comes out of that school, that is a focus in this community, that school. People bring their children northwest and go into that school, I maintain, we are saturated with people who have special exemptions from zoning adjustments and none of them live in the community either, so you can't always put some more manure on the pile in the neighborhood, where you don't live, if you're not the person who has to contend with it, and I maintain that for those reasons and not because their any um ill feelings about the church and other things, I also have a major concern about the um shape of the facility there are broken windows over there, the step that leads to the kitchen area, the steps that lead to your area is broken, the steps are broken, the retaining wall has broken uh, bricks in it, there is nothing to separate the retaining wall from the parking lot, in the parking lot there are two large trees, so if people, come in, I had came back and really looked after we had went to the meeting, because I had notice the trees and Ms. Ashby had notice, but they have to go around the trees there's not a cement slab down there to place your trash cans and refuge cans on and these are all kinds of things that make for the aesthetic look of the neighborhood uh there are the space out here that suppose to be the parking lot, when we had the snow, the week we came down for BZA, there was no way in God's country and God loves all the people in the world, there is way in God's country you could have gotten three cars in there without getting one stuck, without getting one stuck. I am aware also that people do park across your apron, into your yard in the morning and that would cause another problem cause people have been use to parking there for as long as Christian Praise has been here when Conrad Brooks opened this facility. I am about finished. If I think of anything else, I will let you know.

Ms Ashby: My name is Barbara Ashby, I live next door to the church, across from the alley. I have a tremendous concern about the facility over there. Um, first of all this is a residential neighborhood, and I agree with Ms Melborn that we have been swamped with churches, in fact this use to be a house here, this is a resident and then they bought the house next door, which they now want to turn it into a profit making business. Um, I think the business that they are trying to run, will exacerbate existing problems many of which um Ms Melborn has already talked about, uh we already have a lot of traffic congestion, because of the school that's here, we already have parking problems because of the school across the street, we experience three rush hours in this neighborhood, kids come in at 8, between 8 and 9 in the morning that's one rush hour, rush hour includes not only 36th place, which is a narrow one way street, with parking on both sides, it also means the alley adjacent to this church and adjacent to my house is also uh clogged up, the second rush hour is between 3 and 4, the third rush hour has to do with the after school programs. Ann Beers is a wonderful school, it has lots of after school programs, which end between, anywhere between 6 and 7 so that's the third rush hour, and during that rush hour the street is blocked the alley is blocked, um we have spent many years dealing with the principal of this school as well as the police to try to alleviate this problem they will send the police and they will ticket. A week later, the same problem is back.

Comment: So you're the major reason that I am totally opposed to this, is that, this church, under the former minister, had a day center in the house next door, I don't know if it was legal, but I doubt it, because we were never notified of it's opening, but um, so I know that having something there, exacerbates existing problems, that it created new problems because I have a garage with three parking spaces, in front of it, which is directly across from the backyard of the proposed day care center and the parents that came from the day care center would actually park their cars there and get out they would park in the alley, they were rude, they were impolite, so it has been, not pleasant , the thought of something like that opening up again is just horrible, the other thing I think which has been alluded to is that, many of , most of us in this neighborhood are elderly, retired people, so once school is in session, things quiet. I know that the proposed day care center wants to have buses or vans to take children on trips more noise. They also, now this is really shocking to all of us proposed to have day care on Friday evening til midnight, all day Saturday, and Saturday night til midnight. Now can/would you want to live in a community where children are being awaken in the middle of the night, 12 midnight, car doors making noise, children crying, in the middle of the night every Friday, and every Saturday, all day Saturday, Saturday is the only day it's really quiet around here, Sunday it's quiet after all the churches let

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out, but that is a nightmare and I also don't think it's good child care, waking children up in the middle of the night and frankly, I don't trust that that's what this facility plans to do. The original proposal was to have all weekend care twenty four hours, but they were told they could not do that, and so the proposal went in as midnight, but I don't' really believe that's really going to happen. Um.. the only thing, I just had other negative unpleasant experience with the church in general, not a lot, but over the years I have not seen you all as good neighbors, number one you only seem to be concerned about what happens inside your church and in the front and the side of your church, but all those oak leaves in your back yard, fall into the alley, they fall all over my property, for all the years that I've lived here, this church, the ownership now, have never once cleaned leaves up in the alley or trash, but yet the leaves are gone and trash is gone, Do you know who does it? My family and I have talked to, not you, I have never met you before, but I have talked to the people who clean up, when Conrad Brooks was here, uh occasionally they would help, but that's time, 40 bags of leaves sometimes and we take care of, so your parishioners come steaming down a clean alley every Sunday that they never help clean up and it's certainly more of you than there is of me. The other thing that you all finally did do the leaves this year in your church yard, even though you don't do those either, even though you have cars parking over top leaves, which is a fire hazard. Finally did clean them up in the middle of December, you broke the law. There were people out there with these hinged carts and they dragged the leaves up the street, instead of bagging them and we stood there and watched, so I don't have any good reason to believe that you will be good neighbors when it comes to a daycare center because you really haven't been good neighbors in terms of being a church. The other thing and this is not, let's see there's an occasion when churches went in the yard with their loud speakers and when I have complained I have been called names, so I mean it's like... I think that's all I need to say. Thank you.

Comment: My name is Alba Sureal and I live down the block from the church and my concern I don't want you to think that Sheila and Barbara express my concerns. A lot of them have to do with what will happen when we have a daycare center. I worry about the trash, because I'm a retired pre-school teacher and I notice that we generated a lot of trash and you either have to get some kind of private concern to come in and do it and/or you have to do it yourself and my concern also is that I have been here 30 plus years, when I moved here it was a nice quiet neighborhood, the school was still across the street, but it was made a one way street in the process along the way, which cause a lot of parking problems, because there is no parking, I think they do park cars behind the school, but there is no parking lot behind the school, therefore teachers have to park out on the street and on during snow storms and bad weather from the time I've lived here, we have had problems with snow removal and the ice and I have always had a terrible fit, especially the driveway that never is ever cleaned and I am for the children and I don't want to see any child get killed because of traffic because of ice or because of snow and I don't feel those problems have ever been properly addressed I was kind of shocked, we got salt on our street this year, but I though because it was a school it would have top priority, but that has not been the case. I have called and called and basically I think they have expressed a lot of my concerns. I love children I want to see them really taken care of because I worked with them and if there is anything more precious on this side of earth are the children that we have and that we are going to take care of and I would have to need know that these children are going to be in a very good environment, not a profit making environment, but a good environment, learning for health, natural health. I want to know that they are going to be well taken care of.

Ms Persons: Good afternoon, I'm Ruby Persons, and I apologize for being late and since I was late I would like to be bought up to speed as to who our group is and our purpose for addressing them.

Students: Hi, I'm Susanne Bennett, this is Rachel Coyne we're students at the Washington College of Law and we are representing Minister Brooks as legal council.

