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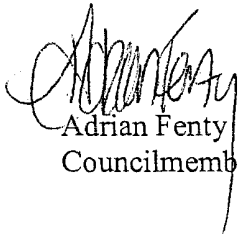
John J. Chagnon
Commissioner
ANC 4A07
5603 14th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20011

Dear Commissioner Chagnon:

Thank you for copying me on your December 31, 2001 filing of a Motion for Consideration/ Dismissal of Appeal concerning property located at 5507 14th Street NW in Ward 4.

As you know, last year I wrote a letter supporting your position and your case and forwarded this to the Zoning Administrator, a copy of which is attached and a copy of which will be copied to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA).

Sincerely,



Adrian Fenty
Councilmember, Ward 4

Attachment

cc: Board of Zoning Adjustment

AF/sb

BZA
Case No. 16839
Exhibit No. 23

BZA
Case No. 16752

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.16839
EXHIBIT NO.23

IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

ANC 4A

Appellant,

v.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, DEPARTMENT
OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Appellee,

BZA APPEAL 16752

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MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF DISMISSAL OF APPEAL
AS MOOT AND/OR REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATE OF
OCCUPANCY 190720 ISSUED MAY 7, 2001 AND/OR
CONSOLIDATION OF CERTIFICATES 190720 AND 18366

1. The issue before the Board on November 20, 2001 was the effect of the D.C. Court of Appeals Order and whether the Rule of the Case and/or Res Judicata were applicable.
2. Counsel for the BZA presented a memorandum to the Board with copies to the parties indicating that the Rule of the Case and Res Judicata are not applicable as the issues were mooted by the Court of Appeals. The memorandum proceeded with further instruction to the Board as to the mootness of the present appeal as the Zoning Administrator had issued a new Certificate of Occupancy that mooted the certificate of occupancy on appeal before the Board.
3. Appellant met with Counsel for the DCRA, Toye Bello and the Metro Day Treatment

Representative on November 20, 2001 to learn of the circumstances surrounding the issuance of what was presented to the Board as a new certificate of occupancy on November 6, 2001.

ALTER EGO CERTIFICATE

4. Mr. Bello identified that the new certificate of occupancy was issued to assist the applicant in their reimbursement from Medicaid for client payments. Mr. Bello identifies that it was an administrative decision to issue a new certificate of occupancy and that the only changes were to properly identify the lot and clear up the language on the certificate of occupancy at the request of the applicant for Medicaid purposes.

5. Mr. Bello now states that the certificate of occupancy had always been issued for a Child/Elderly Development Center and that it was for Medicaid purposes that the new certificate of occupancy was issued. Although, Mr. Bello states that a new application was filed by the applicant, DCRA has yet to produce a copy of the application. The application is not in the certificate of occupancy file and Mr. Bello has not faxed a copy of the application as promised.

6. Appellant asked Mr. Bello if the only changes were to correct the lot number and the text at the applicant's request, why was a new certificate was issued. Mr. Bello's only response was that it was to assist the applicant with the Medicaid definition and to administratively correct the lot numbers.

7. The applicant has not treated the new certificate of occupancy as new as a building permit (B439818) was applied for on October 30, 2001 with a permit issued on October 31, 2001 based on the old CO 190702. The Applicant and DCRA appear to be working in concert to defeat the spirit and intent of the Municipal Regulations. DCRA had issued a certificate of occupancy two months earlier(8/31/01 #18366), yet the applicant and DCRA chose to proceed based on the old

certificate of occupancy (190702) that DCRA now claims to be moot. It is contrary to public policy for DCRA to maintain on one hand that the certificate of occupancy is moot when DCRA proceeds forward on the other hand to issue a building permit based on the alleged mooted certificate of occupancy. Accordingly since neither DCRA or the applicant have acted in a manner consistent with the issuance of a new certificate of occupancy it is readily apparent that new certificate was of no import and merely an alter ego of the originally appealed certificate.

8. Appellant is of the view after discussions with Counsel for DCRA and Toye Bello that the new certificate of occupancy is nothing more than an alter ego of the old certificate of occupancy with a new number assigned. Based on the representations of DCRA it is clear that the certificate of occupancy issued on May 7, 2001 and August 31, 2001 are sufficiently linked to require the Board to ascertain whether a new certificate has been issued or if as Mr. Bello represents it was an administrative decision to accommodate the applicant. If the Board concludes that the administrative decision made no substantive change to the certificate than the appeal of the May 7, 2001 certificate of occupancy should go forward.

