Government of the District of Columbia
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3-D
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October 3, 2003

Ms. Jerrily R. Kress
Director, Office of Zoning
Suite 201 441 4th Street NW
Washington DC 20001

Re: BZA # 17054 – 3101 Chain Bridge Road NW. Neighbors are appealing this permit because of a number of violations they see in the issuance of the permit and the subsequent construction by the builder.

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Dear Ms. Kress:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 1, 2003 at Sibley Memorial Hospital's Ernst Auditorium. Proper notice was given of this meeting through the newspaper, on our website and by posting notices around the neighborhoods. A quorum (4) was present at all times.

One of the items on the agenda was a protest by neighbors regarding the construction of a new house at 3101 Chain Bridge Road and whether the construction involves violations of either the zoning code or the Chain Bridge Road/University Terrace Overlay. The Commission spent considerable time on this matter.

Despite at least three personal invitations from the Commission chair, the builder, Brian Logan, declined to attend the hearing, nor did he send legal representative. Thus by default, the Commission was dependent upon the testimony of protesting residents of Chain Bridge Road, led by Henry P. Sailer and Steven S. Wolf.

After listening to the testimony and raising questions, the Commission, by a 6-0-0 vote, adopted the following resolution to be presented to the BZA on this case:

BZA
Case No. 17054
Exhibit No. 21

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 17054
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RESOLUTION

"The Commission finds that the residents of Chain Bridge Road made a persuasive, convincing case that either the zoning code and/or the Chain Bridge Road/University Terrace Overlay have been violated in several regards by DCRA's Zoning Administrator in issuing the building permit and by the builder during construction. The commission urges, therefore, that BZA give serious, favorable consideration to the complaints filed by a group of Chain Bridge Roads residents. Should BZA agree that there have been violations of the zoning code or the overlay plan, the commission urges a severe reprimand of the office of zoning administrator in DCRA and punitive action against the builder."
The commission urges that this adopted resolution be given "great weight" by the BZA, as specified in D.C. law.

Sincerely,

John W. Finney
Chair, ANC3D