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RE: BZA Application No. 17079 (Lot 27, Square 818)
417 A Street, SE, Bed & Breakfas

Dear Jerrily Kress:

I am writing to you about BZA Application No. 17079, which requests a special exception to Section 203.8 of the municipal regulations to increase the number of rooms in the B & B located at 417 A Street, SE, from 2 to 4 or 6. Zoning Administrator, Robert Kelly, previously denied an application to revise the Home Occupation Permit to permit more than 2rooms, and stated that the applicant was also required to request a special exception to waive the parking requirements of Section 2100.5 of the regulations. I am writing to ask you to deny a special exception to Section 203.8 for any increase in the number of rooms, and to re-affirm The Zoning Administrator's decision that a special exception to waive the parking requirements of Section 2100.5 would also be required by the property.

While this process creates a formidable paper trail and has the appearance of preserving the integrity of existing neighbor status, it is clearly not functioning properly when the owners of said property clearly misrepresented their intent and cost of renovation in a formal application. At no time did the owners approach any neighbor and engage them in a dialogue or process that would solicit their input. In fact , the whole renovation and announcement of a new B&B was veiled with misinformation. In addition the new neighborhood resident, recently having arrived from England, was never introduced even though he is the purported manager of the facility !

Parking around 5th and A is often impossible with the closeness of Hill eateries and other recently transitioned establishments running fundraisers and hosting cocktail parties. Allowing further disintegration of the neighborhood by pushing folks further from their homes seems unreasonable. Increasing the number of rooms would result in additional parking problems for us and my neighbors, some of whom are elderly and cannot walk the 3, 4 or 5 blocks required to find parking on some

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evenings. Parking is a number one concern of homeowners and allocating existing parking space to another B&B would decrease the value of the neighborhood homes.

The public hearing has now been scheduled for December 2, 2003. I request that you consider this matter and deny the special exception. I know that I am not alone in feeling that a grant of this special exception would seriously affect not only the parking, but the quality of life in our neighborhood.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Jackie Eiting & Richard Weimer
107 5th Street Southeast

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