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Re: Georgetown University Campus Plan 2000
BZA #16566

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Citizens Association of Georgetown respectfully requests that any hearing on the above referenced Plan be postponed until neighborhood questions and concerns have been addressed by the University.

As the proposed Plan has only recently been made public in its entirety (concurrent with the submission to the BZA), the review and question period has just begun. Due to the complexity of the Plan, and the unknown time required by the University to respond to neighborhood questions and concerns, several months will likely be necessary for proper and thorough review. Thus, a review date of no earlier than June/July (and possibly later, depending on the process) would seem reasonable.

Enclosed for your information, is our letter to Georgetown University requesting additional information and clarification regarding the proposed Campus Plan.

Please feel free to contact our office at 337-7313, or Mr. Douglas Rixey, at 333-2626, if there is any other information you require.

Sincerely,

Barbara B Downs

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Enclosure

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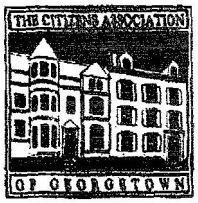
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Ms. Linda Greenan
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Dear Linda:

The Citizens Association of Georgetown appreciates the many opportunities you and the university have provided our organization and other concerned community groups to give input in the ongoing process related to development of the proposed Georgetown University Campus Plan 2000.

At this juncture, the CAG Board of Directors has three general areas of concern about the proposed Plan, as discussed below.

Student Housing

CAG fully supports the university's goal of housing all undergraduates on campus as stated in the 1989 Bicentennial Master Plan (Section III, page 23). While the new proposed Plan does include a new 780-bed dormitory, it also proposes increasing undergraduate enrollment by more than 500 students. As the Plan does not provide for any additional future dormitory buildings, we wonder how the university intends to fulfill this on campus housing goal.

1. How many students (undergraduate and graduate) currently reside off campus in non-university owned housing in the Georgetown historic district (or in zip code 20007, if you do not have the information for Georgetown specifically)?
2. How many additional students (undergraduate and graduate) are projected to live in this area as a result of the proposed Plan?
3. Where could additional dormitories be accommodated in the proposed Plan? Why are no other new dormitories indicated?
4. What is the proposed schedule and sequence for moving students off-campus into the new 780-bed dormitory, and how many students will actually (net) be absorbed from the Georgetown/20007 zip code area?

Traffic and Parking

CAG expects the proposed Plan to not only have no increased adverse impact on the traffic and parking in the area, but to improve the existing conditions.

1. How many, and what percentage of students, faculty, staff, visitors, etc. currently commute by private automobile to the university on a daily basis (a 50% figure was noted for 1989 in this Plan)?
2. How will this number be affected by the proposed Plan?
3. What "off-campus" facilities in the area (such as The Car Barn, Wormley School, etc.) does the university currently own, occupy or control, and how many students, faculty, staff, visitors, etc. use those facilities on a daily basis? How do they commute to these facilities, and where do those who drive private automobiles, park?
4. What other facilities is the university considering acquiring or occupying over the period of this Plan?
5. Why not include all such "off-campus" facilities in the Plan, since they affect traffic and parking?
6. The proposed Plan does not include enough information on the Canal Road entrance improvement project. What is the construction schedule for the Canal Road entrance and when is it expected to be completed? How will construction impact the west Georgetown community, and which local streets (if any) will experience increased traffic loads during the construction period? What accommodations are planned to minimize the impact?

Hospital Plan

The proposed Plan is vague regarding the possible impacts on the surrounding communities, of the change in ownership/administration of the Hospital.

1. Does the change in ownership/administration of the facility essentially represent a change in use – from University to private – and thus, should the Hospital be separated from the university plan?
2. How will traffic and parking be affected by the change?
3. How will community groups be assured review input, and the university and BZA maintain review control, over the new owner? How will the review procedures be affected by the new relationship?

We would appreciate your written response to these questions by February 18th to allow sufficient time for review prior to the next community meeting on the 24th. Please feel free to contact Douglas Rixey at 333-2626, with any questions regarding the specifics of the issues raised in this letter.

CAG is requesting that any BZA hearing be postponed until these, and any other resulting questions, have been addressed. We would also like to invite you and representatives of the university to make a presentation on the proposed Plan to our membership at our upcoming meeting on March 13. The next issue of the CAG newsletter, *Georgetown Citizens*, will include a discussion of the Plan.

Thank you, as always, for your cooperation and assistance with these matters.

Sincerely,

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