Statement before the Board of Zoning Adjustment
BZA Appeal No. 16950
1957 E Street N.W.
December 17, 2002

On behalf of WECA and the impacted residents of our neighborhood, I will speak to the parking issue which is also a very serious element of this case along with several comments on the landscaping plans and the retail space. I am Sara Maddux, Secretary, WECA and long term resident at 522 21st Street N.W.

As George Washington University has expanded its student enrollment, George Washington University moved more students into apartment buildings previously occupied by displaced long term D.C. residents, hired more faculty, and hired more support staff and contractual labor. This institution has drawn more individuals with vehicles searching for parking on the D.C. streets which has negatively impacted the residents being able to use the neighborhood parking spaces.

Residents with vehicles, nearly all of which are traditional automobiles, register their cars with the District of Columbia and may receive for an additional fee, a Zone 2 residential parking permit. In our part of the District of Columbia, you may not receive a Zone 2 parking permit unless your car is registered in the District of Columbia.

As a snap shot demonstration, I took pictures of out-of-state cars parked in the nearby neighborhood. This was done on Thursday, December 12, 2002 between 3:00 and 3:30 pm. This was a randomly selected time without consideration as to the scheduling of classes at GWU. The streets were 22nd Street N.W. between Virginia Avenue N.W. and F Street N.W., F Street between 22nd and 20th Streets N.W. and 21st Street N.W. between F and E Streets N.W. Out of approximately 85 parking spaces, cars with out-of-state plates, excluding Maryland and Virginia, totaled 22. Several of them had Zone 2 parking stickers in the windshields – an obvious error by the Department of Motor Vehicles. These cars are from New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Nevada, and Florida –i.e. states from which GWU draws its student body. Most of these parking spaces are unmetered except for 22nd Street and 21st Street. These unmetered spaces are those which should be available for residents with Zone 2 parking permits. None of the vehicles had Congressional identification stickers which would allow use of out-of-state plates and be parked in the District of Columbia. I have pictures of these vehicles on this noted date.

To ease this situation, as part of our agreement with GWU, a policy to be implemented was agreed upon which would state that freshmen and sophomore students at GWU would not bring personal vehicles into the Foggy Bottom/West End area. The student housing for freshmen and sophomores is concentrated in our part of the neighborhood.

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This agreement was reached in time for GWU to notify incoming freshman and returning sophomores for the academic year 2002-2003. GWU did not meet the requirements.

As a comparison, Georgetown University, also located in a congested urban area, on its website, states:

> Parking at Georgetown is extremely limited. The University is located in a congested and busy urban area where street parking is severely limited and strictly enforced. Campus parking is also limited, and there is a wait list for faculty and staff hired after May 1, 2000. Students who reside in University residence halls or townhouse properties are not eligible to park on campus; A limited number of spaces is available for commuter students at satellite lots in Rosslyn, Virginia.
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> The website (http://otm.georgetown.edu/welcome.cfm) continues with "Parking at Georgetown" and "Alternatives to Parking". For your information, copies of this are attached.
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> Catholic University of America has a similar parking program on its web site.
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> A longer list of out-of-state vehicles parked in a wider area of our neighborhood is attached. This lists totals over 80 vehicles. These vehicles are recognized by the residents because they are consistently parked in Foggy Bottom.

What was designed to accommodate the tax-paying, car-registering residents of our neighborhood is not out of character with the requirements of colleges and universities in other urban areas. This is to provide opportunities for residents to park near their homes without needing a long, unreasonable period of time to search for a parking space and perhaps needing to walk many blocks carrying groceries, etc. Time is of the essence to implement this part of the Zoning Order because of the upcoming second semester starting in January and notification information with the acceptance letters to be sent for the incoming freshman class of 2003-2004 and returning sophomores.

Another issue is the lack of implementation for the retail space on the ground floor. The agreed amenities include ground floor retail space for small businesses to provide goods and services for the neighborhood urban residents and employees of the federal agencies in the nearby buildings. There has been no action on this issue. Additionally, the windows in the structure are too small for attracting retail customers. A retail front needs large, open windows to attract customers.

