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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B

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Via fax
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Re: BZA Case #16779, 407 8th Street SE

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Calvin Gilbert

Dear Board Members:

At its regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on October 9th, ANC 6B voted 6-1 (7 being a quorum for the conduct of business) to support the application by Capitol Hill Investors for variances for a new commercial building at 407 8th Street, SE with stipulations. As our meeting took place 7 days before the hearing on this case, I am requesting that you waive the 7-day rule and receive this report after the deadline.

A previous application for this building was approved by the ANC last year, with the stipulation that in the event a food establishment occupies the site, trash collection will be provided 5 days per week. These stipulations were noted in the BZA's summary order of October 3, 2000 (Application Number 16538).

This application is back before the ANC and the BZA because of a change in design. In response to concerns of the Historic Preservation Review Board and others, the design was changed to enclose over the easement between the proposed building and the existing building, and to put a gate on the street end of the easement

The ANC remains concerned about trash collection through the easement, especially as to whether the new design will prevent the collection of trash from the rear of the buildings. The applicant has assure the ANC that smaller dumpsters will be able to fit through the gate. The Commission therefore recommends, because of the use of smaller dumpsters, 5 day a week collection be required regardless of the type of establishment occupying the buildings which adjoin the easement and recommends that the application be approved with the stipulation that the Fire Department approve of the planned gate and that the buildings adjoining the easement be required to conduct trash collection from the rear of the building through the easement.

Finally, ANC 6B Commissioner Ann Black and Executive Secretary Calvin Gilbert are authorized to represent the ANC in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Kenan P. Jarboe
Chairperson

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