11/4/03 BZA Testimony in Opposition to Case #16970
Combines with Exhibit #294

I am Cheryl L. Tennille. I live at 2950 Newark Street and formerly at Highland and Newark. Our 3 children spent 7 years at NCRC. MY husband and I were on the Board, gave our house for NCRC House Tour twice and I chaired the Scholarship Fund and Outreach.

I have spent a large part of my life in education.
I speak as an educator. This is not about education.

NCRC is accredited. Its Feb. 2002 building project claimed dire need of space, yet September 20002, NCRC added 4 more children to its enrollment.
It aspires to be a model center (for which there are no criteria at the nursery level).
But if a model center causes damage around it, if anything else, it works against being a model.

I speak about all the traffic beyond the view of NCRC. All that Director Piggot never sees.

Due to the no left turn from Newark onto Conn. Ave. 7-930am and 4-to 6:30pm, all Highland, Ashley and Newark are hemmed in and must go to 34th and Newark at the same time as the coming and going of NCRC.

While walking last May on Highland at 9:05am, 5 SUVs, coming from E. and W. ran the stop sign, careened around the corner at high speed onto and up Highland, only to be outdone by a speeding Bowie Waste Management truck also going to NCRC.

May 22, coming home at 6:55pm, the all parent traffic management meeting was letting out amidst the remnants of a

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4:50pm accident and the neighbors own rush hour. Parents were oblivious, weaving strollers with children between moving cars.

The school notified neighbors. Notice doesn't help because employers don't change their behavior for NCRC notices. Parents don't change their behavior after traffic meetings either.

If NCRC were concerned about safety, they would be more concerned about the number of cars and safety beyond their view OVER their 3rd floor where my children spent three happy safe years, just as they lived at home.

The HARM is here NOW. We don't want to EXPAND harm.

See the numbers of exhibit 294, These numbers say adding 10 children and 6 faculty make a bad situation worse.
NUMBERS TRANSLATE TO SAFETY.

There is a history of elastic numbers, expanding as if a moving target, a new math. How can we know? At some point the elastic is pulled until it snaps---that could be an accident.

We have no alleys, no boulevards, and often no sidewalks. Mine and many door steps are under 20 steps to the street.
Look at the pool of risk.

All depends on what is---is---is a priority.
Nursery and day care are optional.
SAFETY IS NOT.
RISK IS THERE EVEN FOR THE CHILDREN.

The only people for whom this is about education are 10 unnamed families.

EXHIBIT #294 to Support Opposition to Case # 16970 and
To Support Tennille Testimony

Summary of Traffic INCREASE Using Piggot Numbers from Her May 7, 2003 Testimony

- For current admission process over its 5 ½ month period traffic increase equals 1478 car trips through our neighborhood.
- For 10 new students (which would be 14 but for 4 children added after need for building announced), admission process adds 80 trips through neighborhood.
- For 6 new faculty, hiring process adds 72 trips, given nature of part time.
- TOTAL = 1630 added trips through neighborhood for admission of children and hiring of faculty/staff.
- GRAND TOTAL ON DAILY BASIS = current 600 trips+ new 76 trips (40 car trips of children + as many as 36 car trips of faculty/staff) through neighborhood equals 676

676 cars daily from current and future added children and staff + 72 cars daily minimum increase from admission and hiring process equals 748 cars per day during at least 5 ½ months out of the nine months.

748 daily cars does NOT include any of the hiring and admission process for the summer camp of 100 children and unknown number of faculty, staff, teacher interns and college and high school students.

Exhibit 294 of case #16970

Admission Activity

Numbers from Piggot testimony:

Tours:most days Oct-Dec., 8 per day

8 x 5 days = 40 visits per week

40 x 4wks = 160 per month

160 x 3 mons. = 483 tours

483 x 2 = 966 arrive and depart trips plus depart trip through neighborhood

Play Sessions: Jan and Feb (go into March but not counted to balance week lost at Xmas)
8 children per day

8 x 4 days =32 visits per week

32 x 4weeks = 128 visits per month

128 x 2 mons,. = 256 visits for 2 mons.

256 x 2 = 512 arrive and depart trips through neighborhood

TOTAL:966+ 512 = 1478 trips through neighborhood

For ten new children there will be 40 more admission process trips
40 more trips for attending NCRC

TOTAL: 80

For 6 new faculty there will be at least 12 trips for hiring

TOTAL: 24

If 1/3 of each full time staff member to account for one full time staff member the numbers could go to 18 new faculty: 36 trips for hiring

TOTAL: 72 max number new trips through neighborhood

GRAND TOTAL: 1478 + 80 +(24 to 72) = 1582 to 1630 trips through the neighborhood

On a daily basis the traffic will increase by 40 car trips for 10 children and as many as 36 car visits by faculty/staff = 76 visits. Given current 300. New total could be 376.