CITIZENS ASSOCIATION OF GEORGETOWN

Zoning Commission Case 02-32 • GU Performing Arts Center

Statement of Barbara Zartman, Chair
Historic Preservation, Planning, and Zoning Committee

We wish to raise as a preliminary matter Georgetown University's noncompliance with the campus plan order approved in Case 16566 by the Board of Zoning Adjustment. It has been clear since the BZA hearings that Georgetown objected to several conditions and has sought every avenue to avoid their consequences.

The provisions are especially important to the core concept embodied in the BZA's decision. Having determined that GU's operations had become objectionable to the neighboring residential communities, the BZA had two choices: It could reject the application, or it could specify conditions that could mitigate the objectionable impact on neighborhoods. The BZA sought to fashion conditions that would make the university, and not the neighbors, responsible for enforcing GU's Code of Student Conduct and for assuring that its students obeyed the laws of the District.

GU initially refused to write the BZA conditions into its final campus plan; the BZA at our request *directed* that the plan be rewritten to include all the conditions. GU then asked the Board to stay conditions of its own order, and the community had to defend those conditions. The BZA denied the stay with well-articulated reasoning, owing in no small measure to the thoughtful contributions of Commissioner Herbert Franklin.

GU then sought to have the Court of Appeals stay the BZA conditions it found objectionable; again, we had to defend the Board's order (Corporation Counsel also filed objections). That stay was also denied. As you may know, the challenge to many conditions, indeed to the very authority of zoning boards to limit student growth, is now before the Court of Appeals, with the briefing process nearly complete.

Having failed to get certain conditions stayed by the Board or the court, Georgetown has chosen to ignore them, in part or in whole.

GU is now asking the Commission for second-stage approval of a theater building on campus; we believe the Commission cannot further process the campus plan until GU is in compliance with the conditions in the order.

To do otherwise would make a mockery of all the work done to bring the plan to approval and to defend it thereafter. Why seek the protections of the Zoning Code if the applicant can freely pick and choose which conditions it will obey?

Indeed, the theater project before you today has received no community opposition because we agree with its purpose and we had conditions written into the plan that we think will assure that it will likely not have an objectionable impact on the community. But what protections do we have should GU decide to ignore some of these conditions as well?

Section 3205 of Title 11 makes clear that any condition included with the approval of a special exception must be complied with at all times. Each condition of the BZA order becomes a condition to the issuance of a building permit or certificate of occupancy. Condition 19 of the campus plan order is clear: "No special exception application filed by the University for further processing under this plan may be granted unless the

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University proves that it has consistently remained in substantial compliance with Conditions 1 through 18 set forth in this Order."

Georgetown University is not meeting that standard. Fortunately, GU could bring itself into compliance with most of the campus plan conditions within 45 days, so the long-term plans for the theater (which has been in design review for nearly two years) need not be seriously affected.

The information we will present this evening will cover the elements of noncompliance outlined in Ray Kukulski's letter to the Chairman of November 25, 2002.

1. Georgetown has enrolled undergraduates beyond the cap established in the campus plan order. Condition 2 of the order directs that GU "shall not increase" its enrollment above 5627 undergraduates. GU's filing, Exhibit 27, makes clear that in each of the last two years it has in fact enrolled 120 and 127 students above that level in the fall semester. Only by averaging the two semesters does GU contrive to meet the BZA condition. This subjects the community to student levels much higher than envisioned in approval of the campus plan. That numbers improve in the spring semester does nothing for the impact of the fall months.

2. GU has refused to act to monitor the illegal registration of students' vehicles. GU has offered many excuses for being unable to implement Condition 14, most notably that Federal law precludes "release" of this information. The hollowness of this argument is being litigated, but the Court of Appeals did not find it compelling enough to justify the stay requested by GU.

Not to design implementing schemes for GU, but I am given to understand that the NCAA uses a simple formula that involves no violation of privacy and has little administrative cost. If students were required to truthfully report any vehicles they regularly operate in D. C., GU could simply require them to file, within 30 days, photocopies of their new D. C. vehicle registration and driver's license. A student's failure to do so would constitute a violation of the Code of Student Conduct, which directs students to obey District laws and outlines hearing procedures. Clearly, options exist to easily comply with this condition.

The Burleith Citizens Association is prepared to offer testimony about the impact of out-of-state vehicles associated with student houses, in violation of Condition 14.

3. GU is not providing the monthly (or quarterly) reports that the order required it to make available, *including* public information about the outcome of *individual* complaints. Moreover, GU makes no information available about the complaints lodged against on-campus students and the outcome of those cases.

Condition 13 requires monthly reports of helicopter flights to and from the hospital helipad, with detail on the medical necessity involved in each flight. We receive at best quarterly data with only general information. A copy of the only written report we have received is appended (Attachment A): how does the category "medical (adult)" provide justification of the medical necessity of a flight?

Far more significant is the lack of information about citizen reports of student misbehavior and the outcomes of disciplinary action as required in Condition 9. Part of this stems from a legalistic interpretation by GU that "off-campus student behavior" means only the behavior of students who *live* off campus, not the behavior of dormitory students when they *are* off-campus. We receive no reports about complaints about

dormitory students, unless the Metropolitan Police Department has been involved in an incident, because MPD reports are public documents.

The little information that GU provides comes nowhere near to satisfying Condition 9, which requires reports of "the outcome of *each* complaint, including whether sanctions were imposed and whether any fines [were] paid." The inadequacy of what we receive is clear from the copies of sheets provided through the ALL process (Attachment B). And there have been no reports concerning housing, parking, or other complaints.

What we have learned is that, far from meeting Condition 3's admonition that living off campus is a privilege that can be revoked for bad behavior, GU's practice is to punish dormitory students who seriously misbehave by kicking them off-campus and *into* the community.

The whole purpose of these conditions was to make sure that GU was following up with community complaints about behavior and to be able to measure the effectiveness of GU's discipline schemes in limiting objectionable impacts on the community.

