Nebraska Avenue Neighborhood Association
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Washington, D.C. 20008

September 10, 2002

Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
Director, Office of Zoning
Suite 210-S
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Ms. Kress:

I am writing to request a refund of the $800 check which was attached to BZA Appeal application No. 16879. The check was required for filing an appeal by the Nebraska Avenue Neighborhood Association and ANC 3G. As we understand it, the applicants of this joint appeal should not be charged the fee as they represent a neighborhood association and Advisory Neighborhood Association. The BZA referred to both groups as the appellants.

Attached is a copy of the check (front and back) which was deposited by the Office of Zoning. Also attached is documentation from ANC 3G that they had joined in the appeal.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

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President
Nebraska Avenue Neighborhood Assn.

Attachments

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Exhibit No. 47

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July 8, 2002

Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman,
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street Room 210
Washington DC 20001

Re: BZA Appeal of permits B-442149 & 435464

Dear Ms. Griffis:

It its February 11, 2002 public meeting, ANC 3/4G voted 7 – 0 (a quorum being four) to join in an appeal of the Nebraska Avenue neighborhood Association (NANA) of the revised building permit which lacks a number of items, including set back requirements, elevator and roof structure.

This was intended to be a joint filing by the ANC and NANA. It is our understanding that appeals by ANC's do not incur a fee.

Attached is a copy of the minutes of ANC3/4G meeting of February 11, 2002.

Sincerely

Allen E. Beach
Secretary
ANC 3/4G

CC: NANA
Ms. Jerrily Kress

CHEVY CHASE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION
ANC 3G
MINUTES
February 11, 2002

Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington DC 20015
Chair Anne Renshaw presiding

Present: Renshaw, Bishop, Beach, Buchholz, Kowalski, Gordon, Holmes

An audience of some persons 8 was present..

Agenda adopted by vote 6 – 0

The Vice Chair asked the Commission to reconfirm its telephone vote of No-opposition to the curb cut at 7101 Western Avenue (which was voted upon only after the applicant obtained all of the necessary building and other permits) The Commission by vote (5 –0-2 (Renshaw and Homes) to reconfirm the telephone vote.

Anne Renshaw leaves the room and Vice Chair Bishop begins discussion of the proposed curb cut for 3823 Legation Street. The Vice Chair asks is any Commission has any interest in the property, etc. or is there is objection to taping the proceedings. Hears none, he proceeds to hear from the applicant. After discussion, Commissioner Gordon moves that ANC respond to the Public Space Endorsement that ANC 3G has "No objection". Commissioner Beach moves a substitute "ANC 3G objects unless the plan is revised to include a driveway to the side yard, about 60 feet". Due to a tie vote (3 for (Beach, Bishop, Holmes) 3 against (Buchholz, Gordon, Kowalski) the substitute failed. The motion was adopted by vote of 3 for (Buchholz, Gordon, Kowalski) 2 against (Beach, Holmes) 1 abstain (Bishop).

Renshaw returns

Commissioner Buchholz reviews the January 28, 2002 Traffic Summit and follow up through the traffic policy committee. He recommended that ANC 3G concentrate on only one issue, that being Military Road for the next six months. It was generally agreed to advance this through the traffic policy committee as well as other means.

A letter to Councilmember Jack Evans regarding the photo radar program was agreed to by vote (6 – 0- 1(Holmes)).

A proposed letter to Mr. Wil DerMinassian, DC DOT Re: all way stop sign at Aberfoyle Place and Western Avenue, to invite DC DOT to a future meeting on this subject was agreed to by vote (7 – 0).

By vote (7 – 0), the Commission agreed to testimony to be presented to the Committee on the Judiciary, February 15, 2002 regarding the FY 2002 Performance Hearing on the DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department, stating positions previously agreed to by the Commission.

Commission Business:
Approved minutes of January 14 and 28 meetings (vote 7 – 0)

Check approved as follows (vote 7 – 0)

Starpower	$162.55
Allen Beach	$46.00
Petty cash (postage	$44.42, supplies 1.58)
Office Depot	$208.93
(office supplies)	

Commissioner Kowalski suggested that the ANC initiate a citizen award for service to the community, which will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Commissioner Holmes reported on recent development on Sunrise, including a revised building permit issued on 1/22/02. It was learned that this permit did not have an elevator review or revised roof structure. Commissioner Holmes moved that ANC 3G join the appeal of the Nebraska Avenue Neighbors Assn. to appeal to the BZA this revised permit, which lacks a number of items, including set back requirements. Agreed to by vote (7 – 0).

