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OFFICE OF ZONING
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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Office of Zoning
441 4th St, NW #210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application Nos. 16593 and 16594

Dear Ms. Reid and Members of the Board:

At the August 9, 2000 meeting of ANC 2B which was properly noticed and with a quorum present (7 of 7 commissioners) BZA Application Nos.16593 & 16594 were discussed. This discussion followed a series of progress reports by the applicant at several previous ANC meetings and two neighborhood meetings sponsored by the applicant, St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The commission heard presentations by the applicant and numerous neighbors at the August meeting.

The wardens of St. Luke's Church reported they would be requesting accessory parking use of the two properties for church activities. Additionally, in response to requests by individual neighbors and several neighborhood organizations they would be asking for neighborhood accessory parking use on the P Street lot (application #16594). The wardens also discussed maintenance plans which would divide the responsibility for on-going work between a commercial service and members of the parish. Because of neighborhood concerns they will also be removing the fence on the east side of the Church Street property (application #16593) and will be removing the asphalt paving on the P Street public space.

Commissioners and residents recognized the improvement in the appearance of the two properties since the last renewal hearings. Also, there was acknowledgment of the need for additional parking in the neighborhood and by the church itself as they are experiencing increased Sunday attendance. Immediate neighbors were concerned with the church's ability to follow through with the proper operation of the property and to complete the remaining improvements. The other concerns expressed at the meeting focused on the potential use of the property by organizations and the fear that this would lead to a return to commercial operation of the property. This fear was also fueled by the church's desire to keep the parking attendant's shed on the P Street lot.

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As a result of the discussion, the following motions were passed unanimously by ANC 2B.

> ANC 2B supports the approval of special exception request **#16593** St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Church St property, for an accessory parking lot for a period of two years only on the following conditions: 1) the lot would be used for church activities only, 2) all access would be from the alley and the entrance on Church Street be closed and the sidewalk and curbs restored, 3) additional trees be planted in the Church St entrance to complete the screening, and 4) the fence on the east side of the property be removed.
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> ANC 2B supports the renewal of special exception request **#16594**, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, P Street property, for an accessory parking lot for a period of two years only on the following conditions: 1) the primary use would be for church activities, 2) the church will remove the asphalt on the P Street public space and restore it to green space, 3) remove the attendant's shed, 4) relocate the existing pay phone to the corner of 15th & P Sts rather than by the P Street entrance, 5) the P Street entrances would be roped off when not in use by the church, 6) there be no organizational contracts for use of the lot, and 7) the church may leave the alley entrance open for individual neighbor use outside of church use provided explicit signs are posted stating the standard times of church usage.

ANC 2B applauds St. Luke's Church for organizing a community relations committee that will meet several times each year rather than only at their special exception renewal time. We see this as a positive step towards improving neighborhood communications and preventing past operational problems that created hard feelings in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Donald Jackson, in whose SMD the lot is located, was appointed to represent ANC 2B at the hearing.

Very truly yours.

Kyle Pitsor

Kyle Pitsor, Chair
ANC 2B

cc: St. Luke's Episcopal Church