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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Chair
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RE: Application No.17383, The Lab School of Washington

Dear Chairman Griffis:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D (ANC) held a special meeting at Sibley Memorial Hospital's Ernst Auditorium on March 16, 2006 and a quorum (4) was present at all times. Notices of the meeting were posted in the Northwest Current on March 8 and 15.

The purpose of the meeting was to: Permit review of the March 6, 2006 Memorandum from the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) regarding The Lab School of Washington's Transportation Management Plan (TMP), both of which were released after submission of the ANC's recommendations to the BZA with respect to the application; provide the ANC with an opportunity for a presentation and discussion on the plan; and, furnish the commission's findings on the TMP in writing to the Board of Zoning Adjustment by March 22, 2006. The commission previously considered the Lab School's application at the commission's November 2, 2005 meeting, and submitted its recommendations with respect to the application in a letter to the BZA dated November 8, 2005.

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D voted 5-0-0 to endorse the TMP of The Lab School of Washington as a positive step towards addressing the school's parking and transportation management issues without the need to use public space for angled parking; to recommend the formation of a timely implementation schedule for the stated parking and transportation management goals, and a meaningful enforcement and reporting mechanism for the TMP; to encourage continued discussions with offsite parking providers; and, to reaffirm the commission's earlier recommendation that the use of public space for angled parking be denied.

Through a brief Power Point presentation, the school's transportation expert Martin Wells presented the school's Transportation Management Plan and informed the commission that the school currently has 87 marked onsite spaces and can identify an additional 20 stacked spaces. He also informed the commission that discussions have taken place with George Washington University/Mt. Vernon resulting in an agreement to lease 15 parking

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spaces to The Lab School for a period of five years. Also disclosed was news that Safeway has agreed to lease 15 spaces to the school for teacher parking. Mr. Wells agreed that the school's parking requirement under Title 11 § 2101 would be met by the 87 onsite marked spaces, 20 stacked spaces and use of 30 offsite spaces and there would no longer be a need to create angled parking spaces on Whitehaven Parkway. Discussion also took place with regard to the shuttle bus, its routes, coordination with other schools' shuttle buses as well as use of the shuttle bus by Night School students.

The ANC acknowledged positive efforts made by the school to:

- Create onsite stacked parking;
- Purchase and use a shuttle bus;
- Provide staff with a tax-free transportation subsidy;
- Continue investigation of new ways to decrease off site parking demand through efforts like the shuttle bus, encouragement of staff to use public transportation and coordination with other schools in the immediate area that also have shuttle buses; and,
- Create an underground parking facility in cooperation with Our Lady of Victory Church for parking by The Lab School staff.

Discussion also included the need to establish student carpools and it was noted that little attention is paid in the TMP to implementing a carpool plan that would help reduce current the traffic congestion on Reservoir Road and MacArthur Boulevard at arrival and dismissal times. The TMP lacks goals for Average Vehicle Occupancy and leaves the formation of carpools up to parents who are provided with a parent list divided by zip code.

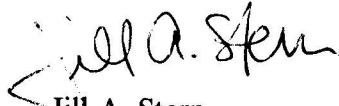
The ANC commended Mr. Wells for the successful TMP he designed for St. Patrick's Episcopal School which is a neighbor of The Lab School on Whitehaven Parkway. The commission agreed with Mr. Wells that two elements necessary for a successful TMP are implementation and commitment and that The Lab School's TMP may be a good beginning but it lacks a schedule for implementation and enforceable goals. It was suggested that appropriate areas of the TMP be made part of the school's contract with both parents and teachers. The ANC would also require that a regular semi-annual reporting schedule to the BZA and commission be established beginning with the 2006/07 school year. The initial traffic count would be conducted approximately one month after the opening of school year.

The commission agreed with the DDOT recommendation that the school should implement an aggressive carpooling plan and use of public transportation to reduce vehicle trips to the school. The commission found that a process has begun that, with proper implementation and enforcement, will reduce the school's peak parking demands so that sufficient parking will be available for Lab School staff without the proposed creation of angled parking in public space.

For the reasons listed above, Advisory Neighborhood Commission voted 5-0-0 to endorse the TMP of The Lab School of Washington as a positive step towards addressing the

school's parking and transportation management issues without the need to use public space for angled parking; to recommend the formation of a timely implementation schedule, and meaningful enforcement and reporting mechanism for the TMP; to encourage continued discussions with offsite parking providers; and, to reaffirm the commission's earlier recommendation that the use of public space for angled parking be denied. Except as expressly stated in this letter, the commission's recommendations, as set forth in its November 8, 2005 letter remain unchanged.

Sincerely,



Jill A. Stern
Chair

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