George Washington University has not landscaped in accordance with the PUD agreement. Just this morning I walked over to review the plantings and the landscape design. I was greatly surprised to find that two large flag poles on very

large bases have been erected fronting on E Street. These flag poles were not part of the approved landscaping plans which were integral to the agreement for the PUD and should be removed. This is another piece of data which shows GWU's lack of compliance with the approved PUD which they purchased from the Associated General Contractors.

Thank you, and I would be pleased to take any questions.

Attachments: List of Vehicles
Website data re:parking from Georgetown University

License Plates Noted in the area of George Washington University, Foggy Bottom

Connecticut	625 PYE
	757 RBJ
California	3HRR056
	3KYT407
	4EDK2527
Florida	T50KGD
	IA6110
	U41PZN
Georgia	271 PMF
Illinois	T456947
	CB7130
	MJJ748
Massachusetts	5953 GH
	8835 JZ
New Jersey	ET318V
	NN729G
	MYM339
	GJ777A
	JNR59F
	MVA96T
	XR572M
	MSZ42X
	MTL11G
	ZX9118
	JWY50N
	LYF3T7
	ZE981P
	MTG13W
New York	BVP7058
	676787
	AWF1516
	EN1387
	BRN3254
	J195XR
	BVF7058

New York	BPV2877 BRK8173 UEZ920 CCL7353 DEW669 JEK492 VCB2157 HNS692 A612EN
New Hampshire	1457174 1467714
North Carolina	PWW6402 CXV6505 460KPJ NSF8320
Maine	113954
Michigan	RZT612
Minnesota	FHF729
Missouri	083EYM
Pennsylvania	ESR6870 DJX8490 ETA0516 EPY8119 ELE1440 DRS6338 EGS5384 ERD2285 EXX3588 DHB4963 ECA3874 EBG5236
Ohio	CE11 6072
Oklahoma	QTM 810
Rhode Island	GR76 JK 347

South Carolina	551 MXF
Utah	785 LAE
Tennessee	KVK 094 ANY 111 LWB 4451
Washington	246 KCD 739 NXJ
West Virginia	ENC 1926 EBJ 7929
Wisconsin	LYP 138
Vermont	AWA 623

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Office of Transportation Management: Welcome

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Welcome to the web site of the Office of Transportation Management (OTM), which responds to the parking and transportation needs of Georgetown's faculty, students, and staff of the Main Campus, the Medical Center, the Law Center, University Services, and their visitors. We look forward to helping you navigate our campus and our community.

Parking at Georgetown is extremely limited. The University is located in a congested and busy urban area where street parking is severely limited and strictly enforced. Campus parking is also limited, and there is a wait list for faculty and staff hired after May 1, 2000. Students who reside in University residence halls or townhouse properties are not eligible to park on campus; a limited number of spaces are available for commuter students at satellite lots in Rosslyn, VA. A limited number of visitor parking spaces are available for visitors to campus. There are also a number of arrangements for individuals from the Georgetown University Law Center visiting campus, as well as members of Yates Field House.

Fortunately, there are convenient alternatives to driving to campus. The Georgetown University Transportation Shuttle (GUTS) provides frequent service to and from Metrorail locations at Dupont Circle (in the District) and Rosslyn (in Virginia), as well to the Georgetown University Law Center on Capitol Hill, University offices on Wisconsin Avenue in Georgetown, and an Arlington Loop shuttle. Routes and schedules are available through this link. GUTS service is free of charge to faculty, staff and students with University I.D.s and Georgetown University Hospital physicians, staff, patients and visitors. It is also available for visitors and persons doing business on campus for a fee of $1 per ride. The Georgetown Metro Connection (unaffiliated with Georgetown University) which began bus service on September 4, 2001, provides frequent connections seven days a week in the Georgetown business district to the Rosslyn, Foggy Bottom/GWU and Dupont Circle Metro stations for a nominal fee.

