bonnie Hardy

cc: Jeanne Lord
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March 22, 2000

The Rev. Leo J. O'Donovan, S.J.
President, Georgetown University
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Washington, D.C. 20057

RE: Addressing Alcohol Abuse In The Georgetown Community.

Dear Father O'Donovan:

We are writing to express our concern regarding recent events on the Georgetown University campus and in the greater Georgetown community involving alcohol abuse by University students and others, to outline measures we are taking to address these problems, and to urge the University to take a leadership role in this area as well.

Underage drinking and the over-consumption of alcohol by young adults has long plagued the Georgetown community, however, the recent alcohol-related death of Georgetown University undergraduate David Shick has intensified our efforts to address these problems in a lasting and meaningful way. To that end, we have established a Working Group On Alcohol Abuse which is meeting with Metropolitan Police Department and City Council representatives to develop legislative initiatives to increase the penalties for individuals using fake IDs to purchase alcohol or to gain admission to ABC licensed establishments.

As part of this effort, the Georgetown Business and Professional Association in conjunction with the Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington, D.C., is sponsoring free TIPS (Training For Intervention Procedures) training for all Georgetown ABC establishments so that servers in these establishments are better equipped to identify and deal with underage drinking and alcohol abuse problems. In addition, during this period when all Georgetown ABC-licensed establishments must renew their licenses, the Advisory Neighborhood Commission will be closely scrutinizing the practices of these establishments and will vigorously protest the renewal of licenses where an establishment sanctions or encourages underage drinking, the over-consumption of alcohol, or the violation of any other District laws.

We have taken these i[redacted]tives because we believe they can help r[redacted]ce alcohol abuse in the community, and particularly in reducing alcohol abuse by University students and other young adults. However, we believe the University is in the best position to make a significant impact on alcohol abuse by University students. To accomplish this we strongly urge the University to take the following three specific steps:

1. Georgetown University should provide for the automatic sanction of suspension, for at least one semester, for any student who has more than two violations of District alcohol laws or the University's Code of Conduct on alcohol during his or her tenure at the University.

2. Georgetown University should provide more numerous and more diverse on-campus social activities for students, including more on-campus venues for non-alcohol events as well as on-campus venues to promote the responsible use of alcohol by students who are 21 years of age or older.

3. Georgetown University should increase the deployment of its Public Safety Officers to better patrol the campus during the late evening and early morning hours from Thursday through Sunday each week, and should step-up its efforts to assist the Metropolitan Police Department in patrolling the residential and commercial areas surrounding the University during these times when excessive noise, disorderly conduct and other alcohol-related offenses generally occur.

We are committed to doing what we can to help solve alcohol abuse problems in our community and to working with the University to address this problem as it relates to University students. We urge the University to do its part by promptly taking the above steps which will significantly reduce alcohol abuse on the Georgetown University campus and in the neighboring communities.

Sincerely yours,

Art Schultz, Chair ABC Committee
ANC 2E07

Barbara Downs, President
The Citizens Association of Georgetown

Paul Cohn, President
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March 14, 2000

Father Leo O'Donovan
President, Georgetown University
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Dear Father O'Donovan;

The tragedy of David Shick's death is compounded by the University's deliberate failure to confront and deal with a long standing and widely known problem - the widespread abuse of alcohol by Georgetown students on and off-campus. Given these circumstances, and the common knowledge that alcohol abuse leads to violence and other anti-social conduct, it was not unexpected that such a tragedy might occur. While not of the same magnitude, residents of this community have long been the victims of such anti-social and sometimes criminal activity by Georgetown students under the influence of alcohol. For too long Burleith has been subjected to the loud, drunken, foul behavior of the Georgetown students who live in this community and who visit here from the campus. This behavior manifests itself in loud out- of- control keg parties; obscene language and behavior on our streets, and the willful deliberate destruction of both public and private property.

During the last few months: a mailbox was overturned, an ornamental birdbath in a private garden was deliberately smashed with large rocks, lewd discriminatory graffiti was painted on a back fence and street signs have been forcibly removd. On the last instance, the police witnessed a student removing a street sign and arrested him.