Several letters or emails from neighbors of the university in West Georgetown are included as Attachment C, inasmuch as the voluminous such letters submitted in the campus plan case are not before you. Reading them gives ample indication of how inadequate Georgetown's efforts have been at ending the constant abuse they receive at the hands of those students who have no compunction about shouting, cursing, ruining sleep, defacing property, vomiting on property, and otherwise making life miserable.

These are the conditions that prompted Ray Kukulski's November 18 letter to President DeGioia, asking for the opportunity to meet to discuss resolving these problems. We ultimately received a response, prepared by Jeanne Lord, in early December (Attachment D); it repeats the formulaic responses we have so often heard.

Attachment E, one of the MPD summary reports, makes clear that on-campus students are more likely than their off-campus brethren to be arrested. We ask that you direct Georgetown to prepare case-specific reports concerning *all* their students' objectionable behavior, with case-specific outcomes so that the homeowner who has had to endure the bad behavior knows what the consequences were adjudged to be.

4. GU has removed from its campus a running track that the plan called for retaining on campus. The GU track and field program is an important part of undergraduate life on campus. The track had been located on the roof of the Yates field house, and is still shown there in the approved campus plan and facilities maps (Attachment F). Because GU experienced leaks in the Yates roof, it decided to close the facility and move it, temporarily it says, to the Ellington High School field, off campus. GU should file an application to amend its campus plan, allowing proper processing of this facility change, and permitting the community to incorporate any conditions that might be needed to limit objectionable impacts.

It is clearly within Georgetown's ability to bring its reporting and administrative practices into compliance with Order 16566's conditions in a matter of weeks. The over-enrollment corrects itself with the end of the fall semester, though Georgetown should be directed not to over-enroll again for the fall 2003 semester.

We ask that you delay further processing of this application until Georgetown is in compliance with each condition of the campus plan order.

Attachment A

Helicopter Transports for Calendar Year 2001
And First Quarter 2001
Georgetown University Hospital

Service	CY 2001	Jan. '01	Feb. '01	March '01
Cardiac (Adult)	101	13	6	3
Cardiac (Pediatrics)	2	1	0	0
Medical (Adult)	105	6	12	6
Medical (Pediatrics)	65	6	8	5
Neonatal	13	0	1	2
Obstetrical	2	0	1	0
Surgical (Adult)	64	9	7	5
Surgical (Pediatrics)	4	0	1	0
Trauma (Adult)	4	0	0	0
Trauma (Pediatrics)	3	0	0	0
Total Number	**363**	**34**	**37**	**21**

Attachment B

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Assistant Dean of Students

MEMORANDUM

18 April 2002

TO: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2 E
District of Columbia, Washington

FROM: Jeanne Lord
Assistant Dean of Students

SUBJECT: Campus Plan Order

Condition 9 of the Board of Zoning Adjustment's Order approving Georgetown University's Campus Plan through December 2010 directs the University to report certain data concerning off-campus student conduct to your office on a quarterly basis. Enclosed please find reports for first quarter of 2001 and the second quarter 2002.

5th Floor Leavey Center
Washington DC 20057-1046

Off Campus Student Life HOTLINE
Year to Date Statistics: Spring 2002
Week 1-13

Week #/ Date	# Days of Operation	# Hotline Calls	# Incidents Reported	# Confirmed Incidents	West Georgetown	Burleith	On-Campus
Week 13 April 1-7	7	6	6	3	0	3	0
Week 12 March 25-31	7	1	1	0	0	0	0
Week 11 March 18-24	7	4	4	0	0	0	0
Week 10 March 11- 17	7	9	7	3	0	3	1
Week 9 March 4- 10	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Week 8 February 25- March 3	7	2	0	0	0	0	0
Week 7 February 18-24	7	6	4	1	0	1	1
Week 6 February 11-17	7	4	3	0	0	0	0
Week 5 February 4-10	7	10	6	5	3	2	1

Week 4 January 28-February 3	7	6	6	2	2	0	0
Week 3 January 21-27	7	7	6	3	1	2	1
Week 2 January 14-20	7	12	10	2	1	1	1
Week 1 January 7-13	7	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	91	68	53	19	7	12	5

Georgetown University Office of Student Conduct

Sanctions Given to Students Living Off Campus Between 19 August 2001 and 21 December 2001

Sanction	Total
Suspension	1
Co-curricular & Disciplinary Probation	1
Fine	27
Other	5
Party Restriction (social probation)	52
Work Sanction	39
Total sanctions given to students living off campus:	**125**

Attachment C

Letters from West Georgetown Neighbors

Cagmail

From: Scott Schirmer [scott@refugeesinternational.org]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2003 8:45 AM
To: cagmail@cagtown.org
Cc: virginia_rice@hotmail.com
Subject: Citizens of Georgetown

Dear Ray,

We live at 3402 N Street. This corner is on the path of students returning from a night of revelry. Sunday through Wednesday is usually quiet. On Thursday evenings, we have some problems. Friday and Saturday evenings are out of hand.

Large groups of raucous, loud people sing, shout and argue while on their way back to the dorms. This continues up to 4 AM, and we are awakened continually throughout the night. There is a noticeable difference during holiday breaks and vacations, so we believe that it is indeed students accounting for the noise.

Our worst problem has been the recent arrival of numerous (we really don't know how many) students at 3405 N Street, directly across from our house. It seems that a parent purchased the house for his daughter(s), and they have turned it into "party central." The students must have some rule against smoking inside, because they stand or sit out on their front porch at all hours, carrying on loud conversations. Every word, laugh, song and curse is audible. And, when there's a party (which sometimes seems like every weekend) large groups congregate. The noise is unbearable.

Both my wife and I have made repeated visits (in the early morning hours) to talk to the occupants and requested quiet--to no avail. Parties typically go until dawn. The trash overflows from their trashcans. We have called the police several times. Once they sent three squad cars. The officers emptied the house; over 50 students filed out.

