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The Washington Home and Hospice has been a good neighbor. During the past year they have solicited community involvement in their quest for increasing the number of beds and to reasonably enlarge their parking facility. I wholeheartedly support the Homes efforts.

Traffic:

- As a resident of 38th Street, N.W. and neighbor of the Home, traffic in the neighborhood is one of my concerns. I do not feel that a reasonable increase in parking spaces at the Home will further exacerbate an already untenable traffic situation.

- Excessive traffic in the neighborhood is primarily as result of commuters speeding through the neighborhood taking shortcuts to avoid Wisconsin Avenue or Reno Road, moviegoers, and post office patrons.

- I would encourage the traffic situation in the neighborhood to be studied and the BZA to propose resolutions, however, I do not believe the Home's parking situation is contributing to the problems of excessive traffic in the neighborhood. Excessive commuter traffic traveling through the neighborhood should have no bearing on allowing an increase in parking facilities at the Home.

Parking:

- Parking in the neighborhood has always been difficult during the day and in the evening with postal employees, Sidwell Friends students, postal patrons, movie goers, and visitors to the Home all of who park on the surrounding streets. Increasing the number of spaces at the Home can only help to alleviate this parking problem.

- I would encourage the BZA to ask the city to enforce the parking restrictions in the neighborhood. This will also help to alleviate the parking problems.

Esthetics:

- The current landscaping of the Home's parking facility is excellent. The Home has been careful to work with the neighborhood to create a landscaping plan that is both functional and esthetically appealing. I have no doubt that future plans will be equally so.

- I would encourage the Home to work on improving the view of the Home from 38th Street by including landscaping improvements in their plans for that side of the building.

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