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July 10, 2001

Sheila Cross Reid, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth St., NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 16734
500 D Street, NE

Ms. Reid, and Members of the Board,

The Land Use Committee of the Stanton Park Neighborhood Association reviewed the referenced project on July 9, 2001. Also attending were Mr. Thomas Grooms, Applicant, and Michael Finn, Architect. The Land Use Committee had previously reviewed this project in conjunction with an application to the Historic Preservation Review Board. Our position at that time was qualified support for the proposal pending further design refinements. The revised design satisfies any concerns the committee had regarding a non-conforming addition to a non-conforming structure.

The specific matter before you today - the technical existence of a non-conforming open court - does not concern the Land Use Committee in cases where such courts abut a public space. We concur with the Historic Preservation Division's Staff report. We also encourage the owner to design a gate that will facilitate automobile parking on private property, rather than in public space.

We recommend approval of the requested variance.

Sincerely,

Drury Tallant, Co-Chair
Land Use Committee
Stanton Park Neighborhood Association

cc: Thomas Grooms

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