Parking is always a problem when school is in session. It is truly remarkable to see the number of spaces available during school breaks, often half a block is open on each side of the street. Trash, other than that in front of 3405, is less of a problem, but the litter is typically beer and liquor bottles, pizza boxes, fast food wrappers, and cigarette butts.

We would recommend campus police stationed at key intersections where students walk when they return to campus on weekends. They should be empowered--and required--to enforce quiet. Students who are making excessive noise should be cited. The noise is simply unacceptable.

We are very pleased that you and the CAG have taken on this initiative. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Virginia Rice and Scott Schirmer
3402 N Street, NW
Residents since 1994

Meredith Peterson
1247 35th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007
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January 15, 2003

Ray Kukulski
The Citizens Association of Georgetown
3222 N Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Ray,

This letter is to share with you some of my experiences of living in Georgetown. In November 1996, as renters, my husband Stephen and I moved into our rowhouse at 1247 35th Street, NW. It is located between Prospect and N Streets, in a row of about 8 similar houses directly across from the Georgetown University dormitory LXR. In January 2001, we became owners of the home when we purchased it from our landlord. Let me start by say that in general I like having the students around. I like the energy they bring to the community and feel that they are in general a bright group.

In the time we've lived here, our neighbor's house at 1245 35th Street has always been a rental with five students living there. Each year it has been a different group of students, and each summer it has been subletted to yet another group of students. The summer students are usually here for internships, just to live in Washington or to take classes at Georgetown University.

Our neighbor's house to the north, at 1249 35th Street, had been a rental for two years. It was then purchased and lived in by its owner for two years before being sold to its current owner-occupant.

Our first several years here were not very troubling. I'm a very sound sleeper and would occasionally be awoken by 'walk-by' noise. I always said that the source of the noise was not our student neighbors or even the dormitory across the street, but what I believed to be intoxicated students returning home from bars/parties usually between 2:00 and 4:00 a.m.
The only 'real' damage I ever recall, was having the antenna on our car broken off, which was costly to repair.

Well unfortunately, over the past few years that has all changed.

During the summer of 2000, the subletter's at 1245 35th Street, thought that it was a fun idea to climb up on their roof (there is no roof deck) at 2-4 a.m. and shout down to people

walking by. I can remember calling Georgetown University Department of Public Safety (DPS) about these neighbors and their response was "how do you know it's students".

I've always had a reluctance to call the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) over loud students because I feel that they have "real" crimes to attend to and shouldn't be wasting their time or the taxpayer's money babysitting college students.

It seemed one of my biggest memories of the summer of 2001 was constantly waking up to the sound of people pounding on the front door of LXR. Either they forgot or lost their I.D. card to gain access to the building, or were visiting friends. Either way, they would (and still do) stand outside the dorm at all hours of the morning pounding on the front door (some yell too) until someone would walk by and let them in.

For the past academic year, it seems as if even the walk by noise and problems have increased. I can't give you specific dates, but can tell you that on a regular basis, trashcans, which get put out Thursday evening, are usually knocked over and their contents spilled about. Litter is a constant problem, especially on Prospect Street. Weekend mornings there is often vomit on the sidewalks, again, concentrated around Prospect Street. And groups of people, walk by and laugh, giggle and even shout, LOUDLY, from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. I can hear them coming up Prospect and continue on past my home and by the time they are on the next block up they fade away. Because it is usually a short incident it is usually not practical to call MPD because by the time they arrive, the noise will have moved on. I usually I don't go out and address the noise myself because I am uncomfortable confronting groups of potentially intoxicated people.

In general, the various groups of neighbors at 1245 had always been for the most part kind, considerate and quiet. One of my biggest complaints about past neighbors had been smoking. They would not want to smoke in their house, so instead they would stand in the front walk and light up there. The smell of cigarette smoke would enter house our house, and cigarette butts would be littered about the walk and both our yards. Every once in a while we'd get a note saying "we're having a party tonight, please call us if it's too loud". We never heard noise through the wall; the only noise we heard was when the front door would open for guests to enter/exit or going out to smoke. In the spring of 2002, a party attendee at 1245 vomited in our front yard, the girls quickly attended to it, and apologized profusely the next day saying how embarrassed they were.

I was warned that the guys moving into 1245 35th Street this year have a reputation as partiers – which they have heartily lived up to. Additionally, we were informed before the school year started, that at least one of them had secured a job on Wall Street, all he needs to do is graduate.

I decided that with the increase of noise and problems, I wanted to begin keeping a record of our problems. So at the start of Academic year 2002-2003, I started keeping a diary of the noise. *Please keep in mind as you read the following that every time I was awoken has not made it into this list. I'm usually half-conscious when awoken, this represents the times I had enough awareness to actually write it down. The days may not be 100%*

accurate, for example what I say was Monday night might actually have been very early Tuesday morning. (Every time I refer to "neighbor(s)" it is referring to the guys living at 1245 35th Street.)

One problem I face is that we are the only neighbors to 1245. They have an alley that backs-up to someone's back yard on the other side, a parking pad behind them and the dorm across the street. If I call the University of MPD to complain about them, it's easy for them to guess who has made the call.