Ms Persons: Okay, thank you very much. I am a neighbor, I live on Alabama Avenue, third house up from this church. My concern is the fact that, with the influx of the childcare center, it really would be bringing a commercial enterprise into a residential area. When all of us purchased our homes here, 30 or so years ago, we all purchased our homes as residents, this house was a residents the house next door was a residents and I will not, do not, uh, I'm totally opposed to having a commercial enterprise bought into this community, all the problems that have been addressed before Ms Melborn speaking when I came and she addressed many of our, many of my concerns and also many of the concerns that my husband and I have discussed as we talked about the possibility of the daycare coming in and our main concern is the additional influx of traffic into the neighborhood when property is maintained as uh Ms Ashby pointed out that when people who have like something to do with a house like that, there is no family living in that house as a result the tenants need to take care of your property is not there and those of us who live in our houses we try to maintain our property we try to keep them painted, we try to keep the yards cleaned up and all that kind of stuff and that has not been the case with the property next door since it's been owned by the church and to continue to have that house to deteriorate, as it has been deteriorating, has absolutely no value adds no value to our homes, as a matter of fact I think that perhaps it would decrease the value of the properties that we have and in other neighborhoods, you've seen that to be true that houses that are not kept up detracts from the value of the homes that are existing there and I would not like to see that happen, I would like to see the property retained as a private residential property and not returning to a commercial property. We do not need a commercial establishment in our area. This is not a commercial zone it is a residential area and should retained as such. And if it were to be retained as such, then we would not have all that additional traffic, we wouldn't have the trash, we wouldn't have all the other problems that probably we, there may be problems already cropping up that we can't even anticipate at this time, who knows, but at least the problems have been outlined now are problems that we can foresee.

Ms Melborn: Again, I do have some major concerns here relative to your space I do not have my papers in front of me, that you were kind enough to provide for us, relative to your instruction program etc., Given the number of children in your day care application to the BZA, I want to know, I need to know if you have consulted the Board of Education of the District of Columbia, as far as early childhood programs are concerned, about the square footage that you need for certain things to go on, about how your property is to be secured so that children can not come around the fence and get out onto Alabama Avenue and if you are going to have enough personnel on the inside and the outside of your facility to be sure that this does not happen. Particularly concerned of the children in the area of 4 year olds 3-4 year olds where there is a prescribed curriculum by the DC public schools that should be followed, if I've been knowing the law correctly, but there are 3 year olds, we bring our children into headstart at 3 years old with a prescribed program, there are programs for specific programs for 4 year olds because we are starting our children out now at 4 years old, we have three preschool, pre kindergarten classes over here at Beers, which represent about 60 children and I need to know how close we are in compliance with the rules of the board.

Min. Aaron: Okay, I'm back, I'm Minister Aaron Brooks, let me start with the concerns that were addressed and go down the line of each person if that's okay. Let me just start out by saying, I am the lessor in this case I am the one who is leasing from Christian Praise Church, and so upon coming into the neighborhood and leasing the property so we will be quite interested in keeping the upkeep of the house together and to keep the value of property looking well. As I stated at the BZA meeting our intention is to take the 30 children from the population that is already there and at Veer and the existing community and not further exacerbate your problem by bringing 30 additional cars in there and I need to make this very clear because it keeps getting said incorrectly. The property that Christian Praise is giving us permission to use to drop off and pick up children, is not a parking lot, but a drop off/pick up area. Cars will not be parked there any longer than it would take for them to drop off and pick up their children and during the time that the children are dropped off and picked up, I will have a staff person in the middle of the yard where the wall is and I will have a person at the back where the basement steps are, there will be two staff persons there so that there is a smooth transition no children are accidentally bumped into, run down, fall

down or anything of that nature, because my primary concern is that the children are well taken care of, not to make a profit. I need to discuss this issue because it's been bought up at the BZA and it's been bought up again today I originally did apply for 23 hour care, which would have been all day and all night and it was not that they told me that I could not do that, it was that they told that I would have to resubmit the application once this part of the process has been done and I have daycare center open. Ms Ashby I am a person of integrity I don't know what went on at Christian Praise before and I again have already apologized for part that I do know, I say we are going to close at midnight we close at midnight I have no intentions of running the business any further than the time that I have been allotted. I don't know if anyone has done any research the fines that are levied for running your business outside of the hours that they give you are $500 per infraction, after the third infraction of operating outside the business hours that they have allotted to you, your business can be closed down. That's the Dept of Human Services regulations. Not only is it a regulation, but I am a person of integrity which means I do as I say, my word is good, if I tell you I going to close at midnight, I'm closing at midnight, also I would like for you to make special note, that all of the children will not be getting picked up at midnight, they will be getting picked up intermittently, between 7pm and midnight parents will be getting out church at 9 from revivals 9:30, some people have to work late until 8pm they will be getting their children, the children will be picked intermittently and again my staff will be around to make sure that the children get moved as quietly and peacefully as possible. We are not here to further exacerbate any noise problems or any slamming door problems, or anything like that. I stated at the BZA meeting and I will restate it again, that I intend to greet and make aware of my parents all of these concerns, noise, parking, traffic concerns, my legal counsel has taken the liberty of drawing up this parking contract that I told you that I would draw up to make sure that anybody that parks on anybody's property, driveway or blocks it with more than 2 infractions will be asked to remove their child from the daycare center even to the degree that I have it in the contract and that contract will be made part of the handbook that each parents gets. It will be signed by me, the parents and we will make sure that it is heavily enforced, it will be discussed with them, I will walk them around as a group and point you alls parking spaces to them, so that everybody is aware where they should and should not be at all times Because Christian Praise has allowed us to drop off and pick up in the yard, we will use that area for that we are in the process of research how much it would cost to have signs put up so nobody parks in front of that gate during the time it is drop off / pickup time the gate will be open, so that will provide a certain amount of space where people cannot park in front of the gate. We also asking Christian Praise church as me being the Lessor from them looking into getting signs saying, no parking, no standing, no iteming, or however I no that the signs run from $250 - $1000 depending on the size of the sign, but we just haven't narrowed it down exactly what we're going to use and since we are aware that the neighborhood is condensed with traffic and that the school is going to be there whether I open the daycare center or not, so that's a problem that needs to be addressed, we have also taken the liberty of writing a letter to the superintendent of the schools, Mr. Paul Vance, to see if we can't manage to get the problem addressed, about the traffic in this neighborhood about the school, since they are not going to move the school, and since the police officers are not going to be committed to being on their post we would like to at least give them input on how we can alleviate the problem. If that means getting some of the special permission retracted and having more children from the neighborhood be there then that's what we're going to have to do, but we are going to send this letter to him, to see if we can get his response, to our problem with parking and with regard to the traffic in the area. Also, we're in the process of, I was just talking to Deacon Jones, who is the gentleman sitting behind you, about the trash removal, it's being picked up once a week now, we are in the process of negotiating a contract we are going to look into 2 different companies to see if we can't manage to have them pick up the trash at least twice a week, once the daycare center does open, as far as now though since the daycare center is not open the church has a once a week policy where the trash get picked up due to the fact that they don't generate much trash. They do have trash bins, there are 3 of them, they're black, 4 feet tall, they sit on a wooden grate it is not cemented but is wood so it is elevated so that the trash is picked up and they do have lids on them they are covered up and you can see that as you go out the back, so the trash is being taken care of and that issue is being addressed. The other daycare centers in the area, I did talk to Ms Roberson, who is the director at St Timothy's, they have

