Statement of Dorothy Douglas, Chair, ANC 7D

Board of Zoning Adjustment

April 19, 2005, 1:00 pm
regarding Application #17304 of WMATA concerning 4500 Benning Road, NE, for construction of an office building

GOOD AFTERNOON CHAIRMAN GRIFFISS, FELLOW NEIGHBORS AND CITIZENS. I AM DOROTHY DOUGLAS; I AM ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONER FOR SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT 7D03, AND AS OF JANUARY 2, 2005, CHAIR OF ANC 7D. DESPITE THIS FACT, I WAS NOT AWARE OF THIS HEARING AND THE PENDING APPLICATION UNTIL LAST MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2005. THIS SITUATION TRANSPIRED BECAUSE THE FORMER CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION, MS. CHRISTINE M. TOLSON, WAS MAILED THE DOCUMENTS BY THIS BOARD ON FEBRUARY 18, 2005, AND FAILED AT ANY TIME TO TRANSFER OR PROVIDE COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS TO ANY OF HER FELLOW ANC COMMISSIONERS, OR TO INFORM YOUR OFFICE OF THE ERROR SO THAT THE PROPER PARTIES COULD BE NOTIFIED. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THIS PROCESS HAS BEEN COMPROMISED BY THE UNWILLINGNESS OF MY FELLOW COMMISSIONER TO CARRY OUT HER DUTY AND PUT YOU IN THE POSITION OF NOT PROVIDING US WITH THE REQUIRED LEGAL NOTICE FOR THIS HEARING.

IN ADDITION, I NOTE THAT ON THE FLYER DISTRIBUTED BY CSOSA REGARDING THIS FACILITY, THEY CITE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THE ANC 7D BACK IN FEBRUARY 2004 WITHOUT PROVIDING ANY DOCUMENTATION. IN FACT, IN FEBRUARY 2004, OUR ANC AGREED TO A RESOLUTION TO TAKE A VOTE ON THE PROPOSED FACILITY, WHICH WAS NOT TAKEN!

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IT IS FOR THAT REASON THAT I REQUESTED THAT YOUR OFFICE POSTPONE THIS HEARING TO ENABLE OUR ANC TO ENSURE THAT THE COMMUNITY RESIDENTS WHO ARE IN CLOSEST PROXIMITY TO THE PROPOSED BUILDING AND THEREFORE WILL BE THE MOST AFFECTED, THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE FULLY INFORMED OF THE PLANS MOVING WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE. I HAVE HEARD FROM OTHER CONSTITUENTS AND KNOW AS A PARENT AND GRANDPARENT MYSELF OF THEIR CONCERNS REGARDING THIS FACILITY. YOU WILL HEAR FROM A NUMBER OF THEM HERE TODAY, AND I WANT TO ADD MY VOICE TO THEIRS. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH PARKING SPACES FOR THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE EXPECTED IN THIS FACILITY ON A DAILY BASIS. SINCE OUR ANC OFFICE IS CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 4614 CENTRAL AVENUE, NE, IN THE HOME OF OUR EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR, I HAVE HAD PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH THE DEMAND FOR PARKING SPACES IN THE VICINITY OF THE BENNING ROAD METRO STATION.

I AM ALSO WORRIED ABOUT THE SAFETY ISSUES, WITH THE FACILITY BEING LOCATED LESS THAN 5 MINUTES FROM 3 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, 1 MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO A DAY CARE CENTER. IT WILL BE LOCATED IN A NEIGHBORHOOD WITH MANY SENIORS AND HOMEOWNERS WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN VICTIMIZED BY PROPERTY CRIMES THROUGH BREAK-INS, PANHANDLING, MUGGINGS, CAR THEFTS. THERE ARE MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO HAVE SERIOUS ASTHMA AND OTHER RESPIRATORY AILMENTS, AND ACCORDING TO CSOSA REPRESENTATIVES, LITTLE THOUGHT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE HEALTH IMPACTS OF THE FACILITY.

ANC7D
GENERAL/BUSINESS MEETING
2/10/04

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER - 7:00PM

OPENING PRAYER

QUORUM CALL – Secretary, Ms Washington

PRESENTATION(s)
(1) Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA)
- Cedric Hendricks, Associate Director
Office of Legislative, Intergovernmental and Public Affairs
- Jim Williams, Associate Director
Office of Management and Administration

(2) Shell Oil

(3) DC Dept of Transportation

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

ANNOUNCMENTS

ANC BUSINESS
READING/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM
January 10, 2003

TREASURER'S REPORT

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

NEW BUSINESS

ADJORN WITH PRAYER

Commissioners for ANC 7D

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Dorothy Douglas		7D03	202)396-6421	4401 Minnesota Ave
Leroy Atkins	*elect*	*7D02*	202)399-6766	*3820 Jay St NE*
Veronica Raglin		7D01	202)396-7653	408 21st St.
	Vice Chair	7D07	202)	