- 8/26 – Monday – 2 a.m. – Steve and another resident on the block were awoken by trashcan tipping and police on a loudspeaker.
- 8/27 – Tuesday – 1 a.m. – Woken up, loud noise.
- 8/27 – Tuesday – 2-2:30 a.m. – Students yelling, turned into fighting, called MPD and campus Hotline.
- 9/5-6 – Thurs./Friday – 3:15 a.m. – Awoken by neighbors on the roof, trashcan knock over.
- 9/9 – Monday – Neighbors body slamming or tackling their front door. Steve spoke to them three times, but they didn't stop. (We believe they were watching a football game and this was their commercial break activity.)
- 9/11 – Wednesday – 5-5:30 a.m. – Wake up to a jiggling noise of the neighbors front door, which continues for about a half hour. At 5:30 a.m. I go outside to find that they were actually stuck inside their house, I told them to just go back bed they must have broken it the other night. They claimed that they needed to go someplace and proceeded to pop the front doorknob out. *Their house does have a back door though one if their bedrooms, why didn't they just go that way? Didn't want to wake the roommate up?* For the next seven days, the doorknob remained out; their door could not be locked and it had a 2-inch hole in it where the knob should be.
- 9/13 – Friday – 3:05 a.m. – Awoken to noise and looked for the DPS guard that we were told would be posted outside LXR. He was nowhere to be found. I called the Hotline, the person half chuckling told me they were unaware of any uniformed guard at LXR, and said, " Believe me I would know if there was supposed to be one."
- Some time the week of 9/16 – 11 p.m. - Neighbors played radio extremely loud (couldn't hear our own T.V.). I knocked on their door, asked them to turn it down and they did.
- 9/21-9/22 – Sat.-Sunday – 2:15 a.m. – Awoken by LXR fire drill.
- 9/22 – Sunday – woke up Sunday morning to find neighbors had vomited in our front yard. Approached them about it Sunday afternoon and their response was a bad attitude.
- 9/24-9/25 – Tues. – Wednesday – 2:35 a.m. – Woken up by neighbor yelling out his front door about pizza. Their door opening and slamming closed several times.

- 9/25 – Wednesday – I called Julie Fultz of Georgetown University's Off Campus Student Life office to make a formal complaint about these neighbors. (We had previously discussed these neighbors at Alliance for Local Living (ALL) meeting, which I attend.) She made a call to my neighbors that afternoon telling them they had until that Friday to come in and talk to her.
- 9/26-9/27 – Thurs.-Friday – 2 a.m. Awoken from sleep by a rock breaking our bedroom window. To clarify for you how scary it was for us and how lucky we were, the head of our bed is directly under that window. The glass shattered just over our heads. To further understand how hurtful and meaningful this was to us. We had decided, with encouragement from the Commission of Fine Arts, to preserve our historic windows with their old wood and wavy glass, rather than replace them. Steve and I had spent what felt like hundreds of hours since mid-August chemically stripping the multiple layers of paint from the window frames. To have a rock break one of these old panes of glass, which we'd worked so hard to preserve was especially hurtful. To this day I sleep crunched down toward the foot end of the bed. We did call MPD, they came but because we didn't see who did it, no charges were filed and nothing was ever done. Julie said the neighbors denied any involvement in the incident.
- 9/30 – Monday – Elmer's glue type substance was squirted along the side and hood of our car. (We all have street parking here, our car is rather distinctive with its bike rack on top.)
- 10/1st week – Red "Kool Aid" substance splashed all over our neighbors front walk and white resin chair that sits in their front yard. This red substance remained there for about a week.
- 10/4 – Friday – 2:30 a.m. – Awoken by person outside LXR yelling for someone to open the door.
- 10/12 – Saturday – 11:00 p.m. – As I return home there is a DPS officer standing in the alley next to the neighbors and lets me know he can clearly hear their yelling/loud party. He asked me if I wanted him to knock on their door. I said no, lets give them a little while. 11:30 pm I went out and got the DPS officer because the neighbors were continuing to get louder. I couldn't even hear my own T.V. At this point he was sitting in his cruiser, he got out, knocked on their door and asked them to quiet down.
- 10/25 – Friday – 3:30 a.m. – Awoken to beer bottles being thrown off the roof of LXR. Some were dropped straight off, others were lobbed across the street and landing in the alley on the other side of our neighbors house at 1245. A few actually landed on our & the neighbors roof. We went outside and our neighbor from 1249 was just getting home and leaning against his fence in amazement at this spectacle. He was watching the 4-5 guys up on the roof that were laughing and cheering as they lobbed the beer bottles. I called DPS and MPD, MPD got here first, but the kids took off. The officers did see the smashed bottles littering the road, sidewalk and alley. *Our guess was that they were friends of the guys at 1245, aiming bottles at their house.*

- 11/21- Thursday - 2:45 a.m. – Woke up to loud conversation streaming off the roof of LXR to people on the street. I looked up and saw 4-5 guys and maybe a girl or two, yelling back and forth with people on the street. Called DPS and MPD.

Please let me reiterate that this summary encompasses some of the incidents from the academic year 2002-2003, not all. For example at least twice this past fall my husband has left for work to find someone passed-out/sleeping on the front stoop at 1245 35th Street or on the sidewalk in front of our houses. Once I called MPD to break-up a party and it was very effective.

This is the first year that we have ever heard people/parties/yelling/music through the wall we share with our neighbors at 1245. It would be one thing to hear such noise occasionally, but we hear it routinely. Combine the neighbor noise with the regular walk by noise and LXR noise and you'll quickly realize our frustrations.

As mentioned earlier I attend Alliance for Local Living (ALL) meetings. This is a group of University officials and area residents that meet monthly to discuss problems and attempt to resolve them. Overall, I think of it more as therapy, I can go and vent about what has been going on in the neighborhood, but nothing ever seems to get done.

For example one of my biggest gripes had been *The Hoya* newspaper. *The Hoya* would be delivered on the weekends to the front stoop of LXR, tied with a plastic band. People would take a few papers, the band would come off and the rest would blow all over the neighborhood littering the street and sidewalks. I'd look out my window and watch dozens of kids walk in and out of the dorm stepping over the newspapers, not one would ever bend down and pick them up. About 3-4 years ago I made several calls to the Off Campus Student Life office, to no avail. I was given the cell phone number to the editor at the time, Sarah Walsh, and told to call her on a Sunday if the papers were ever a problem. I called several times, but she never answered. I was even questioned by the OCSL representative about why the papers were a problem on Sunday's; she said that's weird because the paper comes out on Wednesday and Friday. I finally concluded that the problem was because Sunday was the day of the week that the University didn't have groundskeepers walking around the building and picking up litter. (This also quite evident if you walk down N Street between 36th & 37th Streets on a Sunday morning - usually quite a mess with litter.) So I finally meet up with the ALL group, thinking yes, I'm finally going to get this *Hoya* problem solved. Wrong. It took almost TWO years of working with them to get the paper off the steps of LXR. Everyone agreed that is was clearly an inappropriate place for the papers to be delivered. One student member of the group said that his friend was the editor of the paper and he'd talk to him. Another time a letter was drafted by a student and signed by he and myself and sent off to the editor, again to no avail. Finally, this fall, completely frustrated, I pleaded to the group that I was doing what I was suppose to but getting no results. I was there speaking to the University officials, what was the problem? I said that if this group can't even get *The Hoya* stopped from being delivered on the steps of LXR then I had little faith that this group could accomplish anything. My frustration must have worked because the paper is no longer being delivered to the steps of LXR.