Letters to be sent:

Re: Councilmember Evans re photo radar program
Re: DC DOT stop sign

Next meeting – February 25, 2002 to include Broad Brach Market update, Citizen Award, status of cell phone legislation, EMS plan and report of Judiciary Committee hearing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

NORTHWEST REAL ESTATE

ANC 3G
■ CHEVY CHASE

At its Feb. 11 meeting, the commission:

■ voted 5-0, with commissioners Anne Renshaw and Marilyn Holmes abstaining, not to object to a public-space permit for a new driveway at 7101 Western Ave.

■ voted 3-2 — with commissioners Allen Beach and Marilyn Holmes dissenting, and Joe Bishop abstaining — to approve a public-space permit for a new, 32-foot driveway at 3823 Legation St.

Beach expressed concern that the driveway as proposed was entirely in the front yard and therefore did not meet regulatory requirements that permit cars to be parked only in the side yard, not the front yard. Beach argued that the side yard begins at the edges of the house and does not extend forward to the sidewalk.

Commissioner Robert Gordon, who represents the immediate neighborhood, said that other homes have built the same type of driveway.

The owner had said she was willing to resubmit her application in order to make the driveway longer so that it would reach into the side yard, even under Beach's interpretation.

The potential for compromise fell apart over wording. Beach said that the commission would have to tell the city's Public Space Committee that it objected to the curb cut unless the applicant made the planned driveway at least 60 feet.

When Gordon started to move that the commission not object on such a condition, Beach said that the position would not meet the committee's rules. Gordon immediately moved to support the original application.

Beach's proposed substitute — that the commission object to the permit unless the revisions were made — lost on a 3-3 vote. Beach, Bishop and Holmes voted for the amendment.

For the final vote, Bishop opted to abstain because he was chairing the discussion. As a result, Gordon, Frank Buchholz and Lesley Kowalski formed the majority view.

Commission chair Anne Renshaw did not vote. She had left the room, citing the potential for the case to come before the Board of Zoning Adjustment, of which she is a member.

■ agreed to make controlling speeds along Military Road a top priority for the commission in the next six months.

■ voted 6-0, with commissioner Marilyn Holmes abstaining, to write a letter to Ward 2 Council member Jack Evans responding to his comments, as quoted in a Washington Times article, attacking the city's photo radar program.

The commission, which cited reduced speeds and $5.3 million in revenue as a result of the program

D.C. Transportation Division asking for the analysis supporting placement of an all-way stop sign at Western Avenue and Aberfoyle Place.

The commission had asked last July for a study of traffic conditions along Western Avenue from Rock Creek Park to Chevy Chase Circle. The agency subsequently sent a letter announcing plans for the stop sign at Aberfoyle. "I want to see the data," said Bishop.

Despite the ultimate unanimous vote, Bishop and Frank Buchholz tangled over the issue of stop signs and over specific language in the letter. Bishop's original draft included a reference to neighbors having concerns about the placement of too many stop signs. Buchholz said that the Aberfoyle intersection had prob-

Church parking lot, the Naval Security Station at Ward Circle, American University's Cassell Center on Massachusetts Avenue, and the Tenley Mini-Mart land to the existing station.

Renshaw reiterated the commission's desire that both the personnel and apparatus remain in Ward 3 throughout the project.

■ voted 7-0 to join in the Nebraska Avenue Neighborhood Association's expected appeal of the revised building permit issued Jan. 22 for the Sunrise Assisted Living project on Connecticut Avenue at Chevy Chase Parkway.

The commission argues that the plans show an elevator penthouse that does not meet city requirements. It also included in its appeal a number of issues that commission-

Chevy Chase Citizens Association

Last year, many kindergarten parents didn't notify Lafayette Elementary School of their Lafayette-bound children until July or August, and that became a problem when school started in the fall. "We thought we'd have about 60 kindergartners. We ended up with 89," said Lynn Main, the first-year principal. To solve the problem, Main yanked a teacher allocation from the upper grades and applied it toward the kindergarten, which suddenly needed four instead of three classes. That left some of the upper-grade students with relatively crowded classrooms this year.

Determined to avoid a repeat for the coming year, Main said she has arranged for a "kindergarten round-up day" on March 8. She is inviting neighborhood parents whose children aren't enrolled in the Lafayette pre-kindergarten class but may be considering the school for the fall. Main is also issuing fliers at local nursery schools and preschools, and she has sent a note to all parents at Lafayette. "Maybe I'll get a better handle on the numbers this way," she said.

Because in general Lafayette does not fill the school to capacity with just neighborhood kids, it has for several years accepted out-of-boundary applications. But out-of-boundary decisions are made before summer so that parents can make appropriate plans if they don't get in. Lafayette took in six kindergartners this past year from out of bounds. Those decisions were made at a time when total kindergarten enrollment was projected to hover at around 60 total.

— Kent Allen, Chevy Chase