Economical and convenient satellite parking in Rosslyn, VA and on Wisconsin Avenue in upper Georgetown is available to faculty and staff. A commuter bus from Montgomery Mall in Bethesda, MD provides weekday service for faculty and staff at a reasonable cost. OTM offers outstanding incentives for carpools, including free guaranteed campus parking for carpools of three or more employees, and a free matching service. The University also participates in the Metrochek and SmarTrip programs.

The University is engaged in the largest construction project in its 212-year history, the Southwest Quadrangle, which will add residential, dining and parking facilities to the campus. It is scheduled to open for occupancy in the fall of 2003. Please consult the SWQ website for current information regarding road closings

or changes in traffic patterns caused by the construction.

Please click on the links for directions to campus, taxicab information, Metrobus information, or a map of campus. A link to the Springfield Interchange Improvement Project is provided for construction updates and tips for avoiding delays for drivers passing through the exchange.

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The Office of Transportation Management has jurisdiction for all campus roadways and for the following parking lots:

- Lot 3, located west of the Southwest Quadrangle construction site, most easily accessed from the South entrance to campus via Canal Road.
- Lot 6, located behind Poulton Hall
- Lot 9, located adjacent to Lauinger Library
- Lot T, a temporary lot adjacent to the Leavey Center (see also Valet Parking)
- Leavey garage, Levels P-2 and P-3
- Lot Y, adjacent to Yates Field House
- Lots adjacent to White/Gravenor, Weismiller's and Ryan

All on-campus parking requires a current and properly displayed Georgetown University decal or a visitor parking pass issued by OTM. Parking decals and passes allow parking ONLY in the lot for which the decal or pass was issued. Individuals who park in unauthorized lots will be cited.

Other campus parking

All other campus parking lots, including Hospital Garages 1 and 2, Leavey Center P-1, Lots A, B, E, and G, are administered by Georgetown University Hospital. For more information on these facilities, please call 202-784-3802.

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Parking Rates

Effective July 1, 2002, parking rates will change. These rates will be effective through June 30, 2003.

On-campus parking:*	Employees earning above $84,900 (FICA taxable maximum)	$120.00 monthly/$60.00 biweekly
	Employees earning below	$110.00 monthly/$55.00 biweekly

	$84,900	
Satellite parking (Rosslyn and Wisconsin Avenue)		$90.00 monthly/$45.00 biweekly; $45.00 monthly/$22.50 biweekly **only** for individuals who volunteered prior to July 1, 2002

*(Employees who work in off-campus locations and park at those locations will pay these rates.)

Street parking around campus is severely limited and strictly enforced by the DC police (MPD) and the DC Department of Public Works (DPW). Most streets require a Zone 2 residential permit issued by the District of Columbia for parking for longer than two hours. A limited number of metered spaces are available on Reservoir Road, 37th Street and Prospect Street.

Parking decals

Decals are issued and renewed annually by OTM and must be paid through payroll deduction. (A four-year renewal cycle for permits is being phased out.) The self-adhesive decal should be placed on the inside of the driver's side rear window in the lower left-hand corner (facing the vehicle). If the vehicle is a model without a rear window*, the decal should be placed on the lower right-hand corner of the driver's side window.

*Virginia law does not allow decals to be placed on a driver's side window. If your car is registered in Virginia and you do not have a driver's side rear window, your decal may be placed on the upper center of the front windshield directly behind the rear-view mirror.

For decal holders, only one registered vehicle may be brought on campus at any time. On occasions when both cars must be on campus simultaneously, one car must pay the hourly or daily parking fee. If a second car is found to be on campus unauthorized, the car will be cited and booted. Multiple infractions may result in withdrawal of parking privileges on campus.

Replacement decals

Parking decals are not transferrable from one vehicle to another. If your car is sold, traded or wrecked, you are responsible for scraping off the old decal and bringing the remnants to OTM. If you bring the remnants, along with the proper registration documents, you will be issued a new decal free of charge. If you do not have the remnants, you must pay a fee of $35. This requirement also applies to cars that have been sold to another Georgetown University employee.