Noise often develops from people standing on the front stoop of LXR. Whether they are waiting for a pizza to be delivered or simply meeting up with friends, the sound of several people talking together carries across the street, to where my bedroom is, and often I'm awoken. My neighbor Karen Cruse lived here when LXR was converted to a dormitory. She recalls GU promising that the main entrance to LXR would be from the 36th street side of the building, away from residences, not the 35th Street side where it presently is located. The location of the main entrance to LXR, and the possibility of moving it to the 36th Street side of the building has been discussed at the ALL meetings. The University is trying to position this dorm as the 'safety' spot because it is the furthest out into the community. They claim that if a student is returning to campus and feels that they are in danger they can enter LXR. I however don't buy this claim because only the students who live in the dorm have ID's that will open its doors. At the ALL meetings, we've also discussed the possibility of a doorbell or door monitor to let people into the building and help control kids pounding on the door to get in and congregating on the front stoop. DPS claims that they now have a guard posted outside of LXR from 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. Thursday though Sunday. Even though it was discussed at the ALL meeting last night, none of us have seen this DPS officer. And it's not just the neighbors, even the newest ANC commissioner said that he went by specifically looking for this officer and no one was present.

My impression is that the University is taking very little responsibility for the noise that students create in their travels in the neighborhoods. At the ALL meetings, DPS has stated that their jurisdiction is only on University property and that they are going out on limb by even "patrolling" down to the Wormley School. They won't even claim responsibility for students standing in the street in front of LXR. I'm not sure that I understand why DPS, or some other type of University safety officers, can't have foot patrols (similar to the CAG guard program) out on the corridors where the students are creating problems to control the noise and vandalism.

As for parking I don't feel that it is an unbearable problem on my street. Usually a few trips around the block and I'll find a spot. I will note however that parking is much more readily available when the students are on break. All Christmas break I could practically park at my door.

I know that this letter I am writing has something to do about a BZA hearing for a performing arts center on campus. I know that I am speaking without any knowledge about the proposed center but please allow me to pose some questions or concerns:

What types of performers will perform at the center? Will these performances be attracting other people from around the city to add to the foot traffic, noise, and pollution that GU has already demonstrated an inability to control?

Will they be offering free parking to attendees of all performances? Parking for a fee will cause attendees to seek parking on the residential streets close the campus, which will create a huge parking problem.

Traffic on the 34th and 35th Street corridors, as well as Prospect Street, is already backed up during rush hour. Will this new center create that same type of traffic in and out of campus in the evening now as well? It is one thing to have horns honking and people stuck in traffic yelling at 5pm, but it is not something I want later in the evening when I assume the performance would take place.

I apologize that this is so long winded. I know I'll probably think of other thing after I sent this off to you. Please call me at work 703-549-9292 or home 202-342-0795 if you need clarification or I can help in any way. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Meredith Peterson

Subj: **RE: GU testimony**
Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2003 1:42:15 PM
From: vrixey@bowie-gridley.com
To: ZARTMANBJ@aol.com, otoobad@earthlink.net, rhinds@cgsh.com, james.cruse@exim.gov

Barbara--
All looks good to me, but a question about expanding on the misconduct of students. Part of the reporting problem is that the hotline "tracks" the complaints, but at 3am, few neighbors, myself included, bother to call because it is totally ineffectual. We called about an incident at a student house at 1320 35th Street just after new years to be told "the university is on break so it can't be students". HA!! Further, many residents are too intimidated to complain. An example is the man who said kids took a key last month and damaged the body work of his car in front and all along the side after he asked them to be quiet and move on. This is the same family whose son was badly beaten three years ago after he told some kids not to knock the trash cans over.

Truly, this semester has been awful. We are awakened every weekend several times a night at the wee hours. Last semester, boys were playing football in the street at 3:50am on a Thursday night. The police arrived too late, but not before three car alarms were triggered.

I don't know what the solution is, but as long as GU tallies the "problems" we're probably out of luck. Victoria

Cagmail

From: Richard Park 2 [parkr@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2003 8:34 PM
To: cagmail@cagtown.org
Subject: Georgetown University Students

Dear Mr. Kukulski,

I recieved your flyer this afternoon and in response, I hardly know where to begin.

I own my home on Prospect Street and have lived in it for the past 9 years. I have lived in and around Georgetown for most of my life. I grew up here and attended Holy Trinity Grade School in the 1960's.

Perhaps last June will give you an idea of the situtation on Prospect Street from my point of view. My neighbor returned home one night about 2:30 am to witness two GU students prying up bricks out of the sidewalk at 35th and Prospect and throwing them as hard as possible into the side of my car, breaking the windows and denting the fenders from front to rear. He called the police and followed them on foot. They were arrested and charged with felony destruction of property. The damage to the vehicle came to $2800. Several months later, after an unending appeal process at the school, they were reinstated and I recieved compensation for my expenses.

Six days after I got the car back from the body shop, someone got up on the hood and caused another $800 in damage.

Over the course of the last several years, I have had 3 side view mirrors broken off my cars (the electric ones which go for over $200 each). I have had my shrubberies ripped out of the ground and thrown into the street twice. I have had my front door kicked in and split from top to bottom. I have had potted plants stolen from my porch, and I continually have to remove half eaten pizza and sandwiches from my front steps.

