Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association

Of Adams Morgan

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Chairman Geoffrey H. Griffis
Board Of Zoning Adjustment
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Subject: Request for Change of Hearing Date for Board of Zoning Adjustment Case 16924.

Dear Chairman Griffis,

My name is Peter Lyden, and I am the Second Vice President of the Reed Cooke Neighborhood Association (RCNA). Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) Case 16924 is for the property at 1701 Kalorama Road, N.W. that falls within the boundaries of our Neighborhood Association. RCNA was created from the neighborhood work to change the neighborhood zoning and create the Reed-Cooke Overlay. As Second Vice President, I am the chairman of our zoning and planning committee and the principle point of contact and case manager for our work on BZA Case 16924. I also worked on creation of the Reed-Cooke Zoning Overlay, and bring a long term understanding of its purpose and intent.

I request that the hearing date for Board of Zoning Adjustment Case 16924 be changed from December 10, 2002 to a later date. On Monday November 25, I am undergoing heart bypass surgery at the Washington Hospital Center, and will be unable to continue to manage and lead the work of RCNA to meet the current hearing date. I know you will understand that this is wholly unexpected. A series of cardiac tests revealed that I have 50 – 70 % arterial blockages. On November 19th my cardiologist referred me to the Washington Hospital Center for treatment. Their decision was surgery within a week, with a six-week recovery period. My surgeon is Kathleen R. Petro, and her office phone number is 202-291-1430. I spoke with her about this request and she is most willing to discuss any questions you may have.

An additional complicating factor in my request is that the developer is in the process of changing the terms of his requests for variances and exceptions. In meetings involving Council Member Jim Graham, RCNA Representatives, and other interested neighborhood people, the developer has indicated that he is reducing the height and density of his plans for the building. This was followed

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with a presentation to the case analyst at the Office of Planning on November 21st. I believe that the developer will have to amend his current BZA case request before the December 10th hearing date. My surgery will leave no one to analyze the technical elements of the amended filing, and no time for the RCNA membership to vote a position since our next monthly meeting will also be the evening of December 10th. Our next monthly meeting when the membership can vote a position is January 14, 2003.

I look forward to your favorable action on my request for a change of hearing date.

Sincerely Yours,



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