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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W. , Suite 210-South
Washington, D.C. 20001

Case No. 17261 – Testimony in Opposition

Dear Board Members,

I, Shirley Lewis, am the owner and occupier of the property at 3107 14th Street, N.E., which is 15 feet from the property at 1415 and 1419 Jackson Street, N.E. , on which Brookland Union Baptist Church is proposing to build a 24-space parking lot (See attached location map).

I have lived in this house for more than 30 years. When I first came to this neighborhood, Brookland Union Church and its pastor Rev. Joseph A. Miles were friendly and helpful to the neighbors. Over the years, as new pastors came to the church, this friendliness has disappeared, and in the last few years, the church has done things to our neighborhood that I could not believe a church would do.

They bought a nice bungalow on Jackson Street, and tore it down. Then, they said that they wanted to park cars there. The neighbors asked them not to, but they did anyway. Then they bought another nice bungalow, and just let it run down. I could see people coming in and out of that house at all hours of the day and night. We tried to talk to the church about fixing the house up, and they said that they would try to, but they never did. Finally, they cut down the trees, and tore that house down. There is now a big fence around the property, and it looks terrible.

The church says that they want to build a parking lot. I don't want a parking lot in my back yard, with the noise and the lights and the exhaust fumes. I certainly don't want to have people coming day and night, the way they were in the run-down house.

Please don't let Brookland Union build a parking lot in my back yard.

Sincerely,

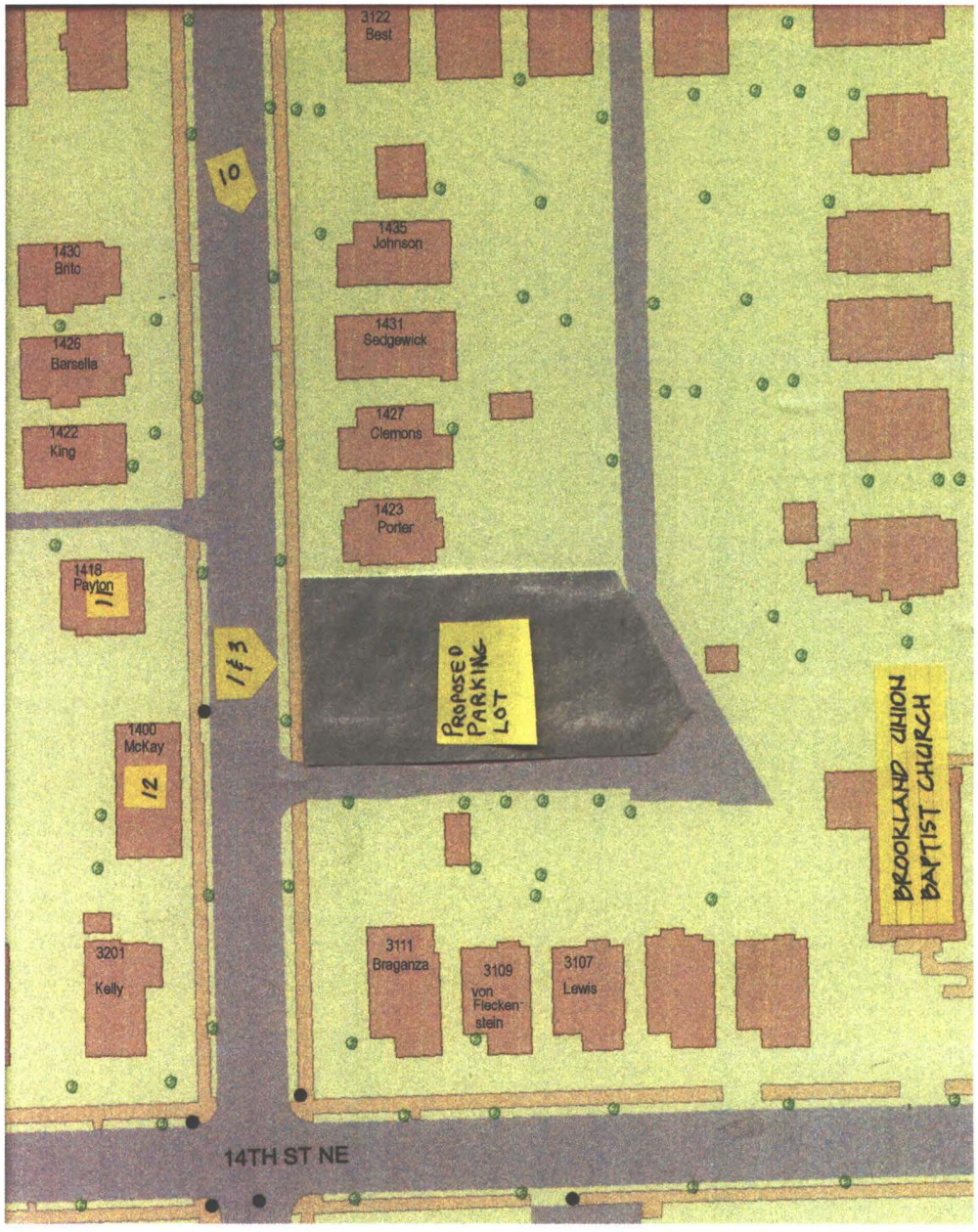
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Location Map
Neighborhood of proposed parking lot



Note: Number and Names show addresses and names of members of Concerned Neighbors