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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
Director
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FROM: Kenneth Laden
Associate Director for Transportation Planning

DATE: June 24, 2002

SUBJECT: BZA Application No. 16885 – Application for a Variance From Parking Requirements to Allow the Conversion of an Existing Building to a Church Located in a C-2-A District, 5333 Illinois Avenue, NW Lot 85, Square 2992

The District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) has reviewed the subject application and material for the above site. This memorandum addresses the transportation aspects of the proposal.

The applicant requests a variance from providing the required off-street parking spaces to allow for the use of an existing structure as a church. The proposed church will seat 111 persons. Zoning regulations require the applicant provide one parking space for each 10 seats of occupancy, thus the applicant is required to provide 11 parking spaces for the site.

The site is located at 5533 Illinois Avenue, NW and is bounded by a 15' wide public alley stub-out to the rear and abuts commercial properties along the Illinois Avenue frontage. Illinois Avenue intersects with Georgia Avenue at the north end of the block. The layout of the property prohibits the applicant from providing any accessory parking spaces on site. The applicant states that church activities occur generally twice a week with bible study occurring midday on Wednesdays, and Sunday school followed by fellowship service on Sundays.

DDOT staff conducted a midday site visit on Wednesday June 12, 2002. A total of 22 on street metered and non-metered parking spaces were available on the 5500 block of Illinois Avenue adjacent to, and across from the subject site with parking regulations in effect Monday to Friday. Additional parking spaces, most serving commercial uses, were available on Georgia Avenue, Longfellow and Kennedy Streets, NW, all within walking distance of the site. Several Metrobus routes serve the site traversing Georgia Avenue and Kennedy Street, NW, providing access to Metrorail Green Line and Red Line train stations.

The site will have a slight impact on the on-street parking supply of the immediate area, however the proposed use will not create dangerous or otherwise objectionable traffic conditions, or cause a large increase in the traffic volume for neighboring streets. Accordingly, DDOT has no objection to the application.

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