BZA Record
Opposition #16970

3300 Highland Place NW
Washington DC 20008

14 November 2003

Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St., Suite 201
Washington DC 20001

Dear Mr. Griffis,

As the deadline for input regarding the proposed expansion of NCRC approaches, I want to bring to your attention some of the ongoing concerns I, as a near neighbour of the school, have about the possibility of a larger institutional presence in the area.

The BZA has already heard multiple statements about the disruptions caused by parents and caregivers driving through our neighbourhood several times a day and parking (sometimes illegally, often inconsiderately) on these residential streets. So I won't rehearse those objections. Rather, I want to register my dismay that the school's STAFF continue to park illegally in front of my house, despite the school's repeated reassurances to us *and despite* their knowledge that the neighbourhood is at present particularly sensitive to such practices.

The space in front of my house has been routinely occupied by NCRC staff cars all day, every weekday, causing extraordinary inconvenience to my family and friends who might want to use the space for an hour or two. For me, the last straw came last February, when one of the teachers calmly pulled into the space I had cleared after an hour of shovelling. This kind of utter incivility has been matched by an equally contemptuous disregard for traffic laws: NCRC staff continue to park so close to the STOP sign on the corner that cars have to pull dangerously into the intersection before they can turn on to 33rd Place. The risky turn, combined with the increase of traffic on Highland and 33rd, makes for an accident waiting to happen.

I am enclosing a couple of photographs which exemplify the problem I've described; I could have taken dozens more, but didn't want to tax your patience (or mine!).

My point is this: NCRC assures the BZA and the neighbours that the expansion would not adversely affect the neighbourhood. Is it logical to trust that reassurance when the school cannot instill in its own employees a respect for the neighbourhood...and the law?

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Tara Wallace

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Photographs of NCRC staff cars parked on Highland

7 November 2003



10 November 2003



Photographs of NCRC staff cars parked on Highland Place:

12 November 2003. This Jeep was ticketed on 13 November 2003 for parking in the same spot. It was also filmed parked in this spot on 16 October 2003 (please see videotape).