Lost decals

Due to the self-adhesive nature of the decal, it is highly improbable for the decal to be lost once properly affixed to the window of a vehicle. An individual claiming to have lost a decal will be required to pay a replacement fee of $35. If the decal has been stolen, a report should be filed with the Department of Public Safety or the police district in which the crime took place. The $35 fee will be waived if a copy of the incident report is provided to OTM.

Key cards

Key cards are issued by OTM for individuals who park in Leavey P2/P3, Lot 6 and Lot 9 and require a deposit of $25 by the employee, $20 of which will be refunded if the card is returned when parking is no longer required. Lost or stolen keycards will be deactivated and replaced for a non-refundable fee of $35.

Valet parking

When Lot T and Lot 3 become full, valet parking is implemented. Valet trailers are staffed until 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. After 7 p.m. and before 11 p.m., keys can be retrieved from the OTM office at the P-2 level of the Leavey garage. After 11 p.m., keys will be held at the Department of Public Safety office, located in Room 116, Village C. Parkers may retrieve their keys from the attendant shortly before 7 p.m., even if they do not plan to move their vehicles from the campus until later.

Student parking

Students who reside in University residence halls or townhouse properties are not eligible for daily or monthly parking on campus.

A limited number of spaces are available for commuter students at satellite lots in Rosslyn, VA. Assignment will be decided by lottery at the beginning of the fall semester. Students residing in the District of Columbia or in Virginia at zip codes 22201, 22203 (east of Glebe Road), 22207 (east of Glebe Road-Lorcum Lane-Military Road boundary), 22209, 22210, and 22216, are not eligible for a parking permit. Applications for the lottery may be obtained from OTM. The cost of this parking for the 2001-2002 year is $520 per semester.

All current University students (with valid ID), including evening and continuing education students, and students attending local colleges and universities that are members of the Consortium, may park in Lot 3 or Lot T after 5:00 p.m. for a fee of $1.00. Cars must be out of the lot by 6 a.m. the following morning.

Visitor parking

A limited number of visitor parking spaces are available on an hourly or daily basis at the Leavey Center P-1 or Lot A. These spaces are managed separately by the Georgetown University Hospital and can be reached by entering campus from Reservoir Road Entrance 1..

Disability parking

Visitors whose vehicles display valid state-issued physical disability permits may park at visitor-designated physical disability parking spaces after paying the posted visitor parking rate. Faculty and staff with a valid annual decal and state-issued disability permit who require special handicapped parking spaces will be assigned to a specific parking space by OTM.

Wait lists for parking

On-campus parking is not available to employees hired after May 1, 2000, with the exception of full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty who provide OTM with a letter from their dean or department chair to verify the type of appointment. Individuals may place their names on a wait list for on-campus parking at the OTM office. The list is reviewed regularly, but it is not possible to predict when an on-campus space will become available. The number of parking spaces available on campus is capped by the District of Columbia government.

Individuals who have an on-campus parking decal and who wish to switch their lot assignment may put their name on a wait list at the OTM office. These lists are reviewed regularly, but it is not possible to predict when a space will become available in the requested lot.

Law Center visitors

Law Center faculty and staff who have a valid parking decal may park in Lot 3 or Lot T free of charge.

Law Center students with a valid parking decal may park in Lot 3 or Lot T for a maximum of six hours for a fee of $4.00. Joint degree Law students who purchase daily parking at the Law Center can exchange that ticket for free parking on the Main Campus valid that day only. Law students visiting Yates Field House will receive a 3-hour pass at no charge to park in Lot 3 or Lot T.

Yates Field House members

Members are allowed to park for free in Lot T or Lot 3 before 9:30 a.m. and after 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday with a valid Yates ID card. Parking between 9:30 and 4:30 p.m. is permitted for a fee of $4 for a maximum of two hours per visit. Law students visiting Yates Field House will receive a 3-hour pass at no charge to park in Lot 3 or Lot T.

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Wisconsin Avenue Satellite Parking

Satellite parking is available at 2233 Wisconsin Avenue and can be arranged by contacting OTM. Beginning Monday, August 19, 2002, free GUTS service runs every 10 minutes to and from campus between 7:00-9:40 a.m. and between 3:00-7:00 p.m. and every 20 minutes at other times. Individuals who must work late may move their vehicles onto campus to Lot T after 5:00 p.m., and will be admitted by showing the parking attendant their satellite parking key card.