exactly 88 children, they also have a waiting list, because they are full, because they have infant care and there is a great need for infant care in this city, but they are full and they do have a waiting list there. I did also talk to Ms Hamlet, I believe that's her name, who is the interim principal and they do have those 3 programs, the Veers program, Stars program and the NASA program. It is my effort, I started out reading about unity when we started out, I know that there has been bad blood between this church and the community, and again I apologize for that, but it is my intention to make us have a harmonious experience with one another, to have open communication with you ladies, not just in a formal meeting, as such, but if you all have concerns, you all have my phone number once the daycare center does actually open, I'm always available to contacted, I had a nice little conversation with Ms Melborn, when I called you all to invite you all to the meeting. So I'm available, I'm accessible, I don't know what the experience has been before, but I know that I have spoken to Pastor Andrus, about being more accessible and more reachable with you all. It's in the interest of this church, it's in the interest of my business, it's in the interest of us all to be good neighbors with one another, whether the daycare center ever comes here or not, I live in this community, I don't live exactly on this street, but I told you at the beginning, I told Ms Turner as a matter of fact on election day, I live on 28th Street, I know you don't remember, but I asked her about Mr Grant, she was out with another lady I believe she lives in this house, so I am committed to making sure things run as smoothly as they can once the daycare center does come. Ms Alba, I am committed to having children in the best care that can be provided for them, we're going to have sign language, we're going to have Spanish being provided for them, because any child that is multi-lingual is also multi-cultural, you can reach different racial lines, you can put yourself in a different position job wise when you have a marketable skill and I'm sure it's former pre-school teacher. My grandmother, Lucille Sturdivant, is a 35 year school teacher and she also had daycare, so I have daycare center experience in my family, I intend to have the best daycare center is the city. I don't do the things that are not done in excellence, just like I did not do this meeting, it wasn't a rinky dink meeting, and I'm not going to run a rinky dink business. I believe that God operates in excellence and I do the same, so therefore I provided that contract for you all and I provided the letter to the superintendent, I have tried to cover all of my bases that I could and that were in my power to cover. I hope that I have been successful in covering those bases, I am not superman and I am new to this particular neighborhood and I am just getting wind of the problems and the issues are and I am trying to meet those challenges as much as I can, with the help of Christian Praise church. When I am done I will give Pastor Andrus a chance to talk on behalf of the church, where his neighbors are concerned, they are his neighbors because they do own the building, but I tried to do everything in my power to meet the concerns of the neighbors in this community and to be a better neighbor than what has been done before. Again I really do feel your pain, as a person looking for a home I would not want to be disrespected or come home and have someone parked in my space, I will try to make sure that the noise I kept down as much as possible, doors shutting and opening is not something that I can control, but I will ask my patrons not to slam their doors, but that's the way that goes. As far as the curriculum is concerned, Ms Melborn, we will be using the prescribed curriculum, the Abeka curriculum **(Ms. Melborn: "the who?")** the Abeka curriculum, it's Abeka, they prescribed that particular curriculum for preschool children and for our children that go to head start **(Ms Melborn: "oh you're talking about the Abeka,)** yes! **(Ms Melborn: "okay")** yeah! Abeka, Obeka, it's a large heeps of them. **(Ms Melborn: "I just never heard of it and I didn't know that after I wrote it down I saw Abeka, okay")** that's the curriculum that we will be using for the children and also we will be using basic biblical principles to guide the children, I think that one of the problems with our children these days is that they don't have the basic guidance of God in their lives and that's something that I want to get back to. It's something that I was raised on and I think it is imperative as we move forward, not just as a community but as a nation. **(Ms Melborn: "you mentioned Spanish, do you have a certified teacher to teach Spanish? You know sometimes we get the teacher's aid teaching the Spanish and the children come out after 36 weeks and they don't even know what buenos dias mean and that represents a major problem, since you mentioned that you've spoken to me on the phone, I've tried in excess of 20 times to fax something to you because you had given us a fax number and I knew that you were not residential here at the church and my fax did not go through, my another questions, are you aware of the number of children who live**

on this peninsula that border here 36th street 36th place Alabama Avenue? Minister Brooks: No! **(Ms Melborn: No, zero. So when it gets past 6:00 and we have noise, I want it to be clear and understood that we then have a problem, please understand that sitting here in this room there are 5 females, 4 of which are retired teachers, and we have a lot of years, I have 19 years in DC, 20 years in PG county and 15 years with Catholic University, the UDC and Maryland University, I know what the rules are as they relate to teaching, We have a preschool teacher, we have a college professor here, we know what the rules are, what I want to be very clear with you is we want these concerns to be addressed and had we known that you were going to be here today and present it to the counsel, then we would have bought our own counsel of record also, however, when you have your meeting with the superintendent to discuss what our concerns are, are we a part of our, or do we need to make it a letter.** (Minister Brooks: the letter is a sample, I intend that when the superintendent grant us a meeting, that we all be there because this is actually the neighborhood that you live in and the problem really confronts you all. I open the business and move on with the business, you'll still be living here and you'll still have the problem. My concern is that the problem get addressed beyond my business. This is a problem that was here before I got here and this is a problem that will be here when I'm gone **(Ms Melborn: and we appreciate that)** if nobody addresses the problem and evidently the superintendent prior to this point has not been made aware of the problem because nothing has been done about it, so it's my intention that letter is a sample, but we do intend for all of us to be a part of that meeting, all of you that want to be a part, to be a part of that meeting, so that you all can tell him what the concerns are better than I can, being that I am the new person in the neighborhood.

Ms Ashby: I have some comments to make to, this Barbara Ashby, I don't think this parking contract is complete, I think it needs to be statement about no pickup and delivery on Alabama Avenue, because with previous childcare center, there were parents who did that even though they were told not to. It also needs to have a statement talking about no parking or idling in the alley. That alley shouldn't even be used as a thorough fare, so.

Min. Aaron: Let me just say this Ms Ashley, you have a copy of my original proposal there? It does speak to the fact that there will be no pickup or drop off on Alabama Avenue at all, as a matter of fact, the front door **(Ms Ashby: but it's not in here!)** because that specifically for the parking issues and the violation that were incurred by the residents that live here, that will be the latter part of the contract that they get, everything is in that proposal that you have and will be at the front of that contract, that is an addendum, if you will speak directly to the party **(Ms Ashby: no but the parent is not signing, you don't have the parents, I mean you can do your contracts any way you want, I'm just making note of the fact that, in this particular contract, it says nothing about picking up and delivering children on Alabama Avenue which some of them will try to do in picking up and delivering children in the alley, especially, especially if 36th place is blocked, which it often is!)** Minister Brooks: Now I have made this clear at the BCA meeting and I'll make it again, I have not govern what goes on in the alley, it is a thru fare that is open on both ends, if the police does not enforce what goes on in that alley, **(Ms Ashby: so this is useless then, because there are too many loop holes)** Minister Brooks: the only loop hole there is where the alley is concerned and again that is, I specifically addressed Alabama Avenue at the very front of my contract that's what the parents will get in their hand there is nothing for them to sign about Alabama Avenue, I can not tell them not to park on Alabama Avenue it is a public city street **(Ms Melborn: you can give them warning not to park there** (Minister Brooks: but what I'm saying is...they can not be taken if there are no signs on Alabama Avenue that say don't park there so there is no excuse for the police to have to be there, no but what I'm saying is there is no parking violation on Alabama Avenue) **(Ms Ashby: I agree there is no parking violation, but the whole intent was that you say you are going to use 36th Place was to give the impression that the children would not be exposed to all that fast traffic on Alabama Avenue)** Minister Brooks: The front door of my facility will be locked, so there will be no way for the parents to drop their kids off on Alabama Avenue, that's the point I'm trying to make. **(Ms**

