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ANC 6A Report:

Reference to BZA Case 16934 concerning the site at 920 Constitution Ave., N.E. with side lots 922 site of restored SFD, and new row house or semi detached.

On November 7, 2002, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A convened its regularly scheduled monthly meeting at Miner Elementary School located 15th and Gales St., NE at 7:00 p.m. The ANC established a quorum with ten members present and the presiding Chair Vice Chairman Daniel Pernell, III. Chairman Pernell considered the matter requested for former Commissioner Virginia Gaddis to go before the BZA concerning the appeal.

The elected Commissioner for that area was Mrs. Marina Martin and she resigned from the ANC 6A On June of this year. Commissioner, Gregory J. Ferrell, Chair of the ANC 6A Zoning and Licensing Subcommittee expressed his concerns along with other members of the subcommittee. On November 7, 2002, before the ANC 6A Commission of the whole. That Mrs. Gaddis has been working with the appeal in question since June of 2002. Commissioner, Gregory J. Ferrell made the motion that Mrs. Virginia Gaddis represent the ANC 6A and the single member district in the area of the appeal before the BZA on Tuesday, November 19, 2002.

The motion was second by Vice Chairman Daniel M. Pernell, III and the voted by all ANC 6A members present was unanimous to support Mrs. Gaddis to be the representative for the appeal on behalf of the ANC 6A Commission and to go before the BZA on Tuesday, November 19, 2002 and represent the appeal for the ANC 6A. And if Mrs. Gaddis were unable to attend the hearing on Tuesday, November 19, 2002, her alternate would be Commissioner, Elected Karen Wirt, and whereas the ANC 6A would allow Mrs. Wirt to attend and be the representative of the appeal for the ANC 6A on that day.

Respectfully Submitted

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BZA
Case No. 16934
Exhibit No. 25

Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Hall presented six quarterly reports covering the period of January 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002 and made a motion for the Commission to approve them, seconded by Commissioner Quigley. Commissioner Ferrell stated that the reports were for calendar years while the city requires fiscal year reporting, so they would be inconsistent. The motion was amended to require the reports to reflect fiscal year rather than calendar year and passed. Commissioners Hall, Jarrell, Quigley, Nelson and Basterrechea voted in favor of acceptance. Commissioners Pernell, Fields, Harris, Ferrell and Raglin abstained.

Proposed Expenditures: Commissioner Hall proposed three items for approval:

Post Office box:	$ 100
Storage Bill:	$1,015
Meeting Space Fee:	$ 210 (Washington Community Fellowship Church)

All three items were approved with six in favor (Hall, Pernell, Quigley, Harris, Nelson and Basterrechea), three opposed (Jarrell, Fields and Raglin) and one abstention (Ferrell). Commissioner Quigley stated that the phone bill was also due, but no bill was available so it was not proposed.

Zoning and Licensing:

Hays School: Ms. Veronica Pace from the DC Office of Aging presented the plans to modify the building to establish a fitness and welness center and requested the ANC's support of their requested variance. Commission Pernell supported the request, stating that the community has been trying to get the property fixed up since 1991. Mr. Postell, the Ward 6 representative for aging also supported the request, stating that the center will be an invaluable resource for the community. Commissioner Pernell made a motion to support the variance, seconded by Commissionier Ferrell. The motion passed with nine votes in favor and one abstention, Commissioner Fields. Commissioner Pernell noted that there would be a briefing on the plan December 18, 2002 at the JO Wilson School.

2nd & F, NE Rezoning: Mr. Eric Forsberg, a community member, presented a proposal to rezone a corner property and three lots in the middle of the 200 block of F St. from R-4 residential to C-2 commercial. He stated the corner property had been vacant for 30 years and is intended to become a coffee shop, which the neighborhood wants. He also stated that the Office of Planning had advised him that spot zoning of a single lot was undesirable and that he should request rezoning of the other lots as well. Commissioner Ferrell stated that rezoning would increase property taxes of home-owners and will increase parking requirements, and would be better accomplished as a special exception. At least two community members stated that they oppose any sort of erosion of residential property in the neighborhood. Commissioner Jarrell made a motion to oppose the 2nd and F rezoning request, seconded by Commissioner Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Grand Prix: Commissioner Raglin requested the Commission send a letter to the city opposing future Grand Prix races at RFK. The motion was approved unanimously.

500 New Jersey Avenue: This item was on the October agenda but was not addressed due to lack of quorum. The National Association of Realtors has purchased the property from Mr. Jay Hellman and requested several variances from the BZA in order to maximize use of this triangular piece of property. In 2001 the Z&L Committee voted to support Mr. Hellman's request for the similar variances because of the redeeming value of the design. On September 11, 2002 the Committee voted to oppose the current request because the modern design offered no such value. On October 22, 2002 the BZA approved the subject application without benefit of ANC involvement. Commissioner Hall made a motion to request the BZA reconsider its approval and request a transcript of the BZA hearing with a waiver of any fee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jarrell and approved with nine votes in favor. (Commissioner Fields was not in the room at the time.)

Pilgrim AME Church: Commissioner Ferrell stated the church is requesting a variance for parking and made a motion to support. Commissioner Basterrechea seconded. The motion passed with eight votes (Pernell, Quigley, Fields, Harris, Nelson, Ferrell, Basterrechea and Raglin). Commissioner Jarrell abstained.

920–922 Constitution Ave., NE: The BZA has scheduled a hearing of the ANC's appeal of the Zoning Administrator's permit approval for November 19, 2002. Commissioner Quigley nominated Ms. Virginia Gaddis to represent the Commission at the hearing. Eight commissioners voted to approve Ms. Gaddis (Pernell, Jarrell, Quigley, Harris, Nelson, Ferrell, Basterrechea and Raglin) and the designation was approved.

H Street Strategic Development Plan: Ms. Karina Ricks of the Office of Planning presented the results of the fall design charette. It breaks up H Street into several zones with varying natures (dining, grocery, residential, offices) with the intention of avoiding the "office ghetto" development that has occurred downtown. She stated that parking would be well represented and was a priority for businesses as well as residents. The city also plans to bring a trolley to H Street, reminiscent of its early days.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Submitted by:

Janet Quigley
ANC 6A Secretary

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Date Approved