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RE: BZA Application #16650
Southwest Church of Christ

Dear Ms Kress,

You will find enclosed the Resolution of ANC 1A regarding BZA Application #16650 for a Community Service Center at 1305-1307 Irving St NW.

Mr Larry Bonner, representing the Southwest Church of Christ, made a preliminary presentation to ANC 1A at the November 2000 meeting. No action was taken by the Commission before sitting commissioners terms expired Jan.2, 2001. Newly elected Commissioner for Single Member District 1A06 Eric Heard was present at your January 2001 hearing, requesting a postponement to allow for community dialog on the issue, with the applicant, residents , and ANC 1A.

On March 1st, 2001, Southwest Church of Christ held a meeting for residents. On March 14, at ANC 1A's Town Meeting at Tubman Elementary School , the applicant made a presentation to the ANC and community, at which 9 (of 10) commissioners were present and over 200 residents.

At ANC 1A's Special Meeting March 21, representatives from organizations which will be using space in the proposed Community Service Center, from Parents Striving for Joy and Columbia Heights Village Together, described programs they are currently operating at Columbia Heights Village (2 blocks away), and the expanded services they would like to offer at the proposed center. Community residents were also given opportunities to speak.

ANC 1A voted on the attached Resolution at this Special Meeting March 21,for which due notice was given and a quorum (6) present, with 8 commissioners in attendance. The Vote was six in favor , 2 abstentions.

BZA
Case No. 16650
Exhibit No. 34

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It should be noted that ANC 1A is on record for many years in opposition to the establishment of any more Community Based Residential Facilities in Columbia Heights, because there are dis-proportionately more located in this neighborhood than citywide; because there are often more facilities located within one Square than is reasonable; and because institutional uses on residential streets erodes their character.

The Community Service Center proposed by the Southwest Church of Christ would temporarily replace the Community Residence Facility use for which these properties were formerly used.

The Issues and Concerns of ANC 1A are reflected in the recommendations listed in the Resolution. It should be noted that the applicant declined the establishment of a Community Advisory Board, but offered instead to schedule quarterly community meetings to address community concerns. ANC 1A also encourages the applicant to network and make use of other established social service organizations to best serve the needs of community residents.

Commissioner Eric Heard (SMD 1A06) is authorized by the Commission to present the report.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth McIntire
Chair , ANC 1A

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ANC 1A RESOLUTION – RE: BZA APPLICATION # 16650

Whereas, the Southwest Church of Christ is located within the boundaries of ANC 1A and proposes to establish a Community Service Center at 1305-1307 Irving St NW for the purpose of improving the economic or social well being of the residents of the neighborhood.

The church has slated many activities for the residents from after school activities including computer training to teen crisis intervention. Some of the facility will be staffed with professionals and the church will also have volunteers on premises. The programs will serve community residents who would walk or use public transportation to reach the center. The church does not feel that the residents will impact the parking in the local area thus the church feels that offsite parking is not necessary.

ANC 1A resolves to support the application for special exceptions to permit the Southwest Church of Christ to use the property for a community service center, with the following recommendations:

- **Group programs will operate no later than 7 PM ; the crisis intervention service office will close at 10 PM**
- **Staff and guests will be directed to off-street parking at Columbia Heights Village parking lot at 2900 14th St NW, and visitors will be warned that violation of residential parking restrictions may cause vehicles to be ticketed and/or towed**
- **The staff at the center will network with existing social service organizations in the area to optimize services**
- **The church and staff will work with 4th District police to address security and safety issues, particularly at closing time**
- **The facility will at no time exceed the capacity allowed by fire and occupancy regulations**
- **That staffing and supervision will be sufficient to deliver services promised and to maintain a safe, orderly and efficient operation**
- **In lieu of a neighborhood advisory committee, the church will schedule quarterly meetings with community residents, to provide information and address concerns, and will name a contact person to ensure an ongoing channel of communication**

This resolution was approved at ANC 1A's meeting on March 21, 2001, for which due notice was given and a quorum (6) present with 8 commissioners in attendance, by a vote of 6 to 0 . SMD 1A06 representative Eric Heard is authorized by the Commission to present this report.

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