Ashby: They did last time and there is no penalty for it, because it's not here. The other thing I wanted to bring up is, you were saying that all the children will be drawn from the existing population at Ann Barren School. How can that be? You are taking children as young as 2 1/2, there are no 2 ½ year old children at Ann Beers School, that's an elementary school, so these are new children coming. Minister Brooks: If there are children at the 3 and 4 year level 6,7, 8, 9 and 10, 11. **(Ms Ashby: 2 ½ , there are none, are there?)** Minister Brooks: Just a second **(Ms Ashby: okay)** If there are children there at that level then there's a chance that those children have brothers and sisters that are 2 ½ and up. I am going to the PTA meeting to find out just what the pulse of that population is, all of my children will not be 2 ½ . A lot of my children...**(Ms Ashby: But it is true that there will be additional children, that are not presently attending that school)** Minster Brooks: Yes, that is true. I'm not saying all the children all 30 slots are gonna be filled by Ann Beers. **(Ms Ashby: In terms of the weekend, Friday night all day Saturday and Saturday night, where are those children coming from)** Minister Brooks: Those will be the children that are provided with regular care the only children that will be having a chance to utilize the facilities are those that are already a part of the daycare center that will not be an additional 30 children that will just be for the ones that already use the daycare on a day to day basis. **(Ms Ashby: It really sounds like an institution) (Ms Melborn: Do I hear you saying that the people who come to the church in the evening will not be availing themselves, Minister Brooks services, since your church has several evening services throughout the week and with the childcare center next door and on church property, will those people have occasion to bringing their children to be supervised while they are in the worship services here?)**

Minister Andrus: No only those that are part of the regular day to day daycare.

Ms Melborn: For the record, I guess you'll know my voice on that tape after this. I need to know at which meeting the ANC, under Mr Grant's auspices, said that the ANC was in support of a childcare center..

Min. Aaron: We met with the ANC at their original meeting which was the third Saturday in December and Mr Grant said pending no major concerns, because the only person that he had talked to was Ms Turner and that ANC was in support because I had satisfied all of their legal concerns.

Ms Melborn: And do you also have in your records that Mr. Sockwell, at BZA, stated very clearly his major concern about Alabama Avenue being a major thorough fare through SE and he did want that to be addressed specifically in your in your updating of the plan.

Min. Aaron: Yes I do have in my notes what Mr Sockwell said about Alabama Avenue, as a matter of fact, I have it right here, the notes from the meeting. Mr Sockwell is not going to impact the neighbors, **(Ms Melborn: Mr Sockwell said that!)** Mr Sockwell, that going to max out at 30 students is not going to impact into your streets, the impact on neighbors at 36th place. Alabama Avenue is a major street, committee to have rush, their having parking and traffic division of the government to come out and survey Alabama Avenue because it is a major thru fare, so that's really what's being done there. They have continuous high traffic problems.

Ms Ashby: Will we be able to take a tour of the proposed site?

Min. Aaron: Sure. Whenever you like you can take a tour.

Ms Ashby: Will we be able to do that today since it's not 2:40.

Min. Aaron: You can take a tour of the proposed site, see the improvements that I am making. Again, listen ladies . I understand your concerns, I am very flexible and willing to work with you in any regard that I can. I am not Mr fix it so I can not provide an immediate cure all to every problem that has been going on in this neighborhood for 30 years.

Ms Ashby: Would you be willing to find a different site for your center, because you know I'm really not opposed to daycare centers. I'm a mother and a grandmother. It's just that this is just not a good site for it and that would be the best kind of cooperation that you could give to us.

Ms Melborn: At the interest of the neighborhood, we're not asking you to come up with a panacea of our errors, but we do feel that it is better that you know what our concerns are before you come in and just as your ideal or your vision of this child development center, to allow children to become spiritually, socially, morally and academically good people in our society, we are not saying, we don't want that, and I think that needs to be clearly understood with you, however, please understand that we do do our homework and remember as we sit here, 5 retired females, that's all we got to do is do our homework and drink coffee.

Min. Aaron: And I don't doubt that Ms Melborn. I want to give Pastor Andrus a chance to say something and then if you want I'll take you over and you can get a tour of the ongoing construction and the facilities that we're still doing work on today, oh not today but work is still in progress. I appreciate your all of you alls time and concern. Again, you all have my phone number and a way to contact me. Ms Melborn, about my fax machine, my fax and phone line are not up at the daycare center, because I had them removed, because I'm not going to be opening at least until we finish court the next time and then there's 6-8 weeks after that for inspection, so I had those lines removed, because there was no sense paying for something that I couldn't use, that's why I also provided my cell phone number and I know it works, because I got a message from Ms Ashby letting me know she'll be here.

Ms Melborn: Give me those numbers again

Min. Aaron: 202-255-1354 and there is voice mail there so you can leave a message.

Ms Melborn: Okay now how about that number in your pocket. And it's on all the time. If I called it right now would it ring?

Min. Aaron: It's in the car right now, but yes.

Ms Ashby: So are you willing to consider different site for your daycare center?

Min. Aaron: To be honest Ms Ashby, I hadn't considered another site at all, I'm not even going to lie to you, I'm a person of integrity, I would be falsely representing myself if I even told you that I've thought about looking for another site and I'm not going to falsely represent myself, no I haven't considered another site. To be very honest with you, I didn't have any idea, of the problems that we had in the area until they were raised by all the people who live directly on this street. The only person that I did talk to was Ms Turner, and she made it very clear that under no uncertain terms that she was vehemently opposed. So prior to that I had no idea of the problems that exist.

Ms Ashby: No, and wouldn't expect you to, you're renting, but the fact that the church is right here and they didn't let you know that this existed all these years is just almost misleading you. I feel sorry for you in some ways.

Ms Melborn: Not many ways. However, when you came into this church that has been dormant for 2 years, there was no announcement no effort to warn the community, you wakeup one Sunday morning, you went to church, you came back and you couldn't park on your street, that's how you knew the church was open, because the school wasn't open and when we talk about being good neighbors, and I'm getting a little ..... so bare with me, when you come into a neighborhood, and I give Minister Brooks credit, let the people in the neighborhood know you are here, had we known you were here, we could have addressed any concerns that we had, we probably could have worked it out, and we would not have been busy feeling, cause I'm going to tell you right now I think you had a scam on us. I think to rent that house was a scam. I think when you told

us the ANC meeting that they approved it, that was a scam, cause you know what we did, we went to the ANC meeting and we confronted Roscoe Grant and we were at the meeting this morning of the Hillcrest Heights Community Civic Association, where Mr Grant again made touched some statements and Mr Sockwell said there specifically, he had a major concern about Alabama Avenue, and unfortunately I did not bring that big briefcase with all my papers in it, because I have been giving them to the Mr Roscoe Grant and the chairperson of the Civic Association so I don't even have a copy of everything I've turned in, but I'm going to get one, but I feel we as a community have certainly put together our needs, any meeting that you have called, we have shown up in numbers and to not to be a good neighbor to us is a major concern of mine. My problem is not with Minister Brooks, my problem is with Christian Faith Church, not making the community aware of what it does. Now when you came in and we had finally realized that the church was open, nobody made me think , nobody has come to my home and knocked on the door and said I am the minister of Christian Faith Church or I'm the hospitality person at Christian Faith we'd like to let you know we're opening again in the community and we have a new pastor and invite you to come down and visit us on Sunday it' like if you are in the community and you don't have a church home please come down and visit our church. Now we did not get that, we did get that with Conrad Brooks, Conrad Brooks past and we said to Mr Brooks it's noisy on Sunday, then we didn't get the noise, but I want to say to you as opposed to him, I am opposed to this daycare center I will do every thing in my power to try and stop it from opening in my community, I feel that my community has been personalized enough and after my meeting this morning with 75 traffic tickets on Alabama Avenue, It is outrageous and we still have not come to the third Wednesday in February when we go to the 610 meeting to determine the crime in our area, if you want us to cooperate with you, then you need to be a good neighbor to us and I speak categorically, I understand your fax machine was not on, but you should not have given me the fax number if your fax was not on, see that should not have happened, BINGO! I've shared with my neighbor Ms Ashby and we were just passing in the night neighbors, until we found out about this daycare center and now we talk not half the day, half the night go out to lunch, have coffee and do every thing, so please understand that and I will be at the BZA hearing and I'm going to say something to my cohorts, the advisory neighborhood commission that met in January did not approve, they did not approve! Roscoe Grant did not approve and that's where your integrity comes into question with me.

