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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
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Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Application 16836
The Washington Home

Dear Mr. Griffis:

On behalf of the Citizen's Concerned with the Home's Expansion ("CCHE") we write to bring you up to date. This afternoon Ms. Lynn O'Connor, the president of The Washington Home ("TWH") called me to request CCHE's support of a proposal by TWH to postpone the BZA's consideration of the revised site plan and the CCHE and ANC comments thereon. She initially indicated that she was prepared to discuss a revised landscaping plan with the community. When I responded that we wanted to discuss not only landscaping, but the sizing and placement of the parking lot (which has only gotten worse since the BZA cut back the number of spaces TWH requested), she agreed to put those matters on the table as well, albeit noting budgetary constraints on TWH's ability to obtain architectural and engineering design work. On behalf of CCHE, I agreed to support TWH's request for a postponement so that the community could work cooperatively with the aim of submitting a mutually satisfactory plan to the BZA in the very near future.

I then called Mr. George Keys, the attorney for TWH, to find out from him the formal filing he intended to make so CCHE could file a letter formally supporting it. He stated that he did not intend to ask for a postponement, but instead to suggest that TWH would be willing to work with the community on unresolved landscaping issues only. I pointed out that this was directly contrary to what his client had just told me. He told me he had talked with his client since, that it was too late, and that that was his position.

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Although we do not understand what TWH's position is now given the contradictions in the communications between its president on one hand and its lawyer on the other, we continue to be willing to engage in constructive discussions – which we have not yet been given the opportunity for – with TWH if the BZA chooses to postpone the matter pending the outcome of such a discussion.

Very truly yours,

Jonathan P. Graham

Cc: Lynn O'Connor,
President, The Washington Home
George Keys, Esq.
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