Neighbors United for Livable Streets

Upton Street Neighbors

Van Ness South Tenants' Association, Inc.

Van Ness East Condominium Association

2950 Van Ness Tenants Association

4007 Connecticut Avenue, NW Tenants' Association

4033 Connecticut Avenue, NW

4107 Connecticut Avenue, NW

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Mr. Walter Ailes, Assistant Director BY HAND
The Edmund Burke School
2955 Upton Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Re: BZA Case 16611

Dear Walter:

This letter responds to the Edmund Burke School's revised building and traffic flow plan on behalf of Neighbors United for Livable Streets. The neighbors have examined the revised building and traffic flow plan submitted to the BZA and we are deeply discouraged and disappointed that the plan does not respond to neighborhood concerns that have been clearly articulated.

At our October 29, 2000 meeting, the Van Ness Street, Upton Street, and Connecticut Avenue neighbors of the Burke School requested that the school modify its plan for the addition to take maximum advantage of its Connecticut Avenue location. In doing so, the school would respond to the neighbors' central concern that the school's expansion plan should ensure that traffic generated by the school would be confined to the school's property and arterial-level streets. We also asked that on-site parking be provided that meets the school's real parking demands for both daytime and evening activities. The neighbors provided you with a concept plan to illustrate the majority of our goals and concerns that could be seen in that context, and to help move the discussion along. The general goals of that concept plan were largely not achieved in your revised plan.

We agreed to defer discussions on a number of other issues, which could include student off-site parking controls, event schedule controls, etc., until an overall framework for the revised design could be reviewed and, hopefully, be the basis for consensus. Unfortunately, the revised design left out crucial neighborhood needs.

The revised design fails to absorb traffic generated by the school or to direct it away from the already overburdened residential neighborhood, for which the Edmund Burke School currently bears significant responsibility. The plan fails to provide adequate parking for the school.

Having examined the revised plan, based on the responses to the issues and concerns we have discussed for so long, we conclude that the plan does not meet neighborhood concerns.

Sincerely,

Milton Shinberg
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Washington, DC 20008

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