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November 14, 2000

Ms. Jerrily R. Kress, Director
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W., Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re Washington International School
3100 Macomb Street, N.W.
BZA Application No. 16623

Dear Ms. Kress:

At its public meeting on October 30, 2000, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C (ANC 3C) heard presentations by Ann-Marie Pierce, Head of the Washington International School and by Bonnie J. LePard, Esq., President of Friends of Tregaron Foundation, Inc. on the above-referenced application. After consideration of their views as well as comments from the public, ANC 3C unanimously passed the attached resolution by a vote of 4-0, with one abstention, at which a quorum, consisting of 5 commissioners, was present.

The resolution urges the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) to deny the application of the Washington International School for a permanent special exception for the modular building located at the School's Tregaron campus. However, the Commission does not object to the temporary extension of the special exception for a period of 4 years as outlined in the resolution.

Thank you for your consideration of our views on this case.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne G. Miller
Chair, ANC 3C

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RESOLUTION OF ANC 3C REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF THE WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION

WHEREAS the Washington International School (WIS) has applied to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) for a special exception to allow the continued use of a modular building as an "Annex" for classrooms on a permanent basis on its school campus; and

WHEREAS WIS is a private school located in the historic district of Cleveland Park an R-1-A District at 3100 Macomb Street, N.W. on property known as the Tregaron campus; and

WHEREAS the Tregaron campus occupies approximately seven acres of a twenty –acre property known as Tregaron estates; and

WHEREAS Tregaron Estates was declared an historic landmark in the District of Columbia in 1978 and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1990;and

WHEREAS the grounds and landscaping of the Tregaron Estates are historically protected; and

WHEREAS in 1995 the school previously sought approval for a modular building for classroom purposes on the Tregaron Campus; and

WHEREAS the reasons set forth by the School for needing this temporary trailer was to provide classroom space for students during the construction of new facilities; and

WHEREAS the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) approved the application in 1995 for a period of 4 years; and

WHEREAS in 1999 the school applied again for an application to allow the continued use of the modular building for classroom use for two more years to complete construction of the new facilities and the BZA granted that application for a period of two years; and

WHEREAS the school now applies to use the modular building for classroom space permanently; and

WHEREAS the school asserts that it has been advised by a visiting team of accrediting authorities and an educational consultant that the school retain the modular building in order to promote the efficient use of the rest o the school's facilities; and

WHEREAS the modular building cannot be seen from the street; and

WHEREAS the Friends of Tregaron Foundation, a non-profit organization that has over 500 members opposes the application on the grounds that it is unsightly and out of character with the historic nature of the Tregaron Estates; and

WHEREAS the Friends of Tregaron assert that permanent presence of this building will deteriorate the value of the historic landmark and threaten the historic designation of the land; and

WHEREAS the Friends of Tragorn and the school have in the past had a good working relationship;and

WHEREAS the Friends of Tregaron have asserted that they do not object to a temporary extension through the end of the summer of 2001; and

WHEREAS the use of the modular buildings throughout these years was represented as a temporary measure during construction; and.

NOW THEREFORE BE IS RESOLVED that the Commission opposes the application for a special exception on a permanent basis, but does not object to the temporary extension of the special exception for a period of 4 years during which time the school can make other permanent plans for its classroom needs and this issue can be revisited by the BZA if need be; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission authorizes the Chair of ANC 3C, Ruthanne Miller, or her designee to represent the Commission on this matter.

This resolution was approved unanimously by ANC 3C by a vote of 4-0, with one abstention, at its regular public meeting on October 30, 2000, at which a quorum, consisting of 5 commissioners, was present.

Attachment

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