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RESOLUTION 2006-021

Regarding Methods for Addressing the Impact of Charter Schools on Neighborhoods in Washington, DC

WHEREAS the DC Zoning Commission has scheduled a hearing on May 11, 2006 to consider Case No. 06-06, a text amendment to Title 11 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations concerning Charter Schools ("the Amendment"),

WHEREAS the Amendment would allow Charter Schools to be located in residential neighborhoods as a matter of right, subject to lot and frontage requirements,

WHEREAS this ANC is generally supportive of publicly-funded Charter Schools,

WHEREAS there is an established regulatory process by Special Exception for siting private schools in Residence Zones, and

WHEREAS the matter of right establishment of charter schools in facilities in residential neighborhoods that have not presently or previously been used as public schools can obviously have a significant impact upon the neighborhood and the quality of life in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS the potential impact on residential neighborhoods of the establishment or expansion of private schools is regulated by the Board of Zoning Adjustment and allows for significant input from residents and from the Advisory Neighborhood Commission; and

WHEREAS public school establishment or expansion is subject to the approval of the partially elected, partially appointed School Board with funding authorization by the elected D.C. Council with both bodies inviting and responding to public comment; and

WHEREAS charter schools are not subject to the rules and regulations established for District public schools that ensure the stability of the school and provide mechanisms for the community to address any issues or problems, nor is a proposed charter school subject to the procedures that evaluate the ability of the public infrastructure to support the impacts of a new school:

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C (ANC 3C) supports charter schools locating in Ward 3, and specifically in ANC 3C, but has serious concerns that there should be a mechanism to consider impacts due to a substantial new use in a neighborhood;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC3C urges the DC Zoning Commission (DCZC) to require Special Exceptions for all charter schools planning to locate in Residence Zones, except for those locating in a facility presently or previously used as a DSPS facility, in the same manner and to the same extent that private schools and child development centers are required to have Special Exceptions to operate in such locations, and

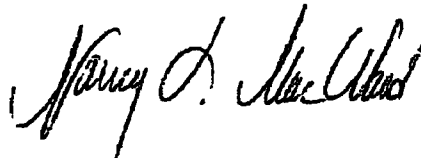
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC3C urges the Office of Planning to involve the neighboring community in its review of a Charter School's Special Exception application and aggressively seek input and comment from DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) to mitigate potential negative effects on the neighboring community. DDOT comments should include at a minimum:

1. an evaluation by DDOT as to (a) whether the additional vehicle traffic resulting from the operation of the proposed charter school would create dangerous traffic conditions or significantly increase the traffic on nearby residential streets in a manner that could not be satisfactorily mitigated by an effective traffic management plan, (b) whether the additional demand for on-street parking resulting from the operation of the proposed charter school creates significant adverse effects on nearby residents and whether those adverse impacts can be mitigated by an effective traffic management plan; and
2. a determination by DDOT as to the number of students and staff that the location can reasonably and safely accommodate;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC3C urges the Office of Planning and the Zoning Commission to establish an application process, funding, and disbursement mechanisms to enable Charter Schools to recover legal and other costs related to Special Exception applications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair or her designee is authorized to represent the ANC3C on this matter.

Attested by



Nancy J. MacWood

Chair, on April 19, 2006

This resolution was approved by ANC 3C by a vote of 7-1-1 at a public meeting that was noticed and where there was a quorum of 9 of 9 members present.

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TO: Carol Mitten, Chair, D.C. Zoning Commission

FROM: Nancy MacWood, Chair, ANC 3C, 966-5333

RE: Case No. 06-06

DATE: April 21, 2006

Please find attached a resolution approved by ANC 3C on April 17, 2006 at a public meeting that was duly noticed and at which a quorum of 9 of 9 members was present.

ANC 3C would like to testify at the hearing on this case on May 11, 2006.

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