Min. Aaron: Let me say this, and then I'll let Pastor Andrus take over. About my integrity, I specifically, let me tell you about my integrity, not only was I at that meeting and Ms Turner knows I was at that meeting, she had a funeral specifically that day and that's why she wasn't there.

PARKING CONTRACT

Reverend Brooks, President of Power to Become Child Care Center (PTBC), and the undersigned patron of PTBC agree to abide by the contract set forth below.

Responsibilities of Patron

I, the undersigned patron of PTBC, agree to follow all of the rules set forth in the handbook provided to me by PTCB, including all drop off and pick up guidelines.

I further agree to follow all parking and traffic laws while dropping off my child at PTBC. I understand that this means abiding by all signs posted within one mile of PTBC, refraining from double parking my vehicle, and not parking in front of any driveway in the neighborhood.

I promise to do everything possible to be courteous to and respect the rights of my neighbors. This includes keeping the level of my voice at a minimum, refraining from slamming doors or otherwise making unnecessary noise, particularly when picking up my child during the evening hours.

I understand that any violation of the provisions set forth in this contract will count as an "infraction." I agree that more than two such infractions will result in my child being expelled from PTBC.

I understand that my spouse, my child, any occupant or employee of my household, and any person acting on my behalf, including but not limited to friends and relatives without children enrolled in PTBC that drop off or pick up my child, are my representatives and are acting on my behalf. I understand that if any of my representatives commit a parking or traffic violation as described above, I will incur an infraction.

Responsibilities of PTBC

I, Reverend Brooks, President of PTBC, agree to enforce the provisions of this contract, including the expulsion of children of patrons who commit more than two infractions, for the safety of the children enrolled in PTBC and the benefit of the community.

I further agree to inform the undersigned patron, in writing, of any infraction that has been committed by the undersigned patron or his/her representative. I promise that such writing will be furnished to the patron within two weeks of the violation.

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WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW
4801 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, NW SUITE 417 WASHINGTON, DC 20016-8184 202-274-4140 FAX: 202-274-0659

I also promise that if I am forced to expel a child from PTBC as a result of traffic infractions, I will, within two weeks of the date of expulsion, refund any unused fees paid by the patron.

_____
Name of Patron

_____
Signature of Patron

_____
Relationship to Child

_____
License Plate, Make & Model of Vehicle(s)

_____
Reverend Aaron M. Brooks
President
Power to Become Child Care Center

February 1, 2001

Superintendent Paul Vance
825 N. Capitol St. NE
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Superintendent:

As neighborhood residents, church patrons and local business operators, we are very concerned about the traffic and parking situation on and around 36th Place near Anne Beers School. Over the years, the problem has worsened, and today causes us great concern.

Our complaints stem from the fact that during the pick-up and drop-off times, many of the parents double park, block drives and the nearby alley, so that many residents are unable to go in and out of their driveways. The blithe unconcern of parents for parking regulations and common courtesy is not only a great inconvenience, but has put the safety of residents, neighborhood children and Anne Beers students in jeopardy.

We feel the situation must be addressed and cannot be remedied without your help. Therefore, we are writing to request a meeting with you to discuss our concerns. We believe it is of utmost importance to work together to solve these problems, for the benefit of the school and community. We appreciate your prompt response and look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

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ST. TIMOTHY'S CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
3601 ALABAMA AVENUE S. E.
WASHINGTON, D.C.
202/584-5662

February 8, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

As Director of St. Timothy's Child Development Center I have no objections to Rev. Aaron M. Brooks operating a Child Care Center at 3626 Alabama Avenue S. E. . There is a great need for quality child care, especially for infants and toddlers. We have a waiting list for infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

We provide school age care primarily for students attending Anne Beers Elementary School.

Respectfully,

Yvonne A. Robison

Director

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WILKINS LAWN & MAINTENANCE CARE

12306 STURDEE DR. UPPER MARLBORO, MD. 20772 – 301/574-9600

Account # 00083

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT

Date: 2/12/01 Salesperson: ERIC WILKINS, SR.

Client's Name: Power To Be Come (Aaron Brooks)

Client's Address: 3626 Alabama Ave. S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20020
(202) 255-1354

In consideration of the sums hereinafter stipulated, to be paid by **Clients** as hereinafter agreed, **Wilkins Lawn** agrees to perform the following services beginning, **March 1, 2001** and ending **December 31, 2001. (The Season).**

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MOWING

1. Grass shall be mowed as needed, approximately every 7-10 days, weather permitting, up to the number of mowing authorized below.
2. All clipping shall be blown from sidewalks, curbs, and roadways.
3. Minor debris such as paper, cans, and bottles will be removed from turf areas prior to mowing.
4. Turf areas around poles, signs, structures, fences, trees, shrubs, etc. will be cut using line trimmers.

NUMBER OF MOWINGS DURING THE SEASON: **21 x $35.00 = $735.00**

EDGING

1. All accessible sidewalks and curbs will be edged mechanically to provide a neat appearance.

2. Dirt and debris will be removed after each edging.

NUMBER OF EDGINGS DURING THE SEASON: **21 x $0.00 = $0.00**

MULCHING

1. All existing mulched beds/tree shall be cleaned out/remulched with double hammered, dark, hardwood mulch.

NUMBER OF MULCHINGS DURING THE SEASON: **1 x $755.00 = $755.00**

MULCH BED EDGING

1. All existing mulched beds and trees shall have their edges re-cut 3-4" deep. Soil and grass shall be removed.

NUMBER OF BED EDGINGS DURING THE SEASON: **1 x $0.00 = $0.00**

MULCH REMOVAL

1. Excessive accumulation of existing mulch that is detrimental to the plants will be removed prior to new mulch being installed.

NUMBER OF MULCH/MOVE DURING THE SEASON: **0 x $0.00 = $0.00**

FERTILZATION OF TREES & SHRUBS

1. All shrubs and planted ornamental trees shall be fertilized.

NUMBER OF FERTILIZATION DURING THE SEASON: **1 x $60.00 = $60.00**

SNOW REMOVAL

1. Remove snow of 3" to 8".

NUMBER OF SNOW REMOVAL DURING THE SEASON: **0 x $0.00 = $0.00**

TERMS

WE PROPOSE hereby to furnish material, labor and equipment – complete in accordance with all the specifications listed above for the sum of:

$2,367.85

Payment to be made as follows:

$2,367.85 TO BE PAID IN MONTHLY
10 PAYMENTS OF
$236.78 PER MONTH FROM
MARCH 1, 2001 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2001

As a consideration for commencement and validity of the contract, one month's payment is due of **$236.78**. Thereafter, balance will be invoiced per month.