The meeting of January 22, 2004 began with a prayer and opened at *7:10 p m. Chairperson Tolson asked for a Quorum call. Present were: Com Sheila* Washington- Sec, Com Michael Creasey – Treas. Com Dorothy Douglas, Chair Tolson and Commissioner –elect Leroy Atkins. Com Veronica Raglin was not present.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the reconstruction of the bridge over Nannie Helen Burroughs and *Minnesota Aves., Dorothy Douglas refutes the item # 5 of the minuets for* Dec 9th 2003, that she was properly notified.
Resolution she will be served by return receipt mail for the agenda of the meeting to be held Feb 10. Item # six discusses line item of *$77.00* that had no explanation in the treasurer's report submitted in Dec. Chairperson Tolson suggests that it be removed because it refers to a previous fiscal year and a prior sitting Commission. Item # 10 of the Dec minuets refers to the next meeting in Jan 2003 and the correct year is 2004.

Treasure's report – is unchallenged as attached Bottom line of the Dec report No *expenditures spent balance is* $44,518.89. *The checkbook is still not available but* should become available by the second Quarter 2004. Chair's note that the Auditor's office accepted explanations submitted in July for the late filing of quarterly reports and released the funds as early as Oct. 2003.

Fiscal report for second (2) Quarter 2002 to fourth (4) Quarter 2002 – attached
Aug on the 4th there was a deposit of 8,774.35 Audit explanation is accepted.
Treasurer's Audit report covering First Quarter 2004 (attached)

Beginning Balance for the 1st Quarter 2004 ----------	-$34,741.24
Deposit funds from third quarter 2003: November 19, 2003——	
Dated: December 8, 2003; credited on December10, 2003——	424.35
Funds deposited from 2nd Quarter 2003: November 19, 2004--------	
Dated: *December 8, 2003*; credited on December *10. 2003* --------	*$4,599.35*
Deposit on December 15, 2003 from the District	$4,753.95
Monthly expenses:	*No expenditures in 1st quarter*

Ending balance for the 1st quarter 2004 ---------- ~~$2,744.24~~ 4518.89 5% cut

Co-Chair's report – this Commission has no sitting Co-chair. The Commission expects to hold their Jan election of Officers in an executive meeting, TBA.

Chairperson's report –Introduced our new Commissioner elect Mr. Leroy Atkins *who will represent 7D02 Welcome.*

NEW BUSINESS

1 Discussion by Com-elect Atkins who has a vision to ensure that the land developed near Mayfair includes a recreation/Community center.

2 Presentation by Lawrence Jordan of CSOSA. Federally run Community program, *which provides a more stringent supervision of ex offenders. The organization is* seeking space in the 6th district PSA to run their program. The org. wants to be added to the agenda for our Feb meeting. Questions asked and answered

3 Concerns and comments from the community. -- James Bland disseminated flyers : *On Bookshop pals agenda- seeking new reader workshop attendees, information* on Bland assoc. Prod and a suggestion that work as an extra and joining the actor's guild will help open doors for work in the acting field.

Next month discussion on Reconstruction at Nannie-Helen Burroughs bridge and *Shell Hydrogen Pumps on Benning Rd. – interest of Rosa Lee River Terrace*

Attendees: present Commissioners
1 Mrs. Sylvia Atkins 399-6766
2 James Bland 202-8893516 5045 Ayers PL. SE
3 Lawrence Jordan, CSOSA 202-220-5515 email Lawrence.Jordan@csosa.gov
4 Rosa E. Lee 202-399-4406 227 Anacostia Ave e-mail leeleero@hotmail.com
Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting is Feb 10, 2004

Signed

Sheila Washington 1/23/2004 Approved_____

Sheila Washington , Secretary
Commissioner 7D04

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7D

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The meeting held in the 6th District police station assignment room 100 42nd St NE Opened with a prayer by the chair. Afterward, there was a quorum call : Present in the meeting at 7:10 p m on February 10, 2004 were: Commissioner Chair Christine Tolson, Commissioner Vice –chair Leroy Atkins, Commissioner Secretary Sheila Washington, Commissioner Treasurer Michael Creasey, joining after the quorum call was Commissioner Dorothy Douglas and not present due to travel was Commissioner Veronica Raglin.

OLD BUSINESS

1 The minuets from the executive meeting held January 29 in which the Commission officers were elected will be made available at the ANC meeting held March 9th 2004.

2 Reading of the minutes from the last meeting held January 22, 2004 and the report by the treasurer were held until after the presentations.

