

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Policy, Planning and Sustainability Administration

Memorandum

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DATE: July 20, 2010

SUBJECT: ZC case # 97-16A (Application of The Lowell School; 1640 Kalmia Road N.W.)
Supplemental Comments

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OFFICE OF ZONING

In addition to the comments the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has provided on June 24, 2010, DDOT wishes to provide the additional following information in review of the July 14, 2010 Office of Zoning submission.

DDOT ANALYSIS

DDOT believes the Applicant has proposed a number of sustainable transportation management measures that may relieve the existing neighborhood impacts. The Applicant has responded to DDOT's concerns and will need to follow-up on its proposed transportation management plan (TMP) to provide assurance to DDOT and neighbors to the school.

MITIGATION OF EXISTING TRANSPORTATION IMPACTS

The Applicant met with DDOT on July 12, 2010 to review the school's proposed Transportation Demand Management (TDM) measures. The measures include the following:

- A new Safe Routes to School Program that will encourage alternative transportation measures for students.
- Rewards for families that carpool, walk, or bicycle, such as entering the students and their families into an annual bicycle raffle.
- Rewards for faculty to discourage single occupancy vehicle (SOV) trips to and from the school.
- New highly visible bicycle racks on the campus to promote bicycling as a means of travel to and from the campus for faculty and students.

In order to further encourage and support a walkable community, the Applicant is fully aware of DDOT's continuing request for the installation of a new sidewalk adjacent to its property on 17th and Kalmia Road, where the sidewalk does not currently exist. This sidewalk would be a public amenity of value to encourage students to safely walk to and from the campus onto neighborhood streets where they might reside.

PARKING

The reduction in their overall parking is another significant measure DDOT is pleased to see. The Applicant has reduced its overall parking inventory for the campus from the existing ninety parking spaces to the proposed eighty seven parking spaces.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

DDOT supports the Applicant's proposal for a PUD. There is enough information to make a determination that the Applicant can make a meaningful reduction in the number of vehicle trips. The Applicant will need to provide multi-modal split data to DDOT in September 2010 to show the TMP measures are being utilized. The continuation of the sidewalk along the school's property would further demonstrate their support to the Safe Routes to School goals and mission.

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