Agreement to begin on the 1st. day of March 2001 (or following contract date below) and end the last day of December 2001.

NOTE:

WILKINS LAWN CARE IS INSURED & LICENSED

We Accept Checks, Money Order and Cash.

All payments are due on the **1st** of each month.

All Returned Checks are subjected to a $20.00 Return Fee.

_____
Accepted & Approved by Clients Date: _____

Eric Wilkins Sr.
Wilkins Lawn & Maintenance Care Representative Date: 02/12/01

PRE-EMERGENT WEED CONTROL IN BEDS

1. Pre-emergent weed control will be installed under mulch to deter the germination of weed seeds.

NUMBER OF WEED CONTROL DURING THE SEASON: **1 x $62.85 = $62.85**

TRIMMING OF SHRUBS

1. Trimming shall be done by shearing off 1st and 2nd year growth is considered renovational pruning and would be addressed under a separate proposal.

NUMBER OF SHRUB TRIM DURING THE SEASON: **2 x $60.00 = $120.00**

PRUNING OF TREES

1. Ornamental trees shall be pruned and elevated to remove dead branches and suckers, and to assist in pedestrian safety.

NUMBER OF TREE PRUNING DURING THE SEASON: **0 x $0.00 = $0.00**

TURF CARE PROGRAM

1. Apply pre-emergent crabgrass control plus fertilizer.	**1 x $40.00 = $40.00**
2. Apply post-emergent broad leaf weed control plus fertilizer.	**1 x $40.00 = $40.00**
3. Apply grub and insect control.	**0 x $0.00 = $0.00**
4. Apply slow release, high nitrogen summer fertilizer.	**1 x $40.00 = $40.00**
5. Apply seeds, core areation, fertilization. (Fall treatment).	**1 x $185.00 = $185.00**

THE TOTAL TURF CARE COST DURING THE SEASON: **$305.00**

FLOWER

1. All flowers will be placed in flower beds. (4" flowers – 100)

NUMBER OF FLOWER PLACED DURING THE SEASON: **1 x $215.00 = $215.00**

LEAF REMOVAL

1. Remove fallen leaves.

NUMBER OF LEAF REMOVALS DURING THE SEASON: **1 x $115.00 = $115.00**

WILKINS BROTHERS LAWN & MAINTENANCE CARE
(301) 574-9600
12306 STURDEE DR.
UPPER MARLBORO, MD. 20772

Free Cost.

Customer's Order No. _____ Date 2/22/19 00

Name Aaryn Anderson Brooks "PTBC"

Address 3626 Alabama Ave Wash. DC

202-583-3513

Sold By Cash C.O.D. On Acct.

QUAN.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
7	Azalea 4-Red 3 Pink	16.00 EA	112.00
16 Trees	Japanese Hollys	20.00 EA	320.00
6 Shrubs	Bradley Plants	6.50 EA	39.00
Flowers			
✓ Grass	Seeds, Compost, Fertilizer (Front only)		120.00
	3 yds Mulch (Front Yard)		75.00
18 yds Pine Straw	Wood Chips (Play Area) 20 bags EA		→ 360.00
Maintaining	Delivery mulch		70.00
✓ Labor			395.00
Winterizing			
	Received By: TAX		
	TOTAL		1,491.00

TOTAL COST

Thank you and Have a Bless Day!

Please make checks payable to Eric Wilkins Or Wilkins Bros.

X- Japanese Holly

MULCH



MULCH

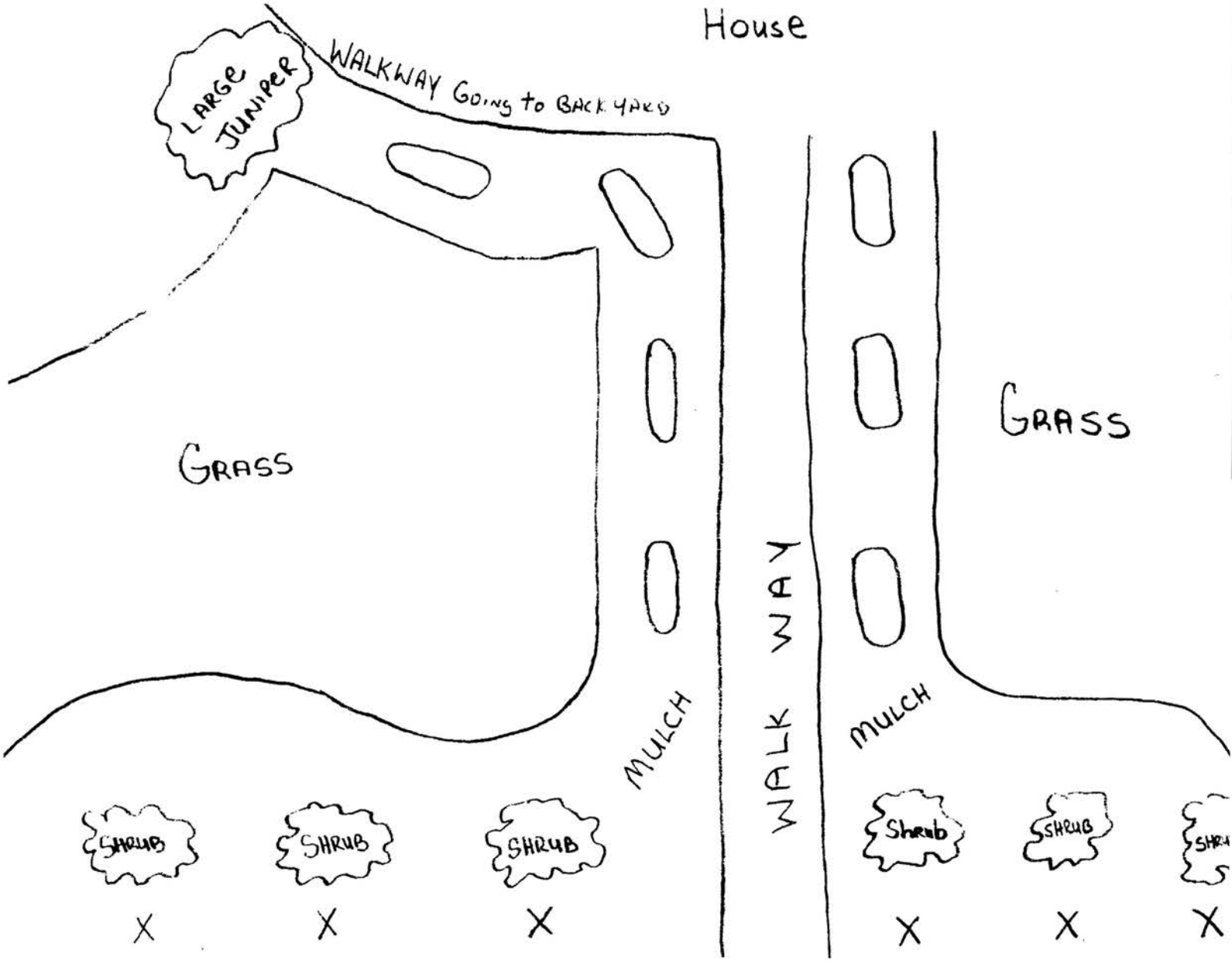
WALK WAY

MULCH

SHRUB SHRUB ← SHRUBS ON FENCE

ITems: "BACK YARD"

1.	X	Japanese Hollys	Qty 10
2.	MULCH	WOOD CHIPS	18 yds


House
LARGE JUNIPER
WALKWAY Going to BACK YARD
GRASS
GRASS
MULCH
WALK WAY
MULCH
SHRUB
SHRUB
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ITEM NAMES

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1.	X	Liriope	6
2.		Japanese Holley	6
3.		AZALEAS	7
4.	MULCH		2½ yds.

