THE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION OF GEORGETOWN

OFFICERS

Barbara B. Downs
President

Craig Davitian
1st Vice President

Ruth France
2nd Vice President

Lil Hoik
3rd Vice President

Diane C. Salisbury
Secretary

John L. Hopkins
Treasurer

DIRECTORS

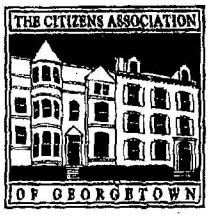
William A. Cochran
Karen Cruse
Stephen Kurzman

LEGAL ADVISOR

Richard de C. Hinds

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Juliet Zucker



ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ann L. Hollick, *Chair*
John D. Macomber, *Chair*
Smith Bagley
Thomas Birch
Marcia Carter
Terence Collins
Lloyd Cutler
Olcott H. Deming
Micheline Frank
Polly & Clayton Fritchey
John O. Hedden
Hugh Jacobsen
Polly & Joe Krakora
Jacqueline & Marc Leland
June & Jerry Libin
Celia & Malcolm Lovell
Lucy G. Moorhead
Evelyn Nef
Loraine & Charles Percy
Simon Pinniger
Frederick Prince
Louise & Arnold Sagalyn
John Sawhill
Ruth MacKenzie Saxe
Candy & Frank Stroud
Peggy & Alec Tomlinson
James A. van Sweden

3222 N Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20007
TEL: 202-337-7313
FAX: 202-333-1088

BY FAX: 727-4925

May 22, 2000

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Application 16566, Georgetown University Campus Plan
Request for Party Status for The Citizens Association of Georgetown

Madam Chair:

I am writing to request that the Citizens Association of Georgetown be granted party status to participate in the proceeding before the Board regarding Application 16566, the Georgetown University Campus Plan, under Section 210 of the Zoning Regulations, for Special Exception approval.

On behalf of the more than 1,000 members of the Citizens Association of Georgetown, we request party status to testify at the June 13 hearing (or other hearing date, should the schedule be changed) of the BZA on the Georgetown University Master Plan. The east boundaries of the University are contiguous with our community and we wish to comment on the ramifications the plan would have for the residents of the community. Many of our members live on the west side of Wisconsin Avenue, many on streets directly adjacent to the University. The neighborhood is adversely affected by the noise, traffic, parking, and congestion related to University operations and activities..

Our testimony will be in opposition to the plan on the grounds specified in the attached written statement.

Sincerely,

Barbara B. Downs
President

Enclosure

MAY 23 12:51 '00

BZA
Case No. 16566
Exhibit No. 34

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.16566
EXHIBIT NO.34

Statement of Barbara Downs, President
Citizens Association of Georgetown
May 22, 2000

The Citizens Association of Georgetown has several serious concerns about the ramifications of the proposed Georgetown University Master Plan for the year 2000.

(1) The plan includes a ten percent increase in enrollment of undergraduate students to be phased in over ten years, a net increase of 527 students. Yet the issue of on-campus housing for these students is not addressed. The GU 1989 master plan stated the goal of housing 100 percent of undergraduate students on campus. Currently, it is estimated that 1200 students live off campus in the neighborhoods surrounding the university. While the university is preparing to build a new 780 bed dormitory facility (the Southwest Quadrangle), this would mean that in ten years, even with the new dorm coming on line, the number of students living off campus would climb back up to nearly 1000 students. The Citizens Association of Georgetown strongly believes that no expansion in enrollment should be permitted until the University's stated goal of providing on-campus dormitory rooms for all undergraduates is met.

(2) We are concerned that the university is grossly underestimating the impact of the additional proposed buildings on traffic and parking in Georgetown. The master plan includes no provision for increased parking on campus, in accordance with the BZA instituted cap on the number of parking spaces allowed on campus. Traffic studies presented by the University profess that the additional buildings will have no adverse impact on traffic circulation or parking. Given the projected increase in the numbers of undergraduate and graduate students, professors and administrative staff, it is impossible to believe this forecast. Furthermore, Medstar Health, the new operator of the Georgetown Hospital, plans to build a facility for physicians and outpatient care that could have a significant impact on traffic in the community. Yet this potential problem is not adequately addressed by the plan. The residential streets that form the interface between the university and the community are already overly congested. It is especially important that these problems be addressed to the satisfaction of the residential community.

(3) We are seriously worried about the expansion of the university into areas of the Georgetown community, which are not included in the Campus Plan process. Several blocks outside the main campus are included within the formally defined campus: 3600 block of O Street; 3500 and 3600 blocks of N Street; 3500 block of Prospect Street; 1200,1300, and 1400 blocks of 37th Streets; 1200 and 1300 blocks of 36th Street; and the 1200 block of 35th Street. However, most, but not all of the houses on these primarily residential blocks are owned by the university. Conversely, other structures that the university owns, leases, or otherwise occupies, such as Wormley School and the Car Barn, are not included as part of the campus on the master plan. It is important that the university honestly and fully discloses the extent of their real estate holdings, both owned and leased properties and their uses, within the

Georgetown community, be they within the formally defined campus boundaries or outside those boundaries.

The Citizens Association of Georgetown has always supported Georgetown University and its Medical Center. We have always related to the university in a spirit of trust and cooperation. We believe the university is a valuable asset to our community. We want to continue to coexist in a harmonious way with the university, but we need fact-based reassurances that our very intimate and fragile neighborhood is not going to be adversely impacted by the projected expansion of the university and the increase in student numbers. Further, we are concerned that the mission of the hospital continues to be one of providing necessary health care services. When these concerns have been addressed to our satisfaction, we will gladly support the master plan.