

October 15, 2002

DC Office of Zoning
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Washington, DC 20001

Dear Zoning Commissioners,

I am writing this letter to express my grave concern regarding the proposed development of the Washington Clinic site by Stonebridge Associates (Case #ZC 02-17). The location of this proposed development in the Friendship Heights neighborhood in DC is located less than 40 yards from my house on 43rd Street.

Because of recent decisions made by ANC3E commissioners and by Stonebridge, **I am hereby petitioning that the Zoning Commission (ZC) postpone the hearing scheduled for November 14th regarding the above case number.** Following are my reasons for seeking a postponement of the hearing.

As referenced above, at a recent ANC3E meeting, during which our neighborhood commissioners were to vote in favor or against the proposed development, a decision was made by the commission not to vote on the proposal (and rightly so!) because Stonebridge announced that it was still in the process of making changes to their proposal. Therefore, the ANC3E decided at their last meeting to hold a special meeting on November 7th to vote on a final proposal by Stonebridge.

To illustrate the undue burdens posed on the community related to this case, following is the very tight schedule of steps to take place up to the ZC hearing:

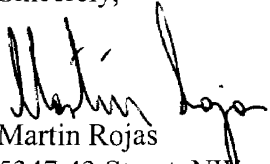
- **October 25, 2002** (20 days prior to hearing, legal deadline for modifications). Stonebridge modified written proposal (no Drawings and Elevations) submitted to Zoning Commission, and available to public.
- **October 28, 2002.** ANC3G meeting, to include a Stonebridge presentation and vote.
- **October 31, 2002.** Filing to request party status due to Zoning Commission
- **November 1, 2002.** Stonebridge Drawings and Elevations to accompany the modified proposal.
- **November 7, 2002.** ANC3E Special Meeting and vote.
- **November 14, 2002.** Zoning Commission Hearing.

Although I do not