DRAFT MINUTES
ANC 7B Townhall Meeting
February 17, 2001

Prepared by Kathy Chamberlain
Commissioner, 7B05

Please do not quote from these minutes until they have been officially approved by ANC 7B. Normally this is done during the next monthly meeting.

Commissioners Present –7

7B01 - Linda Green
7B02 - B. Three Feathers Kazemi
7B03 - Roscoe Grant, Jr.
7B04 - Moses Smith
7B05 - Kathy Chamberlain
7B06 - Debra Davis
7B07 - S. Thetus Boyd

Commissioners Absent –0

Neighborhood Watch -present

Dennis Logan, Chairman

Commissioner Grant called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. Pastor Senger gave the invocation. Two new commissioners, Linda Green (7B01) and Debra Davis (7B06) were sworn in by Councilmember-at-Large Phil Mendelson.

Resolutions (note: 6 of 7 commissioners were present for voting)

1. Approval of minutes from the ANC 7B meeting of December 16, 2000. Passed unanimously.
2. Approval of minutes from the ANC 7B meeting of January 20, 2001. Passed unanimously.
3. The January 2001 and February 2001 monthly Treasurer's reports, with a balance of $16,805.91. Passed unanimously (note: no expenditures have taken place to date for the year 2001 due to having no Treasurer.)
4. The expenditure of $77 for the ANC Security fund covering the period January 1-December 31, 2001. Passed unanimously.
5. Keep DC General as a full service hospital. Passed with a vote of 5 to 1, Comm. Chamberlain voting No.
6. The City Council should honor the citizen referendum of 1994 in which the majority of D.C. residents expressed support of term limits for the Mayor and City Council. Passed unanimously.
7. ANC 7B opposed the establishment of a day care center in the 3600 block of Alabama Ave., S.E.

Comments by Councilmember At Large Phil Mendelson

Following each decennial census, redistricting, or re-drawing of ward and ANC boundaries, is done. This process will be done this year and early 2002. Mendelson is head of the subcommittee with oversight on this process. The District is behind schedule in negotiating labor agreements with the unions, due to an inefficient process and time schedule. The Mayor will present his budget to the Council on March 14. The expected points of controversy are service delivery, funds for recreation, libraries, and schools. A final vote is expected by early May. The majority of the Council is not happy with the prospect of closing D.C. General. The Control Board is prepared to overrule what the Council recommends if the Council recommendations are not viable. There is now only one viable proposal. Comm. Chamberlain and others expressed disappointment a Mendelson's recent vote against a city-wide ban on the sale of single beers as part of the ABC Bill. Mendelson explained that he believed such a ban should not be implemented in areas where singles sales are not a problem. Mendelson pointed out that the new ABC law will put the burden of proof on the establishment when ANC's, citizen groups, or police protest.

Election of Officers

Willie Lynch, Chief of Staff for Ward 7 Councilmember Chavous, conducted the elections. The outcome:

Chairman - Commissioner Roscoe Grant, Jr.
Vice-Chair - Commissioner Linda Green
(note: election of Vice-Chair is under protest by Comm. Kazemi)
Secretary - Commissioner Kathy Chamberlain
Treasurer - Commissioner Debra Davis

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Commissioners Reports

Commissioner Chamberlain

Chamberlain made a motion to support the citizen referendum on term limits (see resolutions above) and agreed to convey the resolution to the City Council.

The liquor license for Ron & Dee's Clancy's, an adult entertainment establishment at 2840 Alabama Ave., S.E., is up for renewal. The ANC did not receive the renewal notice and only noticed the posting at the door of the establishment about a week before comments were due. In talking to residents and neighborhood leaders, the consensus is that the Clancy's does nothing positive for the community, and is an impediment to economic development in Skyland. The community has been trying for many years to attract retail stores to the area which reflect the character of the community. The presence of an adult entertainment establishment is an impediment to economic development. Chamberlain will convey these comments to the ABC Board by the deadline of February 20th, 2001.

A city-wide ban on the sale of single beers failed to get the needed votes in the City Council. The new ABC bill is expected to become effective in early May at which time Chamberlain will attempt to have a ban on singles sales put in place in the neighborhoods within ANC 7B.

Commissioner Green

The water pressure problem for residents in the 4200 block of Mass. Ave., Ft. Dupont Terr., and Nash St., S.E. has been addressed by WASA. The problem was a water pump switch. The unfinished construction (sidewalk, sod, etc.) is being addressed. Green is recommending that a sod area be converted to black top. Phone service has been interrupted because Verizon is upgrading telephone lines. The contractor is not removing old boxes before up the new boxes.

Commissioner Davis

She had a positive meeting with the Dept. of Housing and Community Development regarding the building at 2525 Minnesota Ave., S.E. This building has been vacant for about 12 years. The current plan is to tear it down and construct townhouses with aluminum siding. Residents of the area are in favor of brick-front houses as opposed to aluminum-siding house. DHCD has agreed to work with the community to obtain brick-front townhouses. (applause)

Commissioner Smith

He apologized for missing the January meeting in which the lack of a quorum prevented the election of officers.

Commissioner Boyd

Boyd made a motion to keep DC General as a full-service hospital (see resolutions above). The AIDS conference held at Marshall Heights was very informative. Keep in mind "trash transfer" and electro-magnetic fields. (Refer to materials). A list of community based residential facilities from the Health Department was distributed. On Feb. 24th, 10-12, at Penn Ave. Baptist Church there will be a meeting on CBRF's. The Public Service Commission gave an excellent presentation last week at Penn. Ave. Baptist Church. There was a very small turnout.

Commissioner Grant

As a result of a letter to Council Chairperson Cropp requesting that ANC 7B be allowed to accept a donation of $1000 from the Ft. Davis Civic Association, legislation may be introduced to raise the ceiling from $400 to $1000 for all ANC's. The $1000 donation from Ft. Davis is toward a new photocopier. Grant appeared before Councilmember Catania during ANC oversight hearings on Feb. 8th. An email was sent to Dr. Omar, the Mayor's Chief of Staff, regarding the use of space at the DC Government facility at the Ft. Davis Shopping Center. A letter was sent to the BZA clarifying the position of ANC 7B with respect to the child care facility proposed for the 3600 block of Alabama Ave., S.E. A letter was sent to traffic services, supporting the residents of the 3300 block of Erie St. in making that block a one-way street. A request has been made to get sidewalks repaired on Denver St., S.E. In a meeting with School Superintendent Vance, Grant raised Comm. Chamberlain's concerns that the Randle Highlands modernization plan is not being publicized to the community and should be placed on the DCPS web site. He also raised Ms. Tilghman's concern regarding the STARS program. No decision has been made on the STAT9 issue. Grant urged the community to support the budget request proposed by the school board. Grant and Comm. Chamberlain attended a 2-hour ANC training session given by the DC Auditor's office on Jan 27th.