The noise out in the street on most nights between 1 and 4 am is beyond belief. The long parade of drunken students screaming into the night goes on still. The traffic in the late afternoon and early evening is insane. The GU buses spew noise and exhaust up and down the block. I first heard about the Canal Road entrance when I was a kid and still it remains unfinished. In my opinion from a perspective of almost 40 years, the University long ago became too big for this neighborhood. It has slowly eaten up all the houses on 36th and 37th Street where people used to live when I was growing up. They now own a house at 35th and N and the Wormley School. In 50 years they'll spread all the way to Wisconsin Avenue.

You can hear plenty of similar stories in every house on Prospect Street. Another neighbor's rear window in his Jeep was smashed out just a couple weeks ago. It just keeps going on year after year.

I'm attaching a letter I sent in response to a flyer I found in my mailslot from the GU Office of Student Life. I guess it will tell you how I feel about things.

Dear Sirs:

After reading the flyer left on my doorstep this afternoon, I simply had to write. Is it possible that Georgetown University students are are telling me "we'd appreciate it if you would...Pick up

trash on the sidewalk and in the gutters in front of your house"? Can anyone really have such a warped view as to suggest this to the residents of Georgetown? It's like Yasser Arafat giving the Israelis pointers on how to dispose of a burned out bus. In the nine years I have lived on Prospect Street, hardly a day has gone by that I haven't had to pick up the debris left in front of my home by the nightly parade of drunken slobs from your school. I have removed vomit and excrement from my front steps, my shrubbery has been burned out by repeated dousings of urine, half eaten food is simply dropped and trampled into the bricks, beer cans, cigarettes, wine bottles, pizza boxes, Subway wrappers...there is no end to it. The idea of you people suggesting I clean up the disgusting mess you leave in your wake is outrageous.

May I suggest that instead of this pathetic annual token of community involvement, you get some of these punks out of bed on Saturday and Sunday morning and have them clean up after themselves, so the people who live in this neighborhood and pay the taxes don't have to. I imagine your flyer was intended to impress us all with such a valiant effort, but all you did was insult me and piss me off more than I already was.

By the way, I have to mention the comment at the bottom of the last paragraph on the flyer, about how your office can be a tremendous asset in dealing with your landlord and how you managed to get a few houses painted. What's next? How to get out of paying rent? Living near Georgetown University is an absolute horror for a property owner. Why would anyone want to do cosmetic repair to a building that housed these animals? If you people had any idea of the degree of contempt that we, the residents hold your organization in, you'd refrain from sending out this sort of drivel and get to work on cleaning up your act as well as this neighborhood.

On the positive side, I have to give a good word for Officer Danny Godin of the DC Police who is working his butt off to control the drunken nightly rampage. And Judy Johnson at The GU Office of Student Conduct for helping me with the incident in June. Unfortuneately, until the University steps up to the plate and recognizes that the problem is theirs and that they have a responsibility to this neighborhood, nothing will change. Until that day comes, you will find me in total opposition to any kind of zoning for expansion by the school.

If I can help in any way, please contact me by email or cell phone: 202-257-2522

Thank you.

Richard Park
3422 Prospect Street

Cagmail

From: Tatiana Disparte [tatianad@crosslink.net]

Sent: Monday, January 13, 2003 2:59 PM

To: cagmail@cagtown.org

Subject: Georgetown Univ. students

To Whom It May Concern,

Hello,

My name is Tatiana Disparte and this e-mail is a response to your letter regarding the students from Georgetown Univ. I have been leaving in Georgetown at 3264 N, since 1994 and I'm a very close friend of the owners, Dick and Nancy Graham. I was a student at CUA, and currently I work in DC area. Unfortunately, this past year the noise on our street became unbearable, as a result of the new residents (students from GTW) who moved at 3280N.

After repeated attempts to have a decent conversation with the renters, on Halloween night I was forced to call the police twice. It was not only the noise, but the vandalism: I found two of the student guests urinating under the window of our house. Since then, almost every night, between 2 AM -3 AM I have to go outside and tell them to be quiet. As a result, now I'm looking for another place to live. I also have to mention that Nancy Graham tried to contact the University regarding the situation at 3280N, but nobody return her calls.

If you need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at:

202 337-0717, or 410 829-9247.

Thank you for your understating and cooperation,

Sincerely,
Tatiana Disparte

Dear CAG:

In response to your letter:

My husband, Dan Sallick, and I live at 1234 33rd St, NW. We moved into our "dream home" almost two years ago and it has been a living nightmare ever since. We can't wait to be able to afford to sell the house and move to the east side of Georgetown.

We are awakened every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night (except during the summer and on Georgetown University breaks – like Christmas and Spring Break) by students on Prospect Street who scream on their way home from the bars.

We have witnessed a brawl on our street.

When we asked if the students watching the brawl would quiet down so that our baby could sleep, they screamed profanities at us. "Stop acting like my fucking mom, bitch," was what I was told.

The students next door who are on the baseball team are ruining our lives – from fire crackers being thrown from their roof into the busy intersection of 33rd & Prospect – to loud "house music" shaking our house at 2 am on at least three separate occasions – to maggots in open garbage – to astro-turf in the back yard – to students screaming "shut up you fucking whore bitch skank" at 4 am – to a tent of shower curtains over their back yard to prevent the police from seeing all the underage drinking at their party – it's been a year of living hell.

Frankly, we have been disappointed in the response from the university. We have no idea if the students have even been reprimanded for their behavior. We get a lot of sympathy, but it hasn't stopped. And, when we called about open trash that the rodents had got into over Christmas break we heard, "Oh, that open trash isn't too bad." We have been made to feel like reactionaries for simply wanting to sleep and not have open trash laying around their backyard.