We offer the following suggestions in a spirit of cooperation knowing that these alcoholic related incidents concern all of us - university and neighborhoods alike. Also, we know there are many students who are good citizens who take their studies seriously. Their college experience should not be tarnished by such outrageous behavior by fellow students. With this in mind, the Board of the Burleith Citizens Association would like you to consider the following:

1. Zero tolerance for under-age drinking on or off campus.

2. Zero tolerance for acts of violence and destruction of property on or off campus

3. Zero tolerance for public expressions by students of anti-gay,anti-semitic, or anti-minority sentiments on or off campus.

4. Registration of parties for off campus student houses.

5. Ban student organized off - campus block parties.

6. Actively lobby city officials to support the MPD and the ABC Board to enforce the underage drinking laws.

7. Ban flyers of local bars from being posted in dorms and do not allow bar advertising in the student newspapers.

8. If a Georgetown bar is cited for underage drinking, then prohibit students from drinking there. These establishments should be considered "off limits."

9. Immediately notify parents if their son or daughter violates drug or alcohol use.

10. Ensure that adequate security guards are available to escort students to their dorms Thursday,Friday, and Saturday nights.

11. Have the security guards patrol and/or support the local MPD in the areas of Prospect and 35th Streets in West Georgetown and 37th and R Streets in Burleith.

12. Ensure an atmosphere of "campus community" by housing all students on campus where learning and socializing can be a 24 hour process.

13. Reconsider an on-campus "Pub".

It is hoped that the adoption by some or all of the above suggestions by the administration will ensure a safer community for students and residents alike. We and your students are looking to you for leadership with a pro-active position to implement and maintain standards of student conduct both on and off the campus.

Sincerely,

Patricia Scolaro

Patricia Scolaro
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Commander Peter Newsham
Peter Pulsifer,Chair,ANC2E



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Position Statement on the Petition to Zoning Commission for Adoption of Georgetown Area Overlay District

July 1997

For inquiries regarding this document, call the Office of the Assistant to the President for Community Relations at (202) 687-5677.

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Executive Summary

In February 1997, Georgetown University's Assistant to the President for Community Relations convened an internal working group to review the proposed Overlay and recommend a position to Leo J. O'Donovan, S.J., President of Georgetown University. [1]

The University took time to analyze and discuss the proposed Overlay because of its precedent-setting nature, the potential impact on Georgetown University students, and our commitment to maintaining strong relationships with to the surrounding communities. The working group conducted a thorough examination of the various issues raised by the Overlay -- overcrowding, parking, noise, trash, and, property values -- and considered whether the Overlay would, (1) address those issues, (2) achieve the desired outcome; and (3) have any unintended, adverse consequences.

After careful consideration, Georgetown University has concluded that we cannot support the proposed Overlay because it is the wrong solution to a real problem. The reasons for this conclusion are:

- ***The Overlay doesn't address the real problem -- rental properties that are poorly maintained by their owners.*** The real problem is the failure of some landlords to manage their properties responsibly and comply with existing District housing codes.

- ***The Overlay arbitrarily sets a cap on houses and doesn't take into account the size of houses or the diversity of families in the community.*** The arbitrary cap of three unrelated persons is clearly inappropriate for many larger homes in the neighborhood. In addition, would penalize adults of all ages -- not just undergraduates, but also medical students, young professionals, domestic partners, responsible landlords, and many families, such as those with extended family members or live-in day care providers. And it would send a chilling message to individuals in many neighborhoods of this city that they are legally prohibited from moving into certain Northwest neighborhoods.

- ***The Overlay is unenforceable.*** District officials acknowledge that they can't enforce the city's current limit of six persons per house due to a severe shortage of housing inspectors -- the Overlay would require even more inspections, and the District simply lacks the resources to perform them. Housing officials also admit that enforcing any limit is difficult because they often must accept the word of the landlord or tenant who can easily conceal the facts.

