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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street NW, Suite 210 S
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BY FAX: 727-6072

Re: BZA Appeal No. 16934
922 Constitution Avenue NE (Square 939, Lot 27)
Hearing Date: February 18, 2003

I am a former ANC6A Commissioner and a longstanding member of the ANC6A Zoning and Licensing Committee (recently renamed the Zoning and Economic Development Committee.). I provide the following chronology in response to issues raised by attorneys Holland & Knight LLP about ANC6A timeliness in the above referenced Appeal.

- **Tuesday, May 28, 2002**
  John Casey and JFC Builders, LLC were issued permit no. B445856 for "foundation only, no utilities" for 922 Constitution Avenue NE.

- **Thursday, June 6, 2002**
  In my capacity as a member of the ANC, I visited the permit processing section of the Zoning Office to see the application and obtain a copy for the ANC. The staff said that they had no new permits.

  On the same day, at the urging of Mr. Stephen Callcott of the DC Historic Preservation Office and as a result of a written invitation from me, Mr. Casey came to the regular monthly meeting of ANC6A. He informed those present that he had a new permit to do foundation work and would be digging by Monday A number of neighbors raised strong objections to his project.

  The meeting adjourned without a vote on the matter of 920 Constitution Avenue NE

- **Friday, June 7, 2002**
  Having found no permit at the Zoning Office the previous day, I went on June 7 to the Building and Land Regulation Administration (BLRA) of the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA). After seeking to speak with the BLRA Administrator and others, I was offered a "Complaint Referral" form to fill out. I filled it out on the spot, left it with the staff, who made a copy for me..

- **Thursday, July 11, 2002**
  ANC6A voted to file an appeal of the foundation permit because of strong constituent feelings on the matter.

- **Wednesday, July 24, 2002**
  Chair Ketith Jarrell with the aid of Daniel Pernell and Virginia Gaddis filed the Appeal with tthe Office of Zoning. (See attached appeal.)

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- **Thursday, July 25, 2002**
  Director of the Office of Zoning Jerrily Kress wrote to request additional data.

- **Thursday, September 4, 2002**
  Keith Jarrell, ANC 6A Chair, responded to Jerrily Kress, and provided the additional data requested

- **Thursday, November 7, 2002**
  At its regular monthly meeting, ANC6A voted to designate Zoning and Licensing Committee member and former Commissioner Virginia Gaddis represent them in the matter of the Appeal related to 920 Constitution Avenue NE.

- **Friday, November 15, 2002**
  Janet Quigley, ANC6A Secretary wrote to Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chair of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, to inform him that ANC6A had initiated its appeal in response to vigorous protests about the project at 920 Constitution Avenue NE on the part of members of the community, and that the Commission had voted to have Zoning and Licensing Committee member Virginia Gaddis would represent them in the matter.

I am enclosing a copy of Janet Quigley's letter indicating that ANC6A voted to have me represent them in this matter. Documentation of all other events listed above should already be in your files. If other relevent information comes to my attention before the February 18 hearing, I shall amend this chronology and forward it to you.

Thank you for your attention

Respectfully,

Virginia Gaddis
Commissioner, ANC6A (1981-1996)
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cc: Holland & Knight
Kass, Mitek & Kass
Mr. John Casey

Attached: Letter from Janet Quigley to Mr. Geoffrey Griffis

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Message:

I am sending a corrected copy of my letter of February 11, 2003 regarding BZA Appeal No. 16934, 922 Constitution Avenue NE. Please see that it gets into the appropriate case file.

Thank you.

Virginia Gaddis

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Re: Case No. 16934, 920-922 Constitution Ave., NE (Square 939, Lots 27 & 28);
Appeal of Zoning Administrator's issuance of Building Permit B445856

Dear Mr. Griffis:

ANC 6A appreciates the opportunity granted by the Board of Zoning Adjustment to revisit the decision by the Zoning Administrator to issue the subject building permit. The Commission initiated its request in response to vigorous protests by community members who felt that the proposed construction unfairly infringed on their living space. This issue has produced some of the highest community attendance this year at meetings of the full Commission and the Zoning & Licensing Committee.

The Commission was unable to meet in October and address this matter sooner. ANC 6A met on November 7, 2002 at a duly noticed meeting. Ten of thirteen commissioners were present, constituting a quorum. Commissioners present were Hall, Pernell, Jarrell, Quigley, Harris, Fields, Nelson, Basterrechea, Ferrell and Raglin. The Commission voted unanimously to authorize Ms. Virginia Gaddis, a citizen member of the Zoning & Licensing Committee and former ANC commissioner, to represent the Commission in this matter. She can be reached at (202) 547-0378.

Sincerely,

Janet Quigley
Secretary, ANC 6A