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MEMORANDUM:

TO: Senior Executive Director
Organizational Development

THRU: /s/ Assistant Chief
Central Regional Operations Command
Concur w/Recommendation, Cindy 3/25/02

SUBJECT: BZA Application Number 16785 (Public Hall 39 New York Avenue N.E.)

Your attention is invited to the attached response prepared by Sergeant Steven Brown of this command regarding BZA Application Number 16785.

Sergeant Brown reports that in February of 2002, he along with representatives from the Office of Planning, the Department of Public Works, and the African Community Center met to discuss BZA Application Number 16785.

Previously, the First District cited several problems regarding this application. Since that last meeting, African Community Center, Inc. has addressed some of the issues raised by the Metropolitan Police Department. Sergeant Brown has review the improvements and recommends that the application be approved with the following stipulations imposed:

- That the application should be approved for a period of two (2) years. At which time, the Metropolitan Police Department will review crime patterns in the area since the center opened.

- That the African Community Center, Inc. provided a written contract or agreement with the Skylark Lounge located at #33 New York Avenue, N.E. to use the private parking lot to minimize pedestrian traffic on the streets when leaving a sponsored event.

- That the African Community Center, Inc. has access to the walkway along side of the Skylark Lounge located at #33 New York Avenue, N.E. Provided further, that this area will be illuminated to deter criminal activity and provide a safe passageway for pedestrian traffic.

- That the center **will not** be used as a club, but a meeting place for African celebrations, birthdays, meetings and weddings.

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- That the center will be utilized on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings and nights.

Sergeant Brown reports that all representatives at the February meeting, agreed to the above stipulations. Additionally, it should be noted that a proposed parking garage has been slated for the vacant lot parallel to 39 New York Avenue N.E. (north side of the street).

Therefore, based on the fact presented by Sergeant Brown, I recommend that this application be approved for a period of two years.

Alan Dreher
Commander