The students south of Prospect on 33rd Street have absolutely NO SENSE of the trash and recycling rules/regulations despite my stopping by each of their houses on at least three separate occasions, as if that is my job, but the university REALLY doesn't care about trash – that's the least of their problems! One house has had carpet remnants in front of it for at least three months – the others simply can't figure out which days the trash goes out – when to bring in the cans – when the recycling gets put out, etc.

We constantly have broken beer bottles in our flower boxes – stolen wreaths and plants – big cups of alcohol sitting on our steps on Saturday/Sunday mornings.

I think the biggest problem is that the students simply DON'T CARE! They couldn't care less about the neighborhood, the trash and recycling rules and regulations, whether people get a good night's sleep or not, or really anything at all. I know they're not stupid because they go to Georgetown – so they must not care. And, that's sad. I also think they're not afraid – the university doesn't seriously sanction them for ANYTHING – so why would they change their behavior??

I know there are some good kids – and a couple live across the street from me now. They are good neighbors – they had their house painted and spruced up when they moved in – they're quiet – and abide by all common courtesy rules – but they are the EXCEPTION.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Miller/Dan Sallick/Sam Sallick

Cagmail

From: Ross Dunlap [rdunlap@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2003 2:01 PM
To: cagmail@cagtown.org
Subject: GU Students

I am writing in response to the letter I received from the citizens association regarding GU student activity. I'm a homeowner, living at 3308 Prospect St.. I've been here for almost 4 years. Prospect Street is probably one of the busiest thoroughfares for students going to and from campus and the rest of the city - so clearly I have a long list of complaints:

- Trash: big problem. There is always trash all over the street and sidewalk. The students seem to have no concept of the trash pick up dates/rules, or else they disregard them completely. Rats are commonly digging through the trash. I pick trash out of my bushes on a daily basis.
- Noise: Always very noisy - foot traffic after the bars close is predictably obnoxious any day of the week. Always a lot of commotion, shouting, kicking trash cans over, fighting sometimes. I guess it would be entertaining if I didn't live here and have to get up for work four hours later.
- Parties: Sometimes overflow into the streets and sidewalks late at night - like a block party or something is going on. Parties at houses nearby are always distracting of course.
- Specific incidents: Lots of these - I'll outline the worst ones: (1) last spring, at end of school year, a group of students broke every street lamp on Prospect by throwing bricks at them. I witnessed most of it, called the police, who took a long time to show up (at least 20 minutes) at which point it was too late, and all of Prospect st. was plunged into darkness. The students came dangerously close to hitting my house and car. (2) Have seen on several occasions students walking on top of cars parallel parked on the street. A friend of mine had some serious damage done by a student sitting in her sun roof and denting in her hood. (3) Witnessed a big brawl between groups of drunk students break out in front of my house. Called police, but they didn't show up.

I could go on... Basically, the police/university are rarely around to check up on anything. The students haven't changed since I've lived here, as every new batch seems to follow the exact same patterns as their predecessors of complete disregard for anyone else that might live in the real world around them. In addition, for the most part the students have serious attitude (contempt almost) towards the rest of the community - as if they are some privileged class of citizen (brats) that don't need to associate or consider the others who live in the area. I went to college, I had a good time, I still like to go out and have a good time, but some of the things these kids do in trying to have a good time should be a huge embarrassment for the university. I'm surprised they don't do more to curb this behavior. For the record I will say that I have some great student neighbors, who are friendly and considerate - but this is the first time since I've been here. Hope this helps.

Regards,

Ross Dunlap
202-338-2035

Cagmail

From: Edwardemes@aol.com
Sent: Friday, January 03, 2003 8:45 AM
To: cagmail@cagtown.org
Cc: Edwardemes@aol.com
Subject: Response to questions

Betsy Emes has resided in Georgetown for 31 years, Ed Emes for 49 years

Trash and debris not bad on N Street but Prospect between 34th and Potomac on the south side outside of the rental buildings is really bad.

Often excessive vehicle back up on Prospect west of Wisconsin.
Some excessive backup on N west of Wisconsin
Excessive back up on N east of Wisconsin exacerbated by left hand turns at Wisconsin Ave going west.

Parking problems increased greatly since start of school.

Cagmail

From: John Wannen [john@wannen.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 26, 2002 10:27 PM
To: cagmail@cagtown.org
Subject: Student behavior

On Friday, December 19th, a group of students was in our driveway (3234 Prospect Street) a little after 2am. They were acting up and I went to the window. After a few minutes, I dressed, turned on the lights and went out, but they had left. In the morning we found that our station wagon had been "keyed" across the hood up by the wipers and all the way around the driver's side to the back of the car. We reported this to DCPD.

This was the same night (the Friday before Christmas after exams) when our son was attacked in front of our home three years ago. Then as now we have no direct link to Georgetown, but the pattern on Prospect Street has been consistent for years.

John Wannen
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202.342.1912 home
202.441.5625 cell
Internet: www.wannen.com
Email: john@wannen.com

Dear Neighbors, December 9, 2002

I have just returned to Washington from Pakistan where Tamur and I are now living and working. I have returned to a flood of complaints about the behavior of the tenants that are currently living in our house at 1309 35th Street. Through our property manager, I have heard that there have been multiple incidents with the police, with loud music, with parties and with trash littering the front of our house.

Tamur and I am extremely sorry and embarrassed about this and consider this behavior completely unacceptable and in violation of our lease agreement with the students. We both apologize that the peace and quiet of the neighborhood has been disturbed as a result of our rental arrangements. We went to great lengths before leaving to extract a firm understanding from the students that they would abide by the codes of behavior of the neighborhood. There were to be absolutely no parties, no noise and no trash. I was aware that there were several incidents over the summer. We contacted the students by telephone from Pakistan and issued a stern warning. I was under the impressions that there had been no further problems. It seems however that this is not the case.