Dennis Logan, Neighborhood Watch

Attendance at PSA meetings is very important. Problem-solving sessions have resumed for PSA 610, with 3 focus areas which Lt. Goodwin will report on.

Police Report

Cmdr. Dandridge (6D) commented that no MPD representative was present from PSA 608. He stated that he makes surprise visits to community meetings. Lt. Will Goodwin reported on the 3 focus areas of problem-solving sessions in PSA 610. There was a walk-through with police and residents of the 32nd St., from Alabama to Gainesville St. Abandoned autos and other problems are being addressed. Officer Yates has issued 75 speeding vehicles in front of Ann Beers school, mostly to parents of Beers students. Progress is being made in resolving problems in the 1800 block of Ft. Davis St. The Anne Beers PTA wrote a letter to Lt. Goodwin, to which Goodwin replied that they are invited to PSA meetings to discuss their concerns. Goodwin gave the crime report, and warned citizens not to leave their cars running. It is an invitation to auto theft and he has directed his officers to write a ticket when they find a car unattended.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Johnny Johnson, President of HOPE Foundation (WASA)

Dr. Johnson explained the goals of the HOPE (Helping Other People Exist) Foundation. He wants to establish a HOPE career development center in ward 7 and needs to find 10,000 sq. ft. of office space. A suggestion was made that he investigate the possibility of refurbishing one of the abandoned buildings in the Randle Highlands area. The career development center would offer welfare-to-work programs, "providing participants with basic life and social skills in addition to job skills." It would be based on pre-secured job positions. "Mentoring and counseling, in conjunction with community involvement, will create a strong support system." Dr. Johnson can be reached at (301) 587-2233, (301) 608-2191, drjedwardj@aol.com.

Willie Lynch, representing Ward 7 Councilmember Kevin Chavous

He explained Chavous's viewpoint on the D.C. General Hospital controversy. Chavous is in favor of a new urban health care medical center, as opposed to a community access hospital. He distributed a statement from Chavous, dated Feb. 12, 2001, explaining the need for a down-sized DC General, but is absent any discussion of the costs involved or the financial viability of such a center. The statement relies heavily on hyperbole, as witnessed by the 4 references to "dying in the streets", playing on community fears.

Community Concerns and Announcements

A citizen voiced the complaint that it is impossible to obtain D.C. services on a Saturday. In trying to contact someone regarding work being done in front of his house, the citizen could only listen to recorded telephone messages.

Legal representatives of the "Power to Become" child care center explained their position.

Attendees were encouraged to remove illegal posters (and they're all illegal) placed in public space.

Attendees were reminded of a meeting, following this townhall meeting, to be conducted by the Office of Planning representative for Ward 7, Howard Ways. The purpose of the meeting is to plan the logistics of a 3-hour workshop that will be held for neighborhoods in the southern part of ward 7 in March or April. That workshop is expected to produce neighborhood priorities that will feed into the 2002 and 2003 D.C. budgets.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00pm. 43 people attended.

Submission in Support of Christian Praise Church's Application for a Special Exception, BZA App. 16657

To: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7B

From: Minister Aaron Brooks, President, Power to Become Child Care Center
Pastor Jesse Andrus Jr., Christian Praise Church
Stefanie Birbrower, Intern, American University Washington College of Law
Rachel Coyne, Intern, American University Washington College of Law

Date: February 14, 2001

The need for day care in the District of Columbia is at a high point, with over eight thousand children currently on waiting lists for care. The Power to Become Child Care Center will provide much needed services, and will do its very best to be a good neighbor and a positive presence in the community. This memorandum briefly addresses several points that those in opposition to the center have raised, and highlights the key reasons why we believe that the ANC should support Christian Praise Church's application for a special exception.

Minister Brooks' Representations

Minister Brooks never intended to represent to the BZA or to the neighborhood residents that the ANC had taken a formal position of support for the day care center. Rather, Minister Brooks affirmed to the BZA that he had made a presentation to the ANC, that the hearing had generally been favorable, but that no formal stance was taken. Minister Brooks now asks the ANC to take a formal position in his favor.

Need for Child Care

Residents have expressed concern that there is a lack of need for childcare in the neighborhood, due to the close proximity of St. Timothy's childcare center. Please note, however, that the director of St. Timothy's has informed us that it has an extensive waiting list. In addition, New Macedonia Child Care Center, located at 4115 Alabama Avenue, currently has a waiting list of fifty children. Furthermore, it should be noted that the director of St. Timothy's has expressed support of the proposed center, as the need for day care in the area cannot be met by the existing facilities.

It should also be noted that a new study prepared for the Department of Human Services, entitled *2000 District of Columbia Child Care Market Rates and Capacity Utilization*, has concluded that over eight thousand children are currently on waiting lists for care. Furthermore, Power to Become will offer regular Saturday hours, a service that is greatly needed and that is offered by fewer than 1.1 percent of providers in the District.

Traffic and Parking

The residents have also articulated concern about traffic and parking because of the proximity of St. Timothy's and Power to Become. First, the Office of Planning has

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stated that the closeness of the childcare centers will not increase the traffic congestion in the area. Furthermore, the pick-up and drop-off for St. Timothy's is in fact on the opposite side of Alabama Avenue from Power to Become Child Care Center. Moreover, the Power to Become Child Care Center will not be using its Alabama Avenue entrance or allowing its parents to use Alabama Avenue for pick-up and drop-off.

Please be aware that the traffic and parking concerns of the residents stem from the congestion created by the Anne Beers Elementary School, located in close proximity to the center. The presence of the childcare center will not add to the current problems. First, Power to Become will only enroll thirty children, the majority of whom will be drawn from the families of children that currently attend, and are dropped off and picked up at Anne Beers school. Furthermore, the pick-ups and drop-offs at the center will be intermittent, and will not necessarily coincide with the opening and closing times of the school. Finally, the center's opening and closing times are respectively earlier and later than the opening and closing times of Anne Beers schools and programs.

Therefore, the center will have a negligible impact on the existing traffic and parking problems. The Power to Become Child Care Center and the families it will serve cannot be held responsible for the existing conditions. The center has assured the residents that it will do its part to ensure that its operation will not exacerbate existing problems.

Minister Brooks Has Addressed Residents' Concerns

Minister Brooks understands that the residents have some reservations about the center, and has done his best to assuage these concerns. On February 3, at a meeting at Christian Praise Church, Minister Brooks listened to the residents' complaints and offered to take some measures to alleviate any negative impact the center could potentially have on the neighborhood.

Minister Brooks presented the residents with a contract that requires all parents of enrolled children to obey traffic laws, and to make every effort towards courtesy to the neighborhood residents. Should parents violate this contract, their children will be expelled from the center.

Furthermore, Minister Brooks offered to join the residents in writing a letter to Superintendent Paul Vance that raises the traffic issues in the neighborhood and requests that the Superintendent meet with concerned residents. Both the contract and the proposed letter to the Superintendent are attached. Minister Brooks does not take the residents' concerns lightly and will continue to make every effort to be a positive presence in the community.

Conclusion

The Power to Become Child Care Center will be an asset to the community, and will be a great place for children to learn and thrive. Thus, we ask you to please consider voting in support of our application for a special exception.