Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
Van Ness South Tenants' Association, Inc.
4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 30, 2003
Van Ness South Social Room

ATTENDANCE:

Archstone-Smith	**VNSTA Board**
Jim Rosenberg, President, Residential	Karen Perry, President
David Elliot, Vice President	Morad Eghbal, Vice President
Anne Beard, Marketing	Carol Woodard, Secretary
Rob Whitaker, Operations Manager	Brian Lederer, Asst. Treasurer
Jay Berkowitz, Community Manager	Eleanor Sreb, Treasurer
	Charles Cassell, Director
	Abla Majaj, Director
	Faris Bouhafa, resident & consultant to the Board

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held in order for the Board to meet with the new president of the Residential Division of Archstone-Smith. The Board requested this meeting to appeal to Mr. Rosenberg for Archstone to reconsider the proposed design, refurbishment and architectural renovations to the lobby of Van Ness South, and to express the residents' and Board's strong opposition to the placement of a walled-in click café across the entire back seating area of the lobby blocking the glass wall and the open expanse of the lobby. Board members outlined for Mr. Rosenberg the almost two years of meetings with previous Smith Residential management representatives and former property managers wherein the click café had been discussed and the dismay and shock to see that when the lobby plans were unveiled, none of the Board and resident concerns were taken into account or addressed by the plans. Following a lively and sometime contentious one-hour discussion as to the reasons residents did not want the click café located in the back of the lobby and some possible alternative sites for the café, Mr. Rosenberg said he would weigh all the opinions expressed by the Board and his Marketing and Operations staff and he would get back to the Board with his decision. The discussion then turned to the timetable for the back plaza renovations and repairs to seal leaks and the pavers that would replace the existing plain concrete, the need to refurbish the Social Room, the possible expansion of the fitness center, and the vacant valet/cleaner space on the West G-2 level.

The Board thanked Mr. Rosenberg for meeting with them and requested an early decision.

After the departure of the Archstone-Smith representatives, the Board reconvened at 5:45 p.m. and discussed whether there was a need to prepare a news alert regarding the click café. It was decided it would be better to wait until Mr. Rosenberg's decision on the click café was conveyed to the Board. President Perry was excused while Carol Woodard briefed the Board on the July 15, 2003, Burke BZA hearing. Discussion was had concerning who would testify at the October 14th BZA hearing. Morad Eghbal, the VNSTA witness at the BZA hearing on Burke two years ago, was not sure that his teaching schedule in Baltimore would permit his attendance although he had been prepared for the July hearing. Discussion was had and it was determined that Brian Lederer would testify on behalf of VNSTA or, in the event his schedule precluded his appearance, another member of the Board would be asked to testify.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Woodard

Carol Woodard, Secretary

BZA
Case No. 17022
Exhibit No. 169
Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
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