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Rosslyn Satellite Parking

Satellite parking facilities for faculty, staff and commuter students are available at a garage near the Rosslyn Metro. Free shuttle service to and from campus is provided between 5 a.m. and 11 p.m. The satellite shuttle runs every 15 minutes between 5:00-9:15 a.m. and between 3:30-7:00 p.m. During non-rush hour times, satellite parking is serviced by the Rosslyn GUTS bus, which runs every 20 minutes. Individuals who must work late may move their vehicles onto campus to Lot T after 5:00 p.m., and will be admitted by showing the parking attendant their satellite parking key card.

Charters

Limited charter service is available by prior arrangement. Charter requests must be made at least 30 days in advance. Contact OTM at 202-687-4372.

Montgomery Mall commuter bus

Free parking is available at the Park 'N' Ride lot at Montgomery Mall in Bethesda. The commuter bus leaves Montgomery Mall at 7:30 a.m., arriving at campus at 8:15 a.m. In the evening, the bus leaves campus at 5:15 p.m., arriving Montgomery Mall at 6 p.m. The cost for the bus is $40 per month, effective July 1, 2002.

Metrochek

Through this program, you may purchase mass transit passes from the Office of Transportation Management (OTM) on a pre-tax basis through payroll deduction. The pre-tax benefit from Metrochek has increased from $65 to a maximum of $100 per month.

SmarTrip

Georgetown employees who use all their Metrochek benefits on Metrorail (including expenses at Metro-operated parking lots) can sign up for a digital SmarTrip card, which allows employees to access their benefit directly at designated machines in Metro stations, rather than having to visit the OTM office. The University can load the Metrochek benefit directly into the card's account via the web, saving time and paperwork. Georgetown will pay the initial $5 fee for the SmarTrip card; however, if the card is lost or stolen, the employee must pay for a replacement. The benefit must be collected from the FareCard machine each month. Amounts not collected from the FareCard machine will be forfeited. Once the amount has been loaded onto the card, the benefit amount can be used at any time. Please see the WMATA site for additional details. For more information on how to receive the SmarTrip benefit, click here. (Requires the free Acrobat Reader)

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Carpools

We have reduced the parking rate for carpools. Currently the cost of a single decal is split among the number of riders in the carpool. The new rates will be as follows:

2 member carpool – Each member will pay 25% of the on-campus parking rate for a total of 50% of the on-campus rate.

3 or more member carpool – Free parking on campus

All members of the carpool must be University employees and current parkers to receive this benefit. Carpools will be guaranteed on-campus parking. OTM staff can assist in locating other faculty and staff who live on your route of travel. or you may register your search for carpool members.

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Motorcycles

Individuals who ride motorcycles to work will be guaranteed an on-campus parking space in designated motorcycle parking areas. Motorcyclists will pay the applicable on-campus parking rate. A decal will be issued for motorcycles, but the decal is not transferrable to an automobile. Motorcycles may not park in a space designed for full-sized vehicles or bicycle parking areas.

Bicycles

Bicycles ridden on campus must be registered with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) located in Room 116, Village C. Bicycles must be parked in bicycle racks or other spaces or areas designated for their use and must be parked clear of sidewalks, ramps, building entrances and handrails/fences. Bicycles can only

be operated along designated "Bike Path" areas. Any bicycle parked in violation of the regulations governing bicycles on the campus will be cited and impounded. A copy of the full set of regulations may be obtained from OTM, located in the P-2 level of the Leavey garage.

Taxicabs

A taxi stand is located at the Georgetown Conference Center entrance.

Metrobus and Metrorail

The University is served by the G-2, D-2 and D-4 Metrobuses routes. Check the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) website for schedules. The closest Metrorail stops are Rosslyn on the Blue/Orange Line and Dupont Circle on the Red Line. See the GUTS link for information on shuttle service to and from those locations.