MOOTNESS

9. Mr. Bello states that the certificate of occupancy issued on May 7, 2001 formed the basis for issuing a new certificate of occupancy on August 31, 2001. Accordingly, the certificate of occupancy issued May 7, 2001 is not moot unless the May 7, 2001 certificate of occupancy is revoked. Appellant again points out that DCRA has yet to produce the new application for a certificate of occupancy that resulted in the issuance of CO 18366 despite several requests that the document be made available for inspection. It is appellant's position that the Board must either vacate or revoke Certificate of Occupancy 190720 to render the appeal of the certificate

issued as moot. Appellant requests that if the appeal is not reinstated or the two certificates of occupancy issued (190702 and 18366) are not consolidated that the Board take the appropriate steps to vacate or revoke CO 190702.

10. DCRA in the issuance of the second (August 31, 2001) certificate of occupancy has reported the prior use a Child Development Center. Although, DCRA has overlooked may filing inaccuracies, the prior use was that of a general office as clearly concluded by the BZA's findings of fact and conclusions of law in BZA Appeal, 16066. The BZA established the precedent that the change in use occurred at the subject site from general office to day treatment an undefined use. Accordingly the BZA must determine if CO 190702 was a valid certificate of occupancy and if so, will necessarily need to reinstate the appeal to determine whether the prior use was an authorized use since the May 7, 2001 was a predicate act to the issuance of the August 31, 2001 certificate of occupancy.

CONSOLIDATION

11. The Board may recall it was the Appellant's position that the Board consolidate the two certificates of occupancy at the November 6, 2001 hearing. No vote was held by the Board on the consolidation and it is the appellant's position that a consolidation of the two certificates is the appropriate action to be taken. The applicant and Mr. Bello state that the present certificate of occupancy will not be held for an extended period of time as there are plans to construct on site parking spaces and issue a new certificate of occupancy again. Appellant requests that the BZA vacate the dismissal of the appellant's appeal and consolidate the two certificates of occupancies issued into the instant appeal.

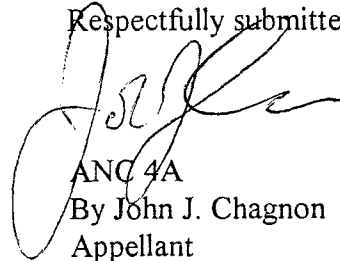
ADMINISTRATIVE ECONOMY

12. There must be an element of due process, DCRA has made it abundantly clear that a new certificate of occupancy will be issued as early as December 2001. There is little doubt that DCRA is an active participant in perpetuating a loop that cannot be closed if at every point where a certificate of occupancy is on appeal, an alleged new certificate is issued or will be issued that moots the appeal. In the interest of administrative economy the underlying issues of each Certificate of Occupancy issued is the change in use and failure to provide sufficient on site parking spaces. These issues remain at issue with the August 31, 2001 certificate of occupancy and in December if a new certificate of occupancy is issued again will likewise be at issue. These issues should be heard and resolved by the BZA without the need filing multiple appeals.

13. According to Mr. Bello a new application for a certificate of occupancy was in fact filed by the applicant. Counsel for DCRA had represented that no new application was filed which now appears to be incorrect based on Mr. Bello's representations. The new application for the certificate of occupancy is not in the DCRA certificate of occupancy files nor has it been made available to the appellant despite verbal and written requests. The Appellant first learned of CO 18366 on November 6, 2001 despite the fact that counsel for DCRA and Mr. Bello were present at the scheduled September 4, 2001 hearing and made no mention of the new certificate of occupancy. The applicant has not treated the new certificate of occupancy as new as a building permit (B439818) was applied for on October 30, 2001 with a permit issued on October 31, 2001 based on the old CO 190702. DCRA and the applicant have unclean hands and should not reap the benefit and reward of having the appeal dismissed for reasons styled as an administrative

decision to issue a new certificate of occupancy. Furthermore, since DCRA has been unable to make available a copy of the application for the certificate of occupancy or any other documents relied upon to issue CO 18366 the appellant is prejudiced in his ability to file a complete appeal of the new certificate of occupancy. Appellant believes the balance of administrative economy leans to reinstatement of the appeal under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,



