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To: Board of Zoning Adjustment
 From: Janae Grant – Commissioner 5A11
 Date: July 15, 2009

CASE NO. 17950
 EXHIBIT NO. 26

RE: Case 17950 - Application of Geneva Ivey Day School

Dear: Board of Zoning Adjustment

Greetings and thank you Board members of the BZA this opportunity to testify. As the Commissioner for SMD, we want to weigh in on the Geneva Ivey Day school residing within my SMD (Special Exceptions) pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3104.1, for a special exception to establish a child development center (60 children and 12 staff) under section 205, in the R-1-B District at premises 2420 Rhode Island Avenue, N.E. (Square 4290, Lot 803)

On May 12, 2009 my SMD held our monthly meeting, at which Mr. Kenny Love came out and presented before us the specifics regarding the Geneva Ivey Day school. It is to our understanding that the school was named after Mr. Kenny Love's grandmother. At the time Mr. Love was the Vice Principal in PG County and adjunct professor and shared with us that the current space on the first floor is already renovated and will provide an affordable child care facility that is community based. There will be 10 teachers with 2 floaters certified with their CDA for 60 children up to 5 years old. The school will be open from 6:30AM – 6:30PM and the hours of pick up will be staggered since no child can remain in the facility for more than 10 hours. There is no additional fee for children who are not potty-trained, and the weekly fee includes food, which will be catered. Every class will have a computer lab. There will be a RN on call and children will be exposed to French and Spanish. There will be monthly parent association meetings and monthly night outs expected to give Parent's relief/respite. Currently there are no buses/vans, but they welcome the opportunity to use the church's bus. Parking is off of Hoover/Lawrence Street that holds up to 30 spaces. Mr. Love will notify us for the next Open House/Tour of the facility, meanwhile they will heavily advertise in the immediate DC area. They already have their certificate of occupancy to open for this summer. Finally Mr. Love provided handouts to those in attendance.

Some concerns were:

- Close proximity of the other day care facility on Rhode Island, we found out was closed over a year. Likewise, they accessed the need for a day school in the area, since there wasn't any for toddlers.
- We were also concerned about parking and how the traffic/transportation was going to occur – we were advised that they would utilize the back street which is on Lawrence and not on the main street of Rhode Island Avenue.
- How will the loading for vendors occur, specifically to cater the food – again they will use Lawrence Street.
- Currently they will be only occupying the first floor with the hopes of expanding to the second based on a progressive scale, to which they will return to the community to seek approval.

The community was in support of the day school and excited about the vitality it would bring into the area. The motion was properly seconded and approved unanimously to allow the Geneva Ivey Day School to operate child development center from 6:30AM – 6:30PM. Likewise at the monthly May 5A Commission meeting on May 27, 2009 the motion was properly seconded and approved unanimously approved by all 12 Commissioners to allow the Geneva Ivey Day School to be granted its special exception.

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As the Vice Chairperson and affected Commissioner I am authorized to be present at the time of the hearing to further represent this matter before the BZA.

Finally, we welcome the Geneva Ivey Day school and what it means to the community as a source of empowerment through education and the upbringing of younger families in the area. We look forward to a healthy partnership with the school and hope to be updated annually on its progress.

Janae Grant

Thank you kindly,
Commissioner - SA11
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