

March 9, 2022

Dear Chairman Frederick L. Hill

Re: BZA Case 20643

As neighbors, we have voiced our concerns about the overflow street parking and additional traffic counts for the Maret School's proposed sports complex. As you know, the Maret School is leasing the adjacent 5-acre field of the Episcopal Center for Children (ECC) to build a multi-use sports complex. In turn, Maret intends to sublease the ECC fields. To date there has been no clarity regarding the traffic impacts/parking caused by the field sub-leasing. The Comprehensive Transportation Review remains silent on the sublessee's /non- Maret use.

The ECC, the school directly next door to the field, plans to reopen its day school program serving approximately 20 to 25 students with approximately 25 faculty/staff. It is also initiating an after-school day care for another 25 students. However, the number of staff/faculty remains unknown. ECC has not confirmed if there will be caps for either the number of students or faculty which would influence the CTR.

With the 25 staff ECC has acknowledged, it is not clear where the staff will park. We had been told by ECC, that they had space for 25 vehicles on their property, yet, when the school was in operation, many staff members parked on Utah and Nebraska Avenues, together with residents. We requested that this information be established and substantiated and be a part of the CTR. It was never included.

We have further reason to be concerned in what we learned yesterday. A blast email, coincidentally sent just before the BZA hearing, has now added more parking, pick up and drop off and traffic that should be counted. Portions of the blast email follow:

Date: March 8, 2022 at 1:54:48 PM EST

*We are thrilled to announce that Goods for Good is **now a fully incorporated nonprofit organization 501(c)3** with a board of directors and a new office space. In response to the ongoing needs in our communities for support and services, coupled with a strong desire among our volunteers to stay involved, we established a more permanent presence.*

We have secured a space at 5830 Nebraska Ave NW (on the campus of the Episcopal Center for Children) at which we can collect, organize, and store more items, thus increasing the number of those we can serve. This also creates a Volunteer Hub where we can host groups (safety conscious) to work on various service projects and build our sense of community.

We applaud non-profit work helping our city. However, we also are concerned about the safety impact on our neighborhood. The neighbors and Friends of the Field, with official party status, has requested that all parties confirm accurate transportation counts for both traffic and parking,

The traffic report should be amended. This should be addressed BEFORE BZA approval. The fact that ECC chose to withhold this information when repeatedly asked appears disingenuous.

This also suggests that the recent commercial driveway approval (before the Public Space Committee) was based on incomplete information.

Regards,
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