ANC 4A

By John J. Chagnon

Appellant

5603 - 14th Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20011

(202) 722-1922

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this ____ Day of November 2001, a copy of the foregoing Motion for Reconsideration of Dismissal of Appeal as Moot And/or Revocation of Certificate of Occupancy 190720 Issued May 7, 2001 And/or Consolidation of Certificates 190720 and 18366 was mailed by first class postage prepaid to:

Raouf M. Abdullah
Special Assistant Corporation Counsel
441 4th Street, NW, Room 450 North
Washington, D.C. 20001

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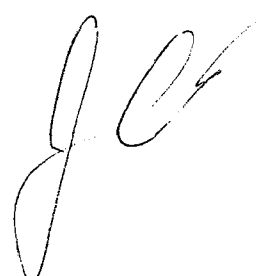
I hereby certify that on this 31 Day of December 2001, a copy of the foregoing Motion for Reconsideration of Dismissal of Appeal as Moot And/or Revocation of Certificate of Occupancy 190720 Issued May 7, 2001 And/or Consolidation of Certificates 190720 and 18366 was mailed by first class postage prepaid to:

Pamela Coleman
4200 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

Herman Broomfield
Metropolitan Day Treatment Center, Inc.
5507 - 14th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20011

Ellen McCarthy, Deputy Director
Development Review Division
D.C. Office of Planning
801 North Capitol Street, NE #4000
Washington, D.C. 20002

Honorable Adrian Fenty
Council Member Ward 4
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Room 506
Washington, D.C. 20004

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. C.', is located in the lower right quadrant of the page.

	Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs	
	Building and Land Regulation Administration	
	441 North Capitol Street N.E. room 2100	
	Washington D.C. 20002	
Tel: (202) 442-4470 Fax: (202) 442-4962		

C of O**CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY**

PERMIT NO.

CO 18366

THIS PERMIT IS VALID ONLY FOR THE PREMISES
OF THE PROJECT ADDRESS

DATE: 8/31/01

ADDRESS:	FLOOR(S):	PRCLID: 2800	-0000.	0010
5507 14TH ST NW	1ST & 2ND FLOORS	(square)		0.0
		WARD: 4	ZONE: C2A	

PERMISSION IS HEREBY GRANTED TO:

CORPORATION: METRO DAY TREATMENT CENTER INC
ID No.: 203873

TRADING AS:

METRO DAY TREATMENT CENTER

APPROVED USES:

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CNTR

PREVIOUS USES:

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CNTR

TYPE:	EZA NO.:	OCCUPIED SQ. FOOTAGE:	OCCUP. LOAD:	EXPIRATION DATE:
USE CHANGE		7,652		NONE

DESCRIPTION OF USE

CHILD/ELDERLY DEVELOPMENT CENTER/30 PERSONS/ AGES 22-85 YEARS OLD AND 7 STAFF MEMBERS

FEE:

\$65.00

THIS CERTIFICATE SHALL BE POSTED CONSPICUOUSLY ON THE ABOVE PREMISES AT ALL TIMES. IT IS VALID INDEFINITELY, unless an expiration date is stated, VALID ONLY for the premise at the above address or part thereof, and for the purpose(s) indicated above, and IS NOT TRANSFERABLE to another person or premises under ANY conditions. ANY CHANGE in the type of business, ownership of business, or part of premises used therefor, will render this Certificate VOID and a NEW Certificate must be obtained.

David A. Clark DIRECTOR	PERMIT CLERK: ADEMOLA SHITTU
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*** GOVERNMENT
OF THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA
Form BLRA-15
(Rev. 9/30/91)

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUILDING AND LAND REGULATION ADMINISTRATION

BUILDING PERMIT

PERMIT NO. B439818

Date 10/31/01 (Type) ALTER AND REPAIR

Address of work 5511 14TH ST. N.W.

Lot 9 Square 2800

Permission is hereby granted to
METRO DAY TREATMENT CENTER INC.

(Owner)

who is authorized to perform the work described herein at the
address shown above in strict accordance with the conditions
stated on BOTH sides of this permit.

NO.

