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ANC3C Resolution 2018-016
Regarding an Application of the Royal Norwegian Embassy to Renovate and Expand a Chancery located at 2720 34th Street, NW

WHEREAS, the Royal Norwegian Embassy has applied to Foreign Mission Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA Application No. 19788) on behalf of Statsbygg, the Norwegian government agency which owns the property, to renovate and expand the Norwegian Chancery located at 2720 34th Street NW; and

WHEREAS, the proposal relates to the renovation of the chancery building and includes the enclosing and expanding a covered loggia along 34th Street NW between the Ambassadorial Residence and Chancery to create additional social space (i.e. the “garden room”); renovating and slightly expanding the entrance of the Chancery to allow for street-level access; creating new window openings; adding an elevator; constructing of a new addition on the north side elevation to create an open space and stairway; and creating of additional parking spaces in the alley;

WHEREAS, officials from the Royal Norwegian Embassy and the architects have met repeatedly with the adjacent neighbors to present the project and hear any concerns; and

WHEREAS, neighbors are supportive of the Chancery, but raised concerns regarding the use of space adjacent to the alley for parking and concurrent accessibility of the alley and garages by nearby residents; light pollution from office windows in evenings; and containment and maintenance of trash area to discourage vermin;

WHEREAS the applicant has revised its plans in response to feedback from Residents to relocate parking spaces originally proposed as parallel parking spaces to be pull-in spaces and minimize parallel parking in the alley to one compact spot, to move trash further from the garden and enclose the trash receptacles to reduce vermin issues, and to install sensor lights to ensure unoccupied spaces do not remain lit;

WHEREAS, Statsbygg has also provided a letter of agreement with regard to solutions proposed to address the neighbors’ concerns; and

WHEREAS, this letter of agreement is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C supports the Royal Norwegian Embassy’s application to expand and renovate the Chancery (Application No. 19788);

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chair and Commissioner for ANC3C08 or their designees are authorized to represent the Commission in this matter.

Attested by

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.19788
EXHIBIT NO.39



Nancy J. MacWood
Chair, on May 21, 2018

This resolution was approved by a voice vote on May 21, 2018 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.

Commissioner Malia N. Brink

ANC3C SMD08,
3624 Davis Street, NW
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DATE

18.05.2018

YOUR DATE

REFERENCE

2018/1611-5

YOUR REFERENCE

PROCESSED BY

Julia Michelet Chivers, Property Management

Letter regarding the requests of the Advisory Neighbourhood Commission

Statsbygg and the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Washington is thankful for the cooperation. We look forward to further cooperation.

This letter confirms that the solutions listed below will be undertaken as part of the renovation project at the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Washington DC.

On behalf of Statsbygg and the Royal Norwegian Embassy, we confirm the following:

Parking spaces

We understand that the matter of parking is of importance to the neighbourhood group. In order to facilitate and relieve these concerns we confirm that two parking spaces in tandem will be designated to be adjacent to the neighbor to the north, in the northwest corner of the site. The width shall be 11 feet.

Next to and south of the tandem parking, at the northwest corner of the embassy, there will be one parallel parking space. This parking space will be parallel to the building and placed between the alley and a proposed metal mesh screen wall. The parking space will be 9 x 19 feet. The parking space, in order to keep the alley as open as possible, will be designated with signage as "Compact Car Parking". A parking box will be painted or designated in the pavement so that drivers park in the box.

The southernmost space in the alley currently occupied by trash receptacles will be modified to provide for three pull-in compact car spaces. The spaces shall be 8x 19 feet and signed "Compact Car Parking."

Signage at the parking spaces will be provided to encourage good parking behavior. Examples include "park within the box" and "please pull forward". The signage drawings will be provided to the adjacent neighbors prior to fabrication for input and feedback.

Green space

There will be a green space approximately across from the two existing garage structures to the west. This green space area will have a raised curb "wheel stop" around the edge of the alley, which will mitigate the risk of cars inadvertently backing into the green space.

Garbage bins

A designated trash enclosure/screen will be south of the green space, directly north of the existing service

doors and security barricade. The trash structure will house residential trash receptacles servicing the residence, and commercial dumpsters servicing the embassy.

Office lightning

The office lighting (interior to the building) will include motion sensors that will turn off all non-emergency lighting when the building is unoccupied.

We trust this complies with the needs of the neighborhood and the community. We appreciate your feedback, and look forward to further collaboration.

Sincerely



Christian Bakke
Project Manager