- ***The Overlay is potentially discriminatory against certain classes of people and certain types of families.*** Although petitioners make an occasional effort to suggest the Overlay is aimed broadly at "unrelated individuals;" in fact, it is aimed at Georgetown University students.

If the proposed zoning Overlay is not the solution, then what is? Based on the University's examination of the issues, we conclude that the following measures would provide fair, effective, workable solutions to the problems raised in the Overlay Proposal:

- ***Increase on-campus housing***. Georgetown University is currently in the design phase of a new residence hall that will house at least 500 beds and is targeted for completion by 2000;

- ***Establish a licensing requirement on all rental housing in the proposed Overlay District.*** We recommend that the City explore the possibility of requiring all landlord-owned properties in the neighborhood to be licensed, which is done in Prince George's County. This would provide resources to ensure that problem properties in the neighborhood meet the District's housing codes, externally and internally.

- ***Require immediate inspection of all rental homes in the proposed Overlay District.*** District housing codes need to be enforced, and the University supports efforts to ensure that all properties in the surrounding community are brought into compliance with existing standards.

- ***Continue and strengthen University off-campus initiatives.*** The University has the strongest off-campus student program in the City, possibly the nation, including initiatives such as the Weekend Hotline, mandatory off-campus living orientations, and the bulk trash pickup. We stand ready to work with the community to even further improve these programs.

The University remains committed to working with the community, City officials, landlords, and students to address the legitimate issues raised by the Overlay in a constructive, cooperative manner. However, we believe that the Overlay is the wrong solution to those issues, and thus we do not support it.

The following document explores the fundamental issues underlying the Overlay explains the University's decision to oppose it. Section I discusses the flaws in the points raised the Overlay. Section II lists additional flaws in the Overlay. Section III provides the University's recommendations for addressing the issues .

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Sent a Response March 16th

December 18, 1998

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Dear Jim,

It has been brought to our attention that Georgetown University does not intend to fill the position formerly occupied by Greg Meerpol in the off-campus office at Georgetown. The specific reasons for this decision are not available to us; however, we in the community are very concerned about it. It is inconceivable that Georgetown University would fail to recognize the importance of this position to their neighbors.

During the past year and one half we have been experiencing some element of success in our relations with the off-campus office and the students occupying some of the group houses in our neighborhood. This must be due in some measure to increases in the staff in that time. Monitoring student conduct, especially outside the confines of the campus, is a labor-intensive activity. A reduction in staff at this time could undo recent gains and undermine our common efforts to establish an effective relationship between the University and its neighbors. As you well know, the need is still great. We encourage you to reconsider your decision and take the necessary steps to immediately fill the position with a person capable of performing the duties called for.

We anxiously look forward to hearing that you have reconsidered this matter and have, in fact, filled the position.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Hardy

Bonnie Hardy, President
Burleith Citizens Association

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Dean of Student Affairs

March 16, 1999

Bonnie Hardy
President
Burleith Citizens Association
3724 T Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Bonnie:

I am writing in response to your letter of December 18, 1998 in which you express your concern about the future of the off campus coordinator position in the Office of Student Conduct and Off Campus Student Affairs.

The decision to re-distribute the responsibilities of this position in no way diminishes our commitment to the community or to our common goals. I am aware of the importance of the efforts of the Office of Student Conduct and Off Campus Affairs in strengthening the relationship between the university and our neighbors. We will do all that we can to support this work. I agree that we have achieved some measure of success in this area, and assure you that we will continue our efforts to sustain the progress we have made together.

Please feel free to contact me or Jeanne Lord if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

James A. Donahue, Ph.D.

Washington DC 20057
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APPLICATION NO. 16566 GEORGETOWN CAMPUS PLAN 2000-2010
HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT
SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY WITH EXHIBITS

COMMUNITY AND DC AGENCIES

In attempting to save our community we have looked to the DC agencies. There has been limited sucesses and lots of frustation.