DATE

FEE PAYABLE

\$ 140.00

Authorized work and conditions of performance thereof:

FOR INSPECTIONS CALL 727-7502

DIVIDE EXISTING SPACE TO BUILD LOT FOR PARKING FOR 3 VEHICLES PERMANENT PLANS.
PRIVATE PROPERTY ONLY. FILE COPY SECTION 442-4641. 32301

Builder—

Value \$

No. of Bldgs.

Width of Bldgs.

Length

Height

No. of Stories

Zone

To be occupied as

Height of terrace above grade

Projections:

Address of owner

Deposit No.

Amount \$

5511 14TH ST. N.W.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

By

Permit Clerk

B. CLARK

DIRECTOR

10/31/01
Received # 20305
E8260-215
D.C. GOVERNMENT
DIR/DCR CASHEIR OFFICE
CL# 11
REQUIRE & EQUI
140.00

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☐ Yes ☐ No
 PLAN
☐ No

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OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Alter/Repair FEE	New Const. FEE	Filing Fee	TOTAL PERMIT FEE
\$140.00	/	/	\$140.00
Date: 10/30	By: /	Date: /	By: / Date: 10/30

G RAZING A BUILDING (COMPLETE ITEMS 61 THRU 83)

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Q	FEE	By	Date
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10) RETAINING WALL (COMPLETE ITEMS 84 THRU 93)

☐ Entirely on Owner's Land
☐ Party Line with Adjacent Neighboring Land*

* If party wall, the owner of the adjoining property must agree to the erection of the retaining wall and this application.

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
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(E) FENCE (COMPLETE ITEMS 94 THRU 102)

The fence will not obstruct any accessible parking required by D.C. Zoning Regulations

94. Material and type:	95. Height: ft.	96. Color:	97. Location: ☐ Entirely on Owner's Land ☐ Party Line with Adjacent Neighboring Land *
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* If party fence, the owner of the adjoining property must agree to the erection of the fence and this application.

98. Signature of Adjoining Owner:	99. Phone: Work Home	OFFICIAL USE ONLY FEE: \$ By: _____ Date: _____
100. Address of Adjoining Owner:	101. Lot: 102. Square:	

(F) SHED OR GARAGE (COMPLETE ITEMS 103 THRU 113)

103. Number:	104. Length: ft.	105. Width: ft.	106. Area: sq. ft.	107. Height: ft.	108. Volume: cu. ft.	109. Estimated Cost of Work: \$	OFFICIAL USE ONLY FEE: \$ By: _____ Date: _____
110. Material of Roof:	111. Material of Sides:	112. Wall thickness: ☐ External () inches ☐ Party () inches		113. Color:			

(G) AWNING (COMPLETE ITEMS 114 THRU 123)

114. Number:	115. Color:	116. Type: ☐ Folding ☐ Fixed	117. Projections: Beyond bldg. line _____ in. Beyond pt. of attachm. _____ in.	118. Height of lowest part of awning: (a) _____ ft above sidewalk (b) _____ ft above parking (c) _____ ft above grade	OFFICIAL USE ONLY FEE: \$ By: _____ Date: _____
119. Material of Frame:	120. Material of Covering:	121. Lettering on Awning? ☐ Yes ☐ No	122. Fixed posts? ☐ Yes ☐ No	123. Over sidewalk cafe? ☐ Yes ☐ No	

(H) SIGN (COMPLETE ITEMS 124 THRU 144)

124. Number:	125. Electric Signs? ☐ Yes, answer q. 126-132 ☐ No, SKIP q. 126-132	126. Type: ☐ Incandes. ☐ Fluoresc. ☐ Neon	127. Power: _____ VA	128. Electrical Contractor: Lic. No.:
129. Address of Electrical Contractor (include Zip)		130. Signature of Licensed Electrician:		131. Phone: 132. License No.:
133. Height relative to building and ground: (a) _____ ft _____ in above sidewalk (b) _____ ft _____ in above roof (c) _____ ft _____ in in bldg height (d) _____ ft _____ in above projection or window (e) _____ ft _____ in from roof to sign's bottom		134. Material of Sign:	135. Type of Sign:	136. Color:
141. C of O Number for Building:		142. Sign Contractor Lic. No.:	OFFICIAL USE ONLY Sign FEE: \$ Elect. FEE: \$ Total FEE: \$ By: _____ Date: _____ By: _____ Date: _____ By: _____ Date: _____	
143. Sign Contractor's Address:		144. Phone:		

(I) APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

A. OWNER: I hereby certify that I am the owner of the property; that the application and plans are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge; and that if a permit (or permits) is issued, the construction will conform to the D.C. Construction Codes, the Zoning Regulations, and other applicable laws and regulations of the District of Columbia.

