



**Written Comments of Timothy W. Spriggs, Acting Director
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**Before the
Office of Zoning
Frederick L. Hill, Chairperson
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Washington, DC 20001**

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Virtual Hearing**

**Foreign Missions Board of Zoning Adjustment Application No. 20887
– Application of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
for special exception relief (Foreign Mission) from the matter of right
uses to construct a three-story accessory parking garage to an
existing, detached, chancery building at the premises 4200 Linnean
Avenue NW (Square 2049, Lots 807 and 808)**

Good morning Chairperson Hill and members of the Office of Zoning. I am Timothy Spriggs, Acting Director of the Department of Public Works (DPW).

Thank you for the opportunity to submit DPW's comments regarding the application of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands ("Applicant") for special exception relief (Foreign Mission) from the matter of right uses provisions of Subtitle U § 201 of the District of Columbia Zoning Regulations (pursuant to Subtitle U § 203.1(b) and Subtitle X § 201) to construct a three-story accessory parking garage to an existing, detached, chancery building at the premises 4200 Linnean Avenue NW.

Specifically, the Applicant proposes to replace the existing three-level parking structure that was built in the early-1960s with a new three-level parking structure. The proposed parking structure will contain slightly fewer parking spaces than the existing structure, which the Applicant says will substantially improve the pedestrian safety, environmental sustainability, and aesthetic quality of the property.

As you know, Chairman Hill and the Office of Zoning, an applicant for special exception relief shall demonstrate that the proposed addition, new building, or accessory structure shall not have a substantially adverse effect on the use or enjoyment of any abutting or adjacent dwelling or property. Furthermore, the Board is authorized to grant a special exception where, in its judgment, the special exception:

- (a) Will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations and Zoning Maps;
- (b) Will not tend to affect adversely, the use of neighboring property in accordance with the Zoning Regulations and Zoning Maps; and
- (c) Will meet such special conditions as may be specified in the Zoning Regulations.

DPW's main focus in this matter is whether the proposed construction, if

commenced, would interfere with any of the agency's operations. DPW's Solid Waste Collections Division (SWCD) has been out to look at the site to see whether this construction would have any impact, in particular, on the agency's solid waste collection operations. Based on DPW's inspection, we observed that the Chancery is located in a tree-lined residential community that appears to have front collection along Linnean Avenue NW, which also is the front entrance for the Chancery. The Chancery is fully gated with a private entrance – any construction activity that will occur there appears that it would take place in the chancery space off of Linnean Avenue NW. The road is wide enough to for collection and there is two-way traffic on Linnean Avenue NW.

Therefore, based on these observations, DPW determined that there would be no impact on DPW collections from this proposed project.

This is the extent of my comments regarding the application of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands for special exception relief to construct a three-story accessory parking garage to an existing, detached, chancery building at the premises 4200 Linnean Avenue NW. Thank you again for allowing me to submit our comments on behalf of DPW regarding this matter.