July 15, 2003

Via fax
Government of the District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Appeal 17043 (708 Massachusetts Avenue, NE; a.k.a. 708 Constitution Avenue, NE)

Dear Board Members,

This letter is a request to enter the following two letters from residents of my Single Member District into the record for BZA 17043. Attached please find copies of a letter from Maygene Daniels of the 800 block of Massachusetts Avenue, NE and an e-mail from Stuart Richens of the 200 block of 8th Street, NE.

If you have any questions or need further information, please me at 202-544-3734.

Respectfully yours,

Cody Rice

Cody Rice
Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner (6A03)

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9 July 2003

Dear Cody

Thank you very much for your excellent letter on the subject of parking at MedLink. We fully support your concern about the adequacy of 85 parking spaces for 177 beds and 300+ employees and urge you to continue your effort to demand that this be reconsidered. Parking is a major neighborhood concern. Our block (800 Massachusetts Ave) is heavily impacted by out-of-area vehicles often

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illegally parked. Adequate street parking for residents is not available on evenings and weekends (when residents are at home) even now. We believe that increased Medlink parking would make the situation intolerable. The Facility has a positive responsibility to ensure that it's impact on the surrounding blocks is benign — and we are very grateful to you for pursuing this important neighborhood interest!

Sincerely,

Maygene Daniels

Maygene Daniels
816 Massachusetts Ave. NE
Washington, DC 20002

From: "Stuart Richens" <srichens@eaglepub.com>
To: "'rice_cody@yahoo.com'" <rice_cody@yahoo.com>
Subject: MedLink parking problems
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2003 09:41:06 -0400

Cody:

Thanks for your letter regarding the MedLink facility. I've been a Hill resident for 10 years. I bought (and moved to) 229 8th Street a couple of years ago because I believed in Holladay's plans for the area. Union Square is beautiful - I don't know why the neighbors fought so hard against the MedLink development. Perhaps you can issue a follow up letter at some point to advise the neighborhood on the status of the overall project (I've heard that Holladay still owns part of the property and that MedLink is bankrupt) and what we can do to get it going.

MedLink is an eye-sore...and it is a terrible neighbor.

Regarding current parking problems...

I walk to work every day. My "commute" takes me up "C" street NW. Every day (including mornings when that section of "C" is supposed be cleared for street cleanings - but never is that enforced), there are cars parked all over "C" with Maryland tags. These cars are very often occupied by individuals who appear to have some type of business with the Medlink. 2 hour parking rules (from what I have seen) are never adhered to or enforced. Those loitering on "C" street frequently litter the tree boxes and lawns surrounding MedLink (beer cans, fast food packaging). I notice similar problems on 7th Street when I go for walks after work. The biggest problem I notice with 8th Street regarding the MedLink (aside from the vagrants) is the trash that is dumped next to the parked cars of those visiting the MedLink.

MedLink visitors and staff (and the many vagrants that the facility attracts) frequently dump beer cans, soda cans, bags of potato chips, etc, in the MedLink lawns. The trash is never cleaned up by the MedLink staff and is a major eye-sore for the neighborhood. In addition, the dumpster on "C" street is a health concern. It is rarely emptied and the overflow trash spills all over "C" street.

The MedLink used to organize daily trash pick-ups. Those are no longer done.

Vagrants practically live on the lawns of MedLink on the 8th Street side - dumping beer cans and other trash. Cars are frequently broken in to (I have the police report for my car which was broken in to while parked on 8th street adjacent to the MedLink).

Finally - in the last 12 months, I have had to have 2 burned out cars towed from parking spots bordering the MedLink - one on 8th and one on "C". Neither were the cars of residents of the neighborhood. Were they MedLink visitors or staff - I have no idea - but MedLink certainly made now move to have the cars towed.

I appreciate your help with this matter. If there is anything I can do - please let me know.

Regards,

Stuart Richens