GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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Geoffrey Griffis, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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RE: Tudor Place Foundation, Inc., Application No. 16974

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board:

On February 4, 2003, at the regularly scheduled meeting of ANC 2E, which was duly noticed and attended by all seven commissioners, constituting a quorum, considerable time and discussion were devoted to the above-referenced application.

Commissioners heard neighbors who oppose the application, and from neighbors who support it. In addition, the commission office received in advance of the meting correspondence from large numbers of neighbors in favor of the zoning application. We understood that the administration at Tudor Place, in preparing its application, had consulted with neighbors on addressing issues of noise, traffic and parking. We saw therein a demonstrated concern for arriving at the means of addressing problems in a way that was mutually acceptable to Tudor Place and to those neighbors who participated in the discussions.

Further, commissioners were persuaded by the expression of intent offered by the director of Tudor Place to concentrate on the preservation and presentation of this historic property, not to be consumed with developing a schedule of special events beyond the current level of activities. It seemed clear to us that the purpose of the program at Tudor Place is the interpretation of the house; that any special events are to be ancillary, in support of that program.

Following the discussion, ANC 2E considered the following motion, which passed by unanimous vote:

ANC 2E recognizes that:

Tudor Place represents Georgetown and the American spirit in a unique yet fragile way,

That the generous bequest of its owner is unequalled in our community's historic fabric,

That the property was donated as a symbol of life and love for the community,

That the executive director and trustees have worked and continue to work extremely closely and with the utmost respect for its neighbors, and

That permitting use of the facility as requested is within the ability of the neighborhood to accept and enjoy,

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COMMISSIONERS:

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ANC 2E hereby supports the Board of Zoning Adjustment application for a period of five years and recommends approval of the application without delay.

Thank you for your attention in this matter and we trust the Board will give "great weight" to the motion of ANC 2E.

Sincerely,

Tom Birch
Chairman, ANC 2E