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TO: Cliff Moy
Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA)

FROM: Ken Laden,
Associate Director

DATE: May 11, 2007

RE: **Sidwell Friends School (SFS); 3825 Wisconsin Avenue, NW**
BZA Application #17149

APPLICATION

The Sidwell Friends School (SFS) requests, pursuant to 11 DCMR 2500.1, special exception to increase to a maximum of 825 students one year after the Certificate of Occupancy of the newly constructed parking garage and "DDOT's submission of evidence to the Zoning Administrator that the garage is working successfully."

RECOMMENDATION IN BRIEF

DDOT conditionally approves the new parking and believes it is working appropriately. SFS has demonstrated that the measures to reduce peak parking demands are effective. DDOT staff observed the functionality of the garage during a site visit on May 11, 2007 from 7:45 a.m. until 9 a.m.

DDOT requests that the applicant provide additional signs for outbound traffic located at the driveway for the garage. Drivers need additional warning to stop at the pavement marking (also known as a 'stop bar') before entering the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue, NW and Rodman Street, NW.

DDOT staff also requests that the applicant meet with the DDOT Traffic Services signal engineering staff to review the newly installed signal at Wisconsin Avenue, NW and Rodman Street, NW. The signal should provide pedestrian countdown measures to allow for optimum pedestrian safety. During the May 11 field visit, DDOT staff observed the

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DDOT staff plans to take review measures associated with the parking in the most east travel lane of Wisconsin Avenue, NW in the 3800 block. That lane of parking obstructs sightline visibility as observed during the morning rush hour. The parking is already restricted during the afternoon rush hour time period.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

The applicant has provided as much data or proposed measures that allow DDOT to recommend approval for the special exception. DDOT feels the applicant has demonstrated the various actions in order to mitigate the impacts on the surrounding community are having the desired results. DDOT requests that the school continue with its aggressive carpooling program and encourage use of public transportation to reduce vehicle trips to SFS. Additionally, future monitoring of such actions (i.e. carpools, public transportation use and car sharing) needs to be shared with DDOT, ANC 3C and ANC 3F. Therefore, DDOT recommends the **approval** of the special exception application.

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