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Carol Mitten, Chairperson
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 – 4th Street, NW Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re. G.W. Carver Senior Apartments
Zoning Commission Case # 04-04

Dear Ms. Mitten:

As you may know, an application for a planned unit development (GW Carver Senior Apartments) was submitted for the Board's review on 6 February 2004. In the interim, the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7C was notified of this action by Arnold and Porter Law Firm (Mr. NathanGross). The matter was addressed at the Advisory Neighborhood Commission's community meeting on 12 February 2004. Mr. H R Crawford presented the proposal but the community wanted and needed more definitive information regarding this project, specifically the architects' completed plans, with ALL spec. We were told that there would be three levels, now it appears that the building would have four levels. What is the truth??? Other issues the number of parking spaces, site of trash pick-up and storage of the trash bins, the composition (the population) of the building. The application mentions Section 8 vouchers for 103 persons At no time was this presented to the community. What is the truth????

Mr Nathan Gross, mailed to me a copy of the proposed project and quite frankly, I was offended What Mr Gross mailed only describes a building and planted bushes—no specs. A special community meeting was held tonight to discuss this matter again and the results were the same-more information is needed. However, more important at this time is the fact there are residents in the immediate area of the project (we found out tonight) who know nothing about this venture. This is not surprising to me as this community and its ANC is rarely, if ever, notified of any proposed projects. A position the ANC is no longer willing to accept.

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ANC 7C cannot intelligently go forward with a vote of approval or disapproval of this project at this time due to incomplete and/or inaccurate information. We are therefore requesting your presence at our next "special" community meeting which will be held within the next week or two. You will be notified as soon as we secure adequate space to accommodate the community, which hopefully will be within the next week.

Sincerely,

Catherine A. Woods,
Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 7C

cc: Nathan Gross (Arnold and Porter)