

July 5, 2016

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marnique Heath, Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW
Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: **BZA Application No. 19293 – Special Exception and Variance Application
for the Campus Located at 19 I Street, NW (Square 622, Lots 93, 844, 845)**

Dear Chairperson Heath and Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment:

On April 18, 2016, Gonzaga College High School (“**Applicant**”) submitted an application (the “**Application**”) for special exception and variance approval, pursuant to the requirements of Sections 206, 400.1, 770.1, and 3104, in order to construct four approximately ninety (90)-foot tall monopoles, each with a light array (the “**Project**”) serving the existing athletic field on the Gonzaga College High School Campus, which is located at 19 I Street, NW (Square 622, Lots 93, 844, and 845, the “**Campus**”). The Campus is located partially within the R-4 and C-2-A Zone Districts. As part of the Application, the Applicant also seeks relief to increase the limit on its faculty and staff from the current 120 to 125.

I. Community Meetings and Support

The Applicant’s representatives have engaged in significant dialogue with the ANC and representatives of neighboring properties regarding this application. The Applicant’s representatives met with and/or reviewed the Project with representatives of the owners of the apartment building immediately abutting the Property to the west. In addition, the Applicant and its representatives made presentations at the public meetings of the Zoning Committee of ANC 6E on April 28, 2016 and the full ANC 6E on May 3, 2016. At the latter public meeting, the ANC requested, and the Applicant agreed to one condition of approval:

1. The operation of the proposed lights must cease by 10:00 p.m. seven (7) days per week.

ANC 6E adopted a unanimous resolution in support of this application conditioned upon the applicant filing supplemental materials with the Board amending the application to include this condition.

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II. Modification and Amendment to Project

The Applicant hereby amends the Application and requests that the Board include the above condition in its approval of this special exception and variance application. In support of this condition, the Project will now include an automatic timer to override the lighting system controls to shut off automatically the Project's lights by no later than 10:00 p.m. each day. This automatic timer override will ensure the system remains in compliance with this condition even in the unlikely event the school's personnel fail to manually shut off the lights before leaving the Campus. Manual shut off of the Project's lights will also be possible. Attached here as Exhibit A are the plans and drawings for the Project (the "**Plans**") as submitted with the Application. The Plans are unchanged by this amendment and condition but are reattached here for convenience.

The Applicant's adoption of this condition addresses the Project's compliance with Section 206.1, which requires that a private school not be likely to become objectionable to adjoining or nearby property because of noise, traffic, number of students or otherwise objectionable conditions. The Applicant believes that this supplemental information, along with the statement in support of the Applicant's satisfaction of the special exception and variance relief standards filed in the original application, provide the Board with clear evidence that BZA Application No. 19293 is ready for the Board's approval.

III. Witnesses

On behalf of the Applicant, the following witnesses will be available to testify at the public hearing on the Project, which hearing is scheduled for July 21, 2016:

1. Father Stephen W. Planning, S.J., President, Gonzaga College High School, and
2. Brian J. Stephenson, Brian J. Stephenson + Co. LLC.

Attached as Exhibit B please find the outlines of testimony for the two above-listed witnesses.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this application.

Sincerely,



Phil Feola

Enclosures

Cc: Father Stephen W. Planning, S.J. (*via e-mail only*)
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I sent a copy of the foregoing document to the following addresses on July 6, 2016 by e-mail:

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