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Dear Members of the Board:

I am a 30+ year resident of Williamsburg Lane NW, adjacent to the proposed Rock Creek Club, and I oppose the application for a special exception to operate a private membership club at Greystone Manor, 2325 Porter Street NW.

I will not attempt any legal or technical arguments, but do allow me to make a few common sense points.

1. The heart of the applicant's case is that the Club will be a benefit to " the neighborhood." What neighborhood, exactly? All the residents who reside near the proposed project oppose it, with one possible exception. This is a real neighborhood, with a neighborhood association, kids in each other's yards, and decades-long friendships.

"Neighborhood" as used in the applicants case, seems to mean various people from around DC who want to enjoy a private club in another neighborhood and can afford high dues. This is sleight of hand. To the real neighborhood affected, this proposal is an invasion, not an act of community spirit.

2. It is equally misleading to call this private club a "community center" or any such thing. It is a private club, cut and dry: high costs, limited membership and the potential for the investors to make money over time. Is there a "need" for a private

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club? What percentage of the “Community” in, say, Mt Pleasant, can afford the fees?

3. Our street, Williamsburg Lane, will become a parking lot. People now park on Williamsburg Lane to enter and enjoy Rock Creek and that is great. The Rock Creek Club entrepreneurs have no way to limit parking and traffic on a street with many kids.

4. The applicants make promises, predictions and claims about the future that are whimsical and unenforceable. “We’ll discourage people from parking on Williamsburg Lane.” How? “Almost all members will walk or bike to the club.” Really? Toddlers will bike up the Porter Street hill? This is a wish not an empirical projection. “We’ll control the noise so it won’t bother anyone.” Impossible. I can hear animals at the every days and they are much further away.

5. I would urge that this process be slowed down. The applicants enjoyed a well-funded head start and the ANC has now essentially approved the applicant’s plan in a memo that was mocking and dismissive of our neighborhoods views Our side has not even had time to complete a traffic and safety study. Our neighborhood is currently without an ANC rep. It reminds me of Taxation without Representation, the great injustice of our city.

6. A country club in our backyards will disrupt and degrade a way of life for our little neighborhood. That is an unavoidable fact. The benefits to the “community” are amorphous and hypothetical. The damage to our small neighborhood will be swift and certain.

Respectfully,

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