NEW BUSINESS

3 There was an introduction of the representatives from CSOSA Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency Mr. Cedric Hendricks, Associate Director Office of Legislative, intergovernmental and Public Affairs. And Mr. Jim Williams, Associate Director Office of Management and Administration

4 Information was made available regarding the Agency and its Faith Community partnership. Brochures, flyers and their newsletter was made available. CSOSA plans to build a facility which will be located on top of the Benning road metro station on Benning and East Capitol Streets NE.

4 Mr. Jim Williams discussed the need for an additional Field Office which could

House 16 teams which would include fifty (50) – sixty (60) law enforcement officers – Administrative types, Treatment specialists the facility would have meeting rooms offices and conference room. Activity in the facility would involve urine collection and drug testing and counseling for Ex-offenders.

5 Question — (by Comm Washington) Will there be recruitment for employees?
6 Answer — Recruitment will be split 50 50 some retained and others recruited
7 Question —(by Comm Tolson) Will the facility cause increased vagrancy?
8 Answer — Compared to other faith based centers such as St. Luke's the difference is that St. Luke's has other programs such as AA (alcoholic's Anonymous and Al-Anon meetings

9 Question - How many will be served?

10 Answer – There are approximately 14, 000 offenders, 3, and 000 of which are from the 6^{tr} district. (demographics) displayed on the map. Mr. Hendricks offered that offenders/parolees will be served for a period of three years.

11 Question (by Dorothy Douglas) What is needed from us now?

12 Answer – At this point CSOSA desires community support.

13 Resolution There will be a vote by the Commission and the results will be made available to the Council and the public.

14 Question regarding other sites?
15 Answer – Mrs. Fraiser, from Marshall Heights Community Development Center The DOES plans to build on the site near the Minnesota Ave Metro. Across the street on the East side is the Old Briggs Warehouse and that was bought by a Tech Firm

16 Presenter – Sharon Robinson representative for Shell Hydrogen Spoke on the River Terrace Community Update Provided the Shell Hydrogen Newsletter and invited the Commission and meeting attendees to ride in the Hydrogen Car which would be located in River Terrace on 34th Street, before the Community Meeting being held on February 18, 2004 at 5:00 until the commencement of the meeting at 7:00 p m She reiterated the car's safety and upcoming partnerships with Howard U for Scientist and Engineers as well as the benefits for the River Terrace Recreation Center.

17 ANC Business

18 Treasurer's report – Submitted as attached Treasurer's Report

19 Upcoming meetings of the commission, public meetings and other [illegible]

20 The beginning balance for the second (2nd) Quarter 2004 remains at

21 $44, 518.89 there were no expenditures made

22 Ending balance for January 2004 remains at $44,518.89 signed and submitted.

23 Vice Chair reported that he would speak before the council in a hearing requesting the initiation and plan for a recreation/ Community center at Mayfair gardens. Hearing to be held Friday, February 13, 2004at the Wilson Building at 10:00 a m .

24 Information disseminated were the impending Ward seven Neighborhood Citizen Summit by Mayor Anthony Williams on Tuesday February 24, 2004 at 7:00 p m in the Boys and Girls Club 4103 Benning Rd NE Wash DC

25 ANC Security fund Agreement Signed by Sheila Washington, Sec and Christine Tolson Chair and Michael Creasey , Treasurer. Request to write first check in the amt. of $25.00 for security fund.

26 Dorothy Douglas departed 8:50 p m there was a request to reimburse the Secretary for an ink cartridge cannon bci 3000.

27 Next meeting requested to be held in the meeting room on March 9th at 7:00 p m 6th District Police station 100 42nd Street , NE

Attendees: Gregory Thomas 2)220-5318 gregory.thomas@csosa.gov
Leonard Sipes 2)220-5616 leonard.sipes@csosa.gov
Cedric Hendricks 2)220-5440 cedric.hendrichs@csosa.gov
Jim Williams
Evelyn Frazier 2)396-1201, X115 efrazier@mhcdo.org
Lawrence E Jordan 2)220-5515
George Gurley 2)399-1722
Sharon R Robinson 2) 529-1090 sharon.robinson@acc.org
Linda Hembry 2)396-1201x162 Lhembry@mhcdo.org
Barbara S Garnett 2)399-6023
Sitting Commissioners

28 Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P M

Signed _____ Approved _____
Sheila Washington, Commissioner Christine Tolson , Chair

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7D

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The meeting of March 9, 2004, held in the 6th District Police station' s meeting room, opened with a prayer. There was an introduction of Commissioners and quorum call. The time was 7:15 p m. Present, were the sitting Commissioners with the exception of Commissioner Raglin.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Minuets were read from the meeting held February 10, 2004, There was a challenge to the record regarding item # 4. It was corrected to read that CSOSA will lease space from the Community development organization that will build office space to the specifications of CSOSA for use as an additional field office located on top of the Benning Road Metro which is across from the Shrimp boat.

2 Commissioner Dorothy Douglas desires that the record reflect her opposition to the method of notice to her and her constituents regarding the renovation proposal by DOT. The notices were not timely and there were no mailings in addition the plans presented at the ANC meeting were incomplete.