I have met with the students, contacted their families as well as the Office for Off-Campus Life at Georgetown University to discuss the problems in the house. I have offered the students a choice: 1) to vacate the house now, before the start of their winter break, which would allow them to find alternate housing before the start of the new term. 2) to continue staying in the house with the understanding that if there is any further incident of any sort, then they will be evicted mid-term, which would be quite disruptive to their studies. I am meeting with them again this afternoon to see what decision they have made.

I am in Washington for the month of December and would very much like to have an opportunity to meet with you and discuss the problems that you have been facing. I can be reached at 202-337-3533. Again, I apologize for the difficulties and disturbance that you have been facing and hope that we can resolve this as quickly as possible.

Lauren Mueenuddin
Owner of Residence at 1309 35th Street, NW

Cagmail

From: Chris Haws [chris@haws.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2003 3:39 PM
To: cagmail@cagtown.org
Subject: Noise, etc.

Dear Ray,

My wife and I have lived at 3407 N St for over four years and have also noticed an increase in the general levels of disturbance and detritus over the last year. Since N Street seems to be the main thoroughfare from Georgetown to the University we are routinely subject to loud drunks shouting and yelling their way back to their dorms at any time of the night, often as late as three in the morning. Parking has become even more of a nightmare (although it's difficult to differentiate in annoyance caused between the students and the hordes of contractors that seem to be endlessly digging up the road and refilling it poorly) and the sooner we might see parking spaces delineated with white lines on the street surface, the better. People seem incapable of parking efficiently or considerately. Needless to say, I would hope that an appropriate number of those spaces would be reserved for residents.

Beer cans, bottles and general trash is also a mounting problem - although it must be said that the refuse collection service generally is diabolically bad, so how much should be laid at the door of the student body is debatable.

Good luck with your efforts to remind the University of their civic duty. By and large, we have found the students to be a courteous and amiable bunch and we enjoy the youthful energy that they bring, so I wouldn't want Georgetown residents to appear to be a hopelessly ancient crowd of killjoys and fuddy-duddies.

Some redressing of the balance is in order, however.

Yours,

Chris Haws.

202 342 3939.

Cagmail

From: Lesley.LaMothe@USPTO.GOV
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2002 10:26 AM
To: cagmail@cagtown.org
Subject: racoon

Hi Elizabeth- just letting you know I called the city call center and they referred me to animal control -535-2322. The number you gave me 645-6188 is no longer in service. I left a message and will let you know what they advise. I still think that the student house on N St. 3504 is a problem with all the garbage that is not kept in containers. I will email Julie Foltz as well. Thank you for your help and I will be in touch.

Lesley LaMothe
1306 34th St
202-337-8284

giving them 24 hours to clean up any trash violations. I would be happy to discuss this program further at the next ALL meeting. In addition, this semester alone, my office has sponsored two community clean-ups, one in Burleith and the other in West Georgetown. In each instance, we worked closely with the relevant neighborhood association, including CAG and your executive director Elizabeth Miller. In addition, several student groups have joined together to participate in the District's Adopt-A-Block program, committing to periodic maintenance of two blocks in West Georgetown.

With respect to late night noise on Prospect Street, our Public Safety officers have worked closely with MPD and the community on this matter. In fact, the University has provided cell phones for MPD officers so that neighbors can call them directly rather than go through the routine MPD 911 dispatch system.

Regarding the reciprocity issue, as you know from the ALL meetings, in conjunction with the OCSL Community Education Program, we informed all undergraduate students living off campus of their obligation to comply with the District law regarding car registration. At that time, we provided students with a DC vehicle registration packet. Students who indicated they were keeping a motor vehicle in the District that was registered elsewhere have been sent a follow-up letter reminding them of their responsibility to comply with local vehicle registration requirements and that failure to comply with District law is also a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. In addition, our Department of Public Safety informs MPD of reports received by the community of alleged violations. I have also written a letter to the director of the Department of Motor Vehicles offering to consult with her on this matter, as required by the BZA Order.

Perhaps most importantly, there is a new awareness among our students of their responsibility to be thoughtful and responsible citizens both within and beyond Healy Gates. As an educational institution, Georgetown University is committed to educating our students to engage their minds in the classroom and to be good citizens in the community. It is important to realize that we do this in full cooperation with our community partners who have specific jurisdictional responsibilities such as MPD, DMV, and DPW. I am proud of the efforts of so many of our students who offer their services to the community and the city as well as to partner with agencies and civic leaders who want to work with us productively to address concerns that arise.

Finally, with University projects about to come on line or in the process of development, we are making every effort to make the campus one that has a variety of on-campus student activities. The SW Quadrangle due to come on line in Fall 2003 will add nearly 800 new beds on campus and bring the total number of available beds on campus to nearly 90% of our traditional undergraduates. The Performing Arts Center, which will be before the Zoning Commission later this week, will provide an on-campus venue for students to write, direct, and produce performances that will be offered on- campus as well as to neighboring communities.

Attachment E

MPD Violation Information

AUGUST 2002:	5	(61D) Violations
	0	(61D) Warnings
	7	**OFF** Campus Students Arrested
	12	ON Campus Students Arrested
SEPTEMBER 2002:	3	(61D) Violations
	1	(61D) Warning
	3	**OFF** Campus Students Arrested
	7	ON Campus Students Arrested
OCTOBER 2002:	8	(61D) Violations
	0	(61D) Warnings
	2	**OFF** Campus Students Arrested
	18	ON Campus Students Arrested
NOVEMBER 2002:	2	(61D) Violations
	2	(61D) Warnings
	0	**OFF** Campus Students Arrested
	5	ON Campus Students Arrested
TOTALS:	18	**(61D) Violations**
	3	**(61D) Warnings**
	12	**OFF Campus Students Arrested**
	42	**ON Campus Students Arrested**
	75	Total Violations (August 25 - November 10, 2002)

Attachment F

"Existing Campus Plan" 2000

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Proposed Campus Development 2000-2010



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FIGURE 02

EXISTING CAMPUS PLAN

MAY 02, 2000

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CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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FIGURE 03

TEN YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN

MAY 02, 2000

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CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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