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Mr. Anthony Hood, Chair
DC Commission on Zoning
441 4th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001

**Re: Case No. 07-08A
Additional Temporary Surface Parking Lots on Additional
Squares and Portions of Squares in Southwest**

Dear Mr. Hood and Commissioners:

At a regularly scheduled public business meeting of ANC 6D on February 11, 2008, with a quorum being present (a quorum being four commissioners), the Commission voted 7-0 to oppose the application of the Office of Planning for zoning of eight additional sites for temporary baseball stadium parking, and passed the attached resolution outlining its reasons.

Last October, when the Zoning Commission acted on the first application for temporary parking lots to accommodate baseball parking, your Order in the case (07-08) specifically prohibited either the Washington Nationals or the District Department of Transportation from directing baseball patrons to approved temporary surface parking lots over I, 4th or P Streets SW. All the squares in this proposal are in the Buzzard's Point area just south of that area, and no parking plan has been put in place by DDOT or the Nationals to prevent baseball patrons from using those streets.

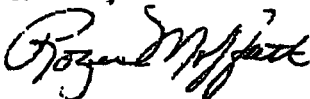
Further, the ANC received no documentation that the use of these squares for parking is supported by the recently adopted DC Comprehensive Plan, which in fact, (AW-2.2.6) specifically "ensures that the established communities adjacent to the South Capitol Street corridor including James Creek and Greenleaf Gardens housing projects and adjacent residential areas are buffered from adverse impacts associated with increased density and traffic relating to stadium area development." (1912.13)

The Commission's primary concern is the potential impact of a maximum of 2,950 cars on the health and safety of our children and others who are using those streets in the warm summer weather during arrival and departure times from the stadium. While we believe the Nationals are acting in good faith when they say they will use their best marketing and promotional materials to direct traffic away from residential streets, they cannot guarantee the behavior of game goers or prevent them from ignoring any prohibitions that will be established—hopefully in time for opening day.

Finally, the squares under consideration are currently primarily industrial in use, and lack sidewalks and curbs. The ANC believes that there are far better uses for DDOT's limited funds than upgrading a streetscape that baseball patrons will use only a few months out of the year.

We hope you will give the Commission's views great weight as you consider this issue, and reject the request of the Office of Planning for additional zoning relief.

Sincerely



Roger Moffatt
Chair

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A RESOLUTION BY ANC-6D REGARDING CASE 07-08A**A RESOLUTION BY ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6-D
OPPOSING THE APPLICATION BY THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OFFICE OF
PLANNING TO PERMIT EIGHT TEMPORARY SURFACE PARKING LOTS IN THE
NEAR SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD AT THE BELOW MENTIONED SQUARES.**

WHEREAS the Office of Zoning has received an application from the District of Columbia Office of Planning for a text amendment to the Zoning Regulations to permit temporary surface parking lots on additional squares and portions of square located in the Southwest neighborhood, namely Squares 603, 605, 658, 661, 662, 662E, 664, 664E, and Square 658, Lot 7; and

WHEREAS these temporary parking lots, if approved, would allow the following number of cars into our neighborhood 81 days a year as follows: Square 603 – 500 cars, Square 605 – 250 cars, Square 657 – 450 cars, Square 658, Lot 7 – 250 cars; Square 661 – 500 cars; Squares 662 & 662E – 500 cars, Square 664 – 150 cars; and Square 664E – 350 cars; and

WHEREAS the approval of these above-mentioned Squares will permit the parking of a total of 2,950 automobiles in our Southwest neighborhood; and

WHEREAS the applicant has not provided ANC-6D with any documentation that these lots are supported by the recently adopted DC Comprehensive Plan Near Southwest Area Element Planning and Development Priorities (19-8 to 19-9); and

WHEREAS the Comprehensive Plan's Policy AW-2.2.6 specifically "Ensures that the established communities adjacent to the South Capitol Street corridor, including James Creek and Greenleaf Gardens housing projects and adjacent residential areas, are buffered from adverse impacts associated with increased density and traffic relating to stadium area development." (1912.13); and

WHEREAS the applicant has not provided an approved traffic plan prepared by the DC Department of Transportation in support of even one of these temporary parking lots; and

WHEREAS ANC-6D believes that these 2,950 automobiles traveling over local neighborhood streets on which our children play during the warm weather baseball season in a compressed period of time – both to and from these temporary surface lots -- will cause a threat to the health, safety and well-being of the nearly 6,000 residents living South of M Street, SW; and

WHEREAS even though the Washington Nationals have stated that they will use all best efforts to direct stadium bound drivers to these lots through their public communications and marketing materials, directing them away from neighborhood

streets, and that even though an Order in Case 07-08 prevents either the Washington Nationals or the DC Department of Transportation from directing baseball patrons to approved temporary surface parking lots over Eye, Fourth or P Streets, SW, in the intervening months absolutely no plan has been put in place to prevent drivers from ignoring such "prohibitions" protecting our neighborhood from this onslaught of traffic;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that on Monday, February 11, 2008, at a duly noticed and regularly scheduled public meeting of ANC-6D, where a quorum was present (and with 4 of 7 commissioners comprising a quorum) and by a unanimous vote of 7-0, the Commission voted to adopt this resolution and oppose the application by the Office of Planning to permit temporary surface parking lots at the above mentioned Squares.



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Message: Donna – This is a letter of opposition for Case #07-08A, Additional Temporary Surface Parking Lots on Additional Squares, etc. which is on the Commission agenda for tonight. Roger Moffatt, the ANC Chair will be there to testify.

Thanks as usual, for your patience with our lateness. If you have any questions, I will be at the office after 1:30, or you can reach me on my cell at 390-1148.

Roberta