

West End Citizens Association
Washington, D.C.

Boundaries: 15th Street on the East • Potomac Park on the South
Rock Creek and the Potomac on the West • N Street on the North

October 15, 2007

Ms. Jerrily Kress
Director, Office of Zoning
441-4th Street, N.W. - Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Request for Party Status - Zoning Commission Case No. 02-26A (The George Washington University/Lerner Health and Wellness Center – Square 42, Lot 847)

Dear Ms. Kress:

This letter requests "Party" status for the West End Citizens Association (WECA), of which I am President, for Zoning Commission Case No. 02-26A to be heard on November 15, 2007 (The George Washington University/Lerner Health and Wellness Center – Square 42, Lot 847).

The WECA, founded in the 1890's and one of the oldest citizen associations in DC, is the principal community organization in the George Washington University (GWU) neighborhood. It is primarily interested in maintaining the quality of life for the existing residential community in Foggy Bottom-West End.

The Zoning Commission's procedures for contested cases at 11 DCMR §3022.3 request the following information (excluding (f), (g), and (h) below, which were included in the Commission's Notice of Public Hearing, and, thus, additionally provided herein) from persons requesting Party status:

- (a) The person's name, address, and daytime telephone number: West End Citizens Association, P.O. Box 58098, Washington, DC 20037-8098; daytime contact number is (202) 965-1083.
- (b) A request to appear and participate as a party: this letter constitutes a request for Party status.
- (c) Whether the person will appear as a proponent or opponent of the application: opponent.
- (d) Whether the person will appear through legal counsel, and, if so, the name and address of legal counsel: not at this time, but WECA reserves the right to retain legal counsel.
- (e) A list of witnesses who will testify on the person's behalf: WECA Secretary Sara Maddux and possibly WECA Member Barbara Kahlow.
- (f) A summary of the testimony of each witness: As former Chair of the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC-2A), Ms. Maddux will present historical information about the 11/2/94 proposed objectionable location at the edge of the campus and current information about community concerns, such as increased noise and traffic, reduction in neighborhood parking, and inappropriate competition with private sector health clubs.

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(g) An indication of which witnesses will be offered as expert witnesses, the areas of expertise in which any experts will be offered, and the resumes or qualifications of the proposed experts: none.

(h) The total amount of time being requested to present their case: 15 minutes.

(i) A written statement setting forth why the person should be granted party status, including reference to the following:

(1) The property owned or occupied by the person, or in which the person has an interest, that will be affected by the action requested of the Commission: the WECA includes Members from 15th Street on the East, Potomac Park on the South, Rock Creek and the Potomac on the West, and N Street on the North.

(2) The legal interest the person has in such property, such as owner, tenant, trustee, or mortgagee: the WECA has many owners and tenants with a legal interest in the subject property.

(3) The distance between the person's property and the property that is the subject of the application before the Commission: the subject property lies within the WECA's boundaries.

(4) The economic, social, or other impacts likely to affect the person and/or the person's property if the action requested of the Commission is approved or denied: GWU's application could negatively affect the quality of life of many WECA Members.

(5) An explanation of how the person's interest as identified in response to paragraph (4) would likely be more significantly, distinctively, or uniquely affected in character or kind by the proposed zoning action than those of other persons in the general public: WECA Members' could have: property values negatively affected, reduced on-street parking, increased traffic, increased noise, etc. The bottom line is that WECA Members' interests will be more significantly, distinctively, and uniquely affected.

If any additional information is needed, Barbara Kahlow can be reached during the day on (202) 965-1083.

Sincerely,


John C. Batham
President