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ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3-D
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July 8, 2004

Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW Suite 210-S
Washington DC 20001

Re: BZA 17201-1523 Elliott Place NW

Dear Mr. Griffis:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 7, 2004 at Sibley Memorial Hospital's Ernst Auditorium. A quorum was present (4) at all times. Proper notice was given more than seven days in advance of this meeting in the Northwest Current newspaper, around the neighborhoods, on our website (wwwANC3D.org) and by email and by phone. (We do not meet in August, and our next meeting will be September 8, therefore we had to hear this request at our July meeting).

One of the items on our agenda was a request for a special exception to allow the construction of a two-story rear addition to a single-family row dwelling under section 223, not meeting the lot occupancy requirements, side yard requirements and nonconforming structure provisions in the R-1-B District at 1523 Elliott Place NW.

Ms. Janet Mann, owner of the property came before the Commission with her architect and showed plans for the addition. Since the extension is limited, her house is so tiny, the neighbors have no complaints, it is creating a hardship for the owner (she must go outside and then in through the basement door to do her laundry) and other neighbors have done similar work the Commissioners voted 6-0-1 (one Commissioner recused himself because his wife does other work with the architect) to approve this request. We felt it met all the criteria for a special exception.

ANC3D, therefore, requests that the BZA gives our decision the "great weight" to which we are entitled.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Alma H. Gates
Alma H. Gates, Esq.
Chair, ANC3D

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