The most successful process has been working with our local MPD District 2. Commander Cockett and Lt. Pat Burke have been especially sensitive to our quality of life issues. Lt. Burke instructed his officers to issue $300 citations for violating the Noise Control Act. At Lt. Burke's instruction, we all worked at strengthening the language through the amendment process with the help of Councilmember Evans' office.**(EXHIBIT A).** Often times, police were given extra night shifts to help us with the party houses and public violations. Most importantly, we requested and were somewhat successful at recieving weekly police reports which, if student houses were involved, was shared with both the University and the landlords. But as you can see, these reports were spotty. **(EXHIBIT B).** Also,our PSA 205 installed warning signs mounted on our streetlights which were paid for by the University, to discourage noisy street gatherings but unfortunately, they have become fair game for the students to take down.

We have had to work closely with DPW over the years. Because of the twice a year turnover of the rental properties we have relied heavily on the extra crews and trucks (often on Saturdays) to cart away the trash and garbage that collects in our alleys. Mr. Tom Day, Chief Sanitation Enforcer for Ward II, has actively issued trash violations and taken on the never ending rat problem that persists on some of the properties and alleys.Also, let me quickly mention that we are always requesting new Zone 2 Parking signs to replace the ones that are pulled out by the students - again these signs are fair game in the am hours.

The DC agency that could help the most has done the least - DCRA. In the first year of the Williams Administration we invited our neighborhood stabilization officer to visit Burleith. He saw the situation and took down many addresses - we never heard from him again.
More recently, we invited a DCRA official to our January meeting and presented her with 24 adddresses that we susupected were in violation of the housing code.**(EXHIBIT C)** To this day, after many phone calls, we are still waiting for that report.

And as probably most of your know, we attempted to enact a zoning overlay for the impacted neighborhoods surrounding the University that would have limited to three the number of unrelated adults who could live together in a group house. After many months of meetings with the Mayor and the Office of Planning, the request for a hearing was denied on the grounds that this was not a zoning issue. For those of us involved this was a long and costly ordeal.

Jack Evans Office MARCH 25, 1994 61-D Folder

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Monday,March 29,1999

Mr. Jack Evans
DC Councilmember
Suite 703
441 Fourth Street,NW
Washigton, DC 20001

Dear Jack;

Thank you so much for your time last Thursday, the 25th concerning the Corporation Counsel's position on the use of the $300 61D citation used by the police to help deter the house parties that, as you know, plague the surrounding areas of Georgetown University, especially the neighborhoods of Burleith and West Georgetown.
My understanding is that Ken Robling stated that Corporation Council (in particular his division head,Mary Ann Rogers) will interpret the present law so as to support the police use of these citations but that some of the language needs to be cleared up. Also, he was concerned about the $300 fine and felt that a judge could lessen that amount. Therefore, perhaps a fine range would work better (i.e.$300 - $500 for a first time offense).
We thought your suggestion of emergency legislation to amend the Noise Control Amendment Act was right on target so that if and when this procedure is challenged, it will have a good chance of standing up in court.
I would appreciate a copy of the letter you send to Corporation Counsel and please, if Lyle needs any documentation, we will be very happy to assist.
Thank you again Jack for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bonnie

cc:Commander Cockett
Lt.Burke
Jeanne Lord
Linda Greenan
Don Crockett
Barbara Woodward
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17 January 2000

Letter hand delivered to all Councilmembers

COUNCILMEMBER SHARON AMBROSE
Council of the District of Columbia
441 Fourth Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Councilmember Ambrose:

The Burleith Citizens Association seeks your help and support to ensure passage of a permanent amendment to the Noise Control Act of 1977.

The purpose of this amendment, introduced by Jack Evans, is to "clarify the definition of noise disturbance and to provide that noise meter readings are not required as evidence of violations of the reasonable person standard that occur outside of the Central Employment Area."

Our neighborhoods depend on the police being able to issue $300.00 (three hundred dollars) noise citations knowing they have the backing of the Corporation Counsel. This clarifying amendment is necessary for the legal process to be successful.

Because of the success of the $300.00 noise citation, the weekend party atmosphere that has plagued our neighborhoods has subsided.

