MEMORANDUM
To: Board of Zoning Adjustments
From: John Edward Dixon
Date April 1, 2002
RE: Case No. 16855

RCIS' assertion that "private schools must have access to public recreational facilities" is an inaccurate assumption and misleading. RCIS has the responsibility to provide play space for its students. Because of this assumption, adverse impact upon the users of Hardy Recreation Center was initiated by RCIS' inability to adhere to the spirit of condition no. 6 of BZA order 16424. Further adverse impact will occur if RCIS permits older children to use the facilities in the same manner as permitted during the past three years.

Any duplication of services provided by this school, of that already provided by the nine elementary schools within a mile radius, does not serve the residential district but instead adversely impacts Hardy Recreation Center and its users access to the recreation that the same center provides as a public service.

For the record, Hardy Elementary School operated from about 1933 to 1977--that is, for 44 years before becoming a middle school. From about 1933 to 1959 or 1960 when the recreation center was built, the playground existed on school property. Though Hardy Recreation Center was built only 40 years ago for neighborhood use and as a compliment to the neighborhood primary school at 4470 Q ST, NW, the same school's usage of that center is now disruptive to the residential district.

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