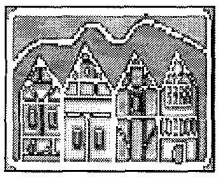
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Request Party Status for Written and Oral Testimony on July 18th, 2000 re Georgetown University Master Campus Plan (BZA Application 16566)

Madam Chair:

As cited in Finding of Fact #57 of BZA Order 15302 issued 12 October 1990, the Foxhall Community Citizens Association has a long track record of being involved with working group processes for GU campus planning. Throughout the years, since this BZA order in 1990, our association has consistently been represented at mandated quarterly meetings, in the GU-initiated workgroup process for the new 2000-2010 plan, and the OP-initiated mediation process that has just wrapped up without consensus (albeit greater understanding!)

The purpose of this letter is to file for Party Status for BZA Application 16566. Although we would like to have had a complete package to send BZA at this time, we in fact do not know to what extent Georgetown University will modify their plan from their 27 January 2000 draft. Nor have we yet seen the written analysis by either the Office of Planning or Department of Public Works.

Our assumption is those will become available to us by the BZA hearing on June 13, along with conditions that may be recommended by ANC2E, and I commit to turn around our association's comments by first weekend in July. This will also involve a Special meeting of our full association on June 21st

However, we already know those areas where we have concern: growth in total enrollment beyond 1990 F.T. undergraduate cap, management of traffic generated by GUMC (now MedStar) and academic campus, and reduction in number of "use" categories. In addition we have concerns that (as we now understand only too well) fall outside the province of the BZA. Namely, type of off-campus development by GU - such as their now-changed proposal for the former Wormley School, and traffic mediation responsibility and timetable of DPW - beyond just the impact analysis required by BZA for campus plans.

Having also been a participant in the mediation for the Mount Vernon College campus of GWU, we have another concern we wish the BZA to give greater consideration to - namely, specific ongoing enforcement mechanisms for its orders. The quarterly meeting process lacks accountability - an agenda, but no written minutes. BZA could also use better metrics of impact such as total student activity not just traditional FTE; group housing vs. individual tenants.

The prospect of "distance learning" for graduate students may help, but this University has yet to demonstrate that they are ready to provide e.g. portal, tunneling and collaborative technology, in order for their students to have a meaningful interaction off-campus, beyond just simple browsing and e-mail.

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