Resolutions supporting this amendment were unanimously approved by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E and the Burleith Citizens Association.

This is a quality of life issue which is important to the neighborhoods and to the District.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Patricia Scolaro

Patricia Scolaro

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution, Burleith Citizens Association

cc: Councilmember Evans

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE

D.C. LAW 13-59

"Noise Control Temporary Amendment Act of 1999"

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, P.L. 93-198 "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill 13-323 on first and second readings July 13, 1999 and September 21, 1999, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on October 8, 1999, pursuant to Section 404(e) of "the Act", the bill became Act 13-158 and it was published in the November 5, 1999 edition of the D.C. Register (Vol. 46, page 8932). The Act was transmitted to Congress on November 2, 1999 for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602(c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional review period has expired, and the Act is now D.C. Law 13-59, effective March 7, 2000.

Linda W. Cropp

LINDA W. CROPP
Chairman of the Council

Days Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

Nov. 2,3,4,5,8,9,10,12,15,16,17,18,19,22

Jan. 24,25,26,27,31

Feb. 1,2,3,7,8,9,10,29

Mar. 1,2,6

ETROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
Second District
PSA205

To: Bonnie Hardy

Subject: Disorderly complaints in Burleith

The following assignments were received after 10-11-98 in the Burleith area of PSA 205 and all had to do with disorderly complaints. They are as follows:

Date	Location	Time	Nature	Disposition
1. 10-11	3636 T St (Big Party. Officer)	1250PM	Loud party	No Report
2. 10-17	3800 S St	100AM	Loud Noise	61D issued
Date - 3. 10-18	371[illegible] T St (Hobby)	1203AM	DO Party	No Report
4. 10-18	3606 S St	1202AM	Loud Music	No Report
5. 10-18	3513 T St	1228AM	Loud Party	No Report
6. 10-24	3625 S St	400AM	DO Party	61D issued
7. 10-31	3622 T St	1003PM	Loud Party	No 61D on 4/3

Report

In addition to the following calls for service Ofc. Rusnak wrote the following addresses citations for violations of the Noise Control Act.

1. 3721 S St

MPO Roger [illegible]

(2)

4/4	3729 R ST	1135PM	LOUD PARTY	2 ARRESTS
4/4	3723 R ST	1227 AM	D/O	N/FOUND
4/10	2300 40TH PL	130 AM	D/O	N/FOUND
4/10	3256 Q ST	820 PM	D/O	N/RPT.
4/10	3704 R ST	925 PM	D/O	N/RPT
4/10	2610 TUNLAW RD	1144PM	LOUD PARTY	N/FOUND
4/10	3723 R ST	1235 AM	LOUD PARTY	N/FOUND
4/10	2610 TUNLAW RD	101 AM	LOUD PARTY	ADVISED
4/10	2700 WISC. AVE	114 AM	LOUD PARTY	PD 61D
4/10	2713 WISC. AVE	130 AM	LOUD PARTY	PD 61D
4/10	2300 4OTH PL	135 AM	LOUD PARTY	N/FOUND
4/10	3801 BENTON ST	352 AM	WOMAN YELLING	N/RPT
4/11	3607 T ST	1201AM	LOUD PARTY	N/FOUND
4/11	3807 CALVERT ST	1211 AM	LOUD PARTY	PD 61D
4/11	3636 T ST	1245 AM	LOUD PARTY	ADVISED
4/11	3607 T ST	1156 PM	D/O	N/FOUND
4/16	3735 T ST		D/O	N/RPT
4/17	3107 35TH ST	400 AM	D/O	1 ARREST
4/17	2308 41ST ST	132 AM	LOUD PARTY	SENT ON WAY
4/17	3803 S ST	148 AM	LOUD PARTY	SENT ON WAY
4/18	1920 35TH ST	1240 AM	LOUD PARTY	ADVISED
4/18	1918 37TH ST	1250 AM	D/O	N/FOUND
4/18	3718 R ST	RIS	D/O	DISREGARD
4/19	1924 37TH ST	1135 PM	LOUD PARTY	SENT ON WAY
4/19	3722 R ST	1255 AM	D/O	ADVISED
4/19	3700 S ST	430 AM	D/O	ADVISED
4/19	1924 37TH ST	125 AM	D/O	ADVISED

