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July 30, 2001

Ms. Jerrilyn R. Kress
Director
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 16723, Application of McKendree-Simms-Brookland United Methodist Church for special exceptions to allow a private school and child development center and a variance from the off-street parking requirements at 2420 Rhode Island Avenue, NE

Dear Ms. Kress:

Enclosed please find the following information relative to BLA 16723 Special meeting. Report of a Special Meeting of S.M.D. 5A10 with the Community

500 fliers distributed by July 10, 2001 attendance – 10
Place – McKendree Methodist Church
Lawrence and 24th Sts. N.E.

Commissioner Mary Currie and Commissioner Mary Papano
Presiding in place of Commissioner Ruth Goodwin who was hospitalized.
No other commissioners were present.

1st Speaker

Rev. Michael Armstrong, pastor of McKendree Methodist Church
He informed those present that his church had closed the Child Development
But wanted to re-open.

Washington Science Academy approached McKendree proposing a partnership
With them providing a school for grades 1 – 7 and a pre-school program.

2nd Speaker Mr. Burke, director of Washington Science Academy

BZA
Case No. 16723
Exhibit No. 35

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September 20001 is the anticipated opening school data. They intend to use the firstfloor of the building. Department of Health submitted a list of things to be done. Status of Zoning in questions on 12/2000 Health/could Division informed Ms. Burke that all requirements EXCEPT
Zoning an code were fulfilled. Dept. of Finance submitted a list of homeowners within a it of home owners within a 200 ft. surrounding areas to be notifies.

A $1500 fee was paid to zoning for the capacity of 60 children (40 children praded – 1-7 and 20 children pre-school.) 4 parking spaces are required o Lawrence Street.

Office Space need in School

2 rooms
20}21/2 – 3 years olds – 8
Pre-Kindergarten – 12
2 teachers and 2 aides

40} grades 1-7 – 40
4 teachers with 2 grades and 2 aides each

Mrs. Burke is Director. She is a retired D.C. Teacher and Administrator and has been teaching at McKendree since March 20001

Special 5A10 Meeting

Certified Retired teachers are to be hired.

The Corporation Board consists of 11 members. Will follow D.C. School Calendar- Polices and Procedures, Same have been submitted. Entrance to school will be on Rhode Island Avenue. Children will be accepted from the entire city and the immediate community. The Board has waited to advertise until the zoning question has been resolved.
Certification of occupancy obtained in October 2000.

Concerns expressed by the Community

1) Disruption of children throwing trash
2) Safety of children
3) Ill kept playground
4) Peace , Quiet, trash cleanliness, needles condoms and other paraphernalia of drug trade found In alley behind the playground
5) Needs crosswalk and sidewalk from school to playground
6) Trash cans
7) Transportation

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Recommendation from the 2 presiding ANC Commissioners

1) Written information, dialogue and partnership with the community.
2) Place same community residents on Board of Directors
   Mrs. Burke quickly agreed with this.
3) Place information sign outside of school BLA case # 16723
   Vote: Taken at meeting on 7-18-01. Three community people who were qualified to vote.
   2 – apposed the establishment of another school and parking variance based on experience with a former school, which is not the leadership and school in question.
   1- Voted in favor of the school's application and parking variance.

PLEASE NOTE

An ANC 5A Community Meeting was held on 7-25-01 at the Salvation Army Harbor Light Center. Since the commissioners had not voted on BLA No. 16723 a vote was taken:

Commissioners present – 7 (a quorum)

3 votes – opposing the school and supporting the Community Stand.

Norma Broadnax	5A2
Darcy Flynn	5A8
Martha Papuan	5A11

4 votes – Supporting the schools and opposing the community stand

Joseph Bower	5A03
Tim Thomas	5A04
Derek Parks	5A05
Ruth Goodwill	5A10

NOTE I have been informed that Commissioner Tim Thomas tried to change his vote on the next day

It is true that difficulties mainly due to miscommunications and absence of the duly elected commissioner due to illnesses. These exist but concerns can be addressed by the Board of Zoning conditions process in the final order.

I, as the SMD Commissioner. 5A10 can not see any adverse impact that cannot be worked out in the BZA order. This facility is needed in this community due to the distance traveled daily by parents who seek child care for their children. (In the former school a large percentage of students were from our community)

Submitted by:

Commissioner Martha Papano 5A11

Commissioner Mary Currie 5A06

Commissioner Ruth Goodwin 5A10