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Government of the District of Columbia

For Hearing 29 June 2004
BZA Case No. 17149

Dear Mr. Kress:

I regret very much that my own situation (minor surgery tomorrow) will not only prevent me from attending your June 29 hearing but also from composing a good letter on the subject of Sidwell Friends School's expansion plans. I shall, however, say for the hearing record that those proposing the project have shown high disregard for the entire neighborhood and for the District Government. They have not only been exceeding the zoning cap in their current permit on the number of students but are requesting a substantial increase in allowable enrollment over and above their present illegal number.

I request that this letter be read by the board and taken into account when they make their decisions. These comments are concurred in by at least half a dozen alums and school parents whom I know personally.

The school, as you know, proposes construction of a garage, which, were it not for the loss of precious green open space, would be a good thing. They say that building it underground will not damage the water table. What assurance and substantiation do you have for this claim? Their land lies above our neighborhood, and we are aware of damage from similar construction nearby.

There are other matters:

1) Confinement of construction machinery, equipment, and vehicles to the campus itself during the period of construction – five years

2) Strict cap on enrollment in accordance with the current agreed-to permit?

3) Student parking
Require that all student and employee parking be in the garage-to-be .
The DDOT has suggested, in Mr. Laden's thoughtless memo to you of June 1, that students park on Quebec Street – only Quebec Street. Just where??
Quebec Street is already too popular with commuters and is over-parked all day

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long from September to June. Often, when workmen come to do work or repairs on my house or yard, they have to leave their trucks and materials around the corner or in the next block. One time out of three, I, too, have to park on Idaho, about a block away. There is parking on 37th Street, but there is another school there – Hearst School, a public school. What about it? And what about The Washington Home?

I urge you to reject DDOT's blithe supposition (recommendation?) that students can park on Quebec, and I respectfully ask that you stipulate that all student transportation be via school buses. School buses would solve all student transportation problems nicely. Perhaps Sidwell still has a few although I personally have not seen any for two or three years. They should be the required mode of transportation for all students, even the rich teenagers. It wouldn't hurt them, you know. Might even be good for them.

Let me say that until now I have been pleased to have Sidwell Friends in my neighborhood. It is as we all know, an excellent school with a lovely campus, and we can live with occasional disruptions on 37th St.* Nevertheless, although they have made some welcome modifications, they continue determinedly to bully the neighborhood, really, and it is outrageous.

Please, please reject their request for student (and employee) parking on residential streets – ours.

Please take your governmental responsibility to protect our ground water.

And please keep all construction vehicles and materiel off our neighborhood streets. There is plenty of room on the campus itself.

Finally, please ensure that all your requirements will be enforceable and enforced.

Thank you for your consideration of these urgent needs.

Very truly yours,

Dixie Scott

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* But we can't live with an all-day, every day, five-year takeover of our streets and peace and quiet by ~~[illegible]~~ and school cars heavy trucks. 5

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MESSAGE: Att: Linda

I expected to get this to you before 5 p.m., but when I got to my office to use the computer it was being "scanned" for viruses, etc., and before I could get to it, you had left for the day.

I trust this letter will still be in time for the hearing and inclusion in the record.

Thank you very much for your help.

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