*****FYI: THE TWO MEN WORKING AT 37TH AND W ST WERE TREATED AND RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL.

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September 20, 1998

«FirstName» «LastName»
«Address1»
«City», «State» «PostalCode»

Re: «PropertyAddress»

We regret to inform you that during the evening of «Incident_Date», a neighborhood disturbance was created by the persons residing at «PropertyAddress». The severity of the disturbance was such that a citation was issued to the residents by the Metropolitan Police Department.

According to our records, you are the owner of this property, and so bear some responsibility for the fitness of its tenants. We strongly urge you to speak to your tenants about their behavior, as it will not be tolerated in our community. Excessive noise, large gatherings late at night, and alcohol-related disruptions of the peace are offensive to our community and cost many neighbors the peaceful enjoyment of their homes. Such behavior is not consistent with being a fit tenant.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Hardy
President,
Burleith Citizens Association

Pat Scolaro
Burleith Citizens Association
1807 37th Street,NW
Washington, DC 20007
telephone 338-5321

DATE: Monday, January 10, 2000

TO: Teresa Lewis

RE: ***items to be addressed at our Wednesday,January12th meeting***

Thank you so much for accepting our invitation extended by Guy Gwynne to attend our meeting this week. Here are a few topics that are of concern to our neighborhood that I am sure you can help clarify for us.

1. Burleith is zoned R-3. What is the allowed occupancy of unrelated adults in our neighborhood? We have been in close contact with the Brookland neighborhood of Catholic University and know that DCRA has done a few "sweeps" of that area closing houses based on five (5) as the legal number. Georgetown University states in their Guide to Off Campus Living that "no more than six (6) unrelated persons may occupy a single family house". When Inspector Brown came to our neighborhood last spring and again when he appeared at a police sponsored seminar in September at Galludet College, he still did not have the answer to this basic question. If the housing and zoning laws are still in conflict with one another, legally what can be done to help clarify this problem?

2. What is the scope of responsibility of the DCRA inspector in relation to the condition of the house, the property, trash, etc.?

3. The status of the legislation to amend the DC Housing Code to regulate owners of residential properties by requiring a yearly inspection? Mr. Aldredge talked to us about this in June of 1998.

4. Are basement apartments legal or illegal in Burleith? If the answer is legal, tell us what makes an apartment legal in our community. Does it make a difference in determining the legality of an apartment if the owner of the house lives there? Is it automatically illegal if an absentee landlord rents two units in a Burleith home (the upstairs and a basement apartment).

Again, thank you and if there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Pat Scolaro

Pat Scolaro, President

Given to Teresa Lewis Jan. 12, 2000 BCA Meeting

Pat Scolaro
Burleith Citizens Association
1807 37th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007
telephone 338-5321

DATE: January 12, 2000

TO: Teresa Lewis
Staff Director, DCRA

FROM: Burleith Citizens Association

RE: Addresses of Houses that we are requesting the DCRA to inspect in the neighborhood of Burleith. Please keep us informed as to the status of this inspection. We suspect that these houses are not up to code, have illegal apartments, or an illegal number living in them.

1. 3633 R St
2. 3704 R St.
3. 3706 R St.
4. 3708 R St.
5. 3710 R St.
6. 3719 R St.
7. 3718 R St
8. 3724 R St.
9. 3735 R St.
10. 3705 S St.
11. 3606 S St.
12. 3611 S St.
13. 3726 S St.
14. 3703 Reservoir Rd.
15. 1600 37th Street
16. 1704 37th Street
17. 1706 37th Street
18. 1803 37th Street
19. 3606 T Street
20. 3608 T Street
21. 3626 T Street
22. 3636 T Street

Thank you .....

2538 S St.
3735 T St.

Called Mrs. W - 2-9-2000