Signature of Owner: _____ Address: _____ Date: _____

B. AGENT: I hereby certify that I have the authority of the owner to make this application. I declare that the application and plans are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. The owner has assured me that if a permit (or permits) is issued, the construction will conform to the D.C. Construction Codes, the Zoning Regulations, and other applicable laws and regulations of the District of Columbia.

Signature of Agent: [Signature] Address: 9303-15 Andrews PL Date: 10/30/01

(J) APPROVALS (DO NOT WRITE ON THIS PAGE - OFFICIAL USE ONLY)**A. PERMIT CONTROL**

- ☐ 1. Fine Arts by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 2. Historic by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 3. PADC by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 4. Cap. Gateway by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 5. W.H./ Obs. Precinct by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 6. Flood Control by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 7. WMATA by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 8. Condem. by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 9. RLA by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 10. Rental Accom. by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 11. Chinatown Distr. by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 12. Utility Clearance by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 13. General Liability Ins. Policy
Clearance by: _____ Date: _____

B. CLEARANCE TO FILE PLANS

- ☐ 1. Zoning by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 2. DPW — Permit and Records Division
Access: ☒ Parking Street ☐ Street ☐ Alley
Cleared by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 3. DPW - Consumer Engineer
Cleared by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 4. ERA - Erosion Control
Cleared by: _____ Date: _____

Restrictions of the Permit:

Private Property only

Cleared for BIS use 10/30/01

C. PLANS AND APPLICATION APPROVAL

- ☐ 1. Information Counter by: *JH* Date: *10/30/01*
- ☐ 2. Information Center by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ (a) ABC Board by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ (b) Noise Control by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ (c) Industrial Safety by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ (d) Vector Control by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ (e) D.C. Animal by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ (f) Police Dept. by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 3. Zoning by: _____ Date: *10/30/01*
Zoning Update by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 4. DPW - Permit and Records Division Deposit # _____
Sidewalk Deposit \$ _____ Driveway Deposit \$ _____
by: _____ Date: *10/30/01*
- ☐ 5. Water/Sewer Design Branch
Consumer Eng. by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 6. Environmental Regulation Administration
☐ Environmental Policy Review
Control No.: _____
by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ Erosion Control by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ Storm Water Mgmt. by: _____ Date: _____
- Plan No. _____
- ☐ 7. Mechanical Eng. Review by: _____ Date: *10/30/01*
- ☐ 8. Plumbing Eng. Review by: _____ Date: *10/30/01*
- ☐ 9. Electrical Eng. Review by: _____ Date: *10/30/01*
- ☐ 10. Health Plan Review
☐ (a) Food Plan Review by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ (b) Medical X-ray Plan Rev. by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 11. D.C. Fire Dept. (Fire Prevention Plan Review Section)
by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 12. Elevator Plan Rev. Sec. by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 13. Plumbing Insp. Rev. by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 14. Construction Insp. Branch (Field Check)
by: _____ Date: _____
- ☐ 15. Historic Pres. Div. by: _____ Date: _____
- ☒ 16. Structural Eng. by: *Blanchard* Date: *10/30/01*
- ☐ 17. Permit and Certificate Issuance Counter
by: _____ Date: _____

**TO REPORT WASTE, FRAUD, OR ABUSE BY ANY
D.C. GOVERNMENT OFFICE OR OFFICIAL, CALL THE
D.C. INSPECTOR GENERAL AT 1-800-621-1639**

☐ 18. G.C. By: *JH* Date: *10/30/01*

ZONING

C of O Number *190720* Date *5/7/01*

Existing Use(s) _____

- ☐ New bldg.
- ☐ P.O.D.
- ☐ File in
room 329

DPW — PUBLIC SPACE

Street Name: _____

Street Width: _____

Road Width: _____

Sidewalk Width: _____

Parking: _____