3 The Treasure's report was held until after the presentation by Mr Ron Mitchell from DOT representatives Zahra Dorriz , Julia Moe and guest: Art Student lesha Washington.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Mr. Ron Mitchell from DOT

4 The project is currently at 65% of the design. Proposed plans were given to Commissioner Douglas. DOT wishes to incorporate art work on the walls aligning Kenilworth Ave near Nannie Helen Burroughs

5. Proposed seed schools that would benefit from the guidance of professional art instructors from the Corcoran Gallery would be : Woodson, Friendship-Eddison, Wilson Earth Conservation Core – Type of work would be representatives from the residents

neighborhood history, imaging such likeness as Marvin Gaye and other contributors age group required is 15 – 18 yr olds total youth involved would not exceed more than 72 in a course of over two years.

Comments - *Positive comments – welcome the engagement of our youth*
Negative comments –reflect the issue of racial stereo-typing –The walls should remain pristine.

6 *Acknowledgement of the Concerned citizens from River Terrace - topic - Shell Hydrogen* and the letter of support for the Hydrogen pumps written by Chair Tolson as representative of Ward7D to Council member Catania dated March 4, 2004.
Comment – The concerned citizens of River Terrace oppose the installation of Hydrogen pumps on Benning road. There was considerable rebuttal to the letter written by Madame Chair Tolson to Councilman Catania regarding ANCand Ward 7 approval of the Hydrogen pumps. In reply the ANC representative for &7D04 in River terrace wrote a letter to Chair Tolson reiterating the position of the River Terrace Community. They desire not to have the Hydrogen pumps installed on Benning Road as represented by a majority vote taken in a Community meeting.

7 The concerned citizens expressed discontent for the letter of support. Resolution the ANC representing SMD 7D04 Commissioner Sheila Washington wrote a letter to Ms Tolson voicing the Opinions of a minority group representing the community of River Terrace regarding the status of the stay order to Shell for an error on the application which did not ask for a permit to install Hydrogen cell pumps and the need for an impact study to determine if there would be any health effects from the storage and use of Hydrogen so near an elementary school.

8 Status – Mr Noble of DC regulatory affairs will contact the Ad hoc committee formed to determine the provisions promised by shell will be adhered to. Currently the stay order pertains to the installation of the hydrogen pumps. The renovation of the commercial/merchandizing area will continue.

TREASURER"S Report

9 The balance of 7d in the Industrial Bank remains at ---$44,518.89.

10 Per Mr. Barnum of the Auditor's office requests that the line item of $77.00 written on check #1001 in July of 2002 reflects the expenditure was for stamps.

11 The following checks were written as : 1002 for ANC surety fund - ------$25. 00
1003 for Postmaster (P O Box $270.00
(cost for P O Box is $45.00 a month for six months)
Checks will be signed.

12 Receipt submitted for ink cartridge replacement for use by the Secretary $ 26.13

13 Request by (?) vote on phone booths. Booths will be located on Benning Road near 28th street in the middle of the block No's were unanimous.

14 Chair's report. News release. Young Adults interested in Civic Activisim –
ANC 7d proposes to sponsor two young adults at $15.00 ea.
15. The first quarter treasurer 's report is due by the end of March.

Attendees:

1. Sitting Commissioners with the exception of Commissioner Raglin who was not present
2. Mr. Ronald Mitchell DDOTt 2000 14th St NW (202) 671-2231
3. Ms. lesha Washington 5703 Blaine St NE wsaiof64@hotmail.com 202-3994315
4. Ms. Julia Moe 3321 Garfield St NW JuliaMoe6@AOL.com 2023886863
5. Ms. Zahra Dorriz DDOT 64 New York Ave zahra.dorriz@dc.gov 202671-4654
6. Ms Jane Nsmwava DDOT 64 NY Ave Jane.nsonwava@dc.gov 202671-4654
7. Ms. Barbara S. Garnett 3422 Eads St NE bsgarnett@verizon.net
8. Mr. George Gurley 3393 Blaine St NE #3D 202399-1722
9. Ms. Joanne Prue 315 34th Pl NE 202398-6887
10. Ms. Rosa Lee 227 AnacostiaAve NE Rosalee47@Aol.com
11. Ms Lillian P. Hall 3358 Clay St NE 202399-2535
12. Ms. Wanda Carter 3321 Clay Pl NE 202398-7333
13. Ms. Michelle H. Hall 216 34th St NE 202396-5225
14. Mr. Ron Mitchell DOT 202671-4655

Corrected 4/14/04
Signed Sheila Washington, Secretary
Sheila Washington ANC Commissioner 7B04

Approved _____
Commissioner C. Tolson, Chair

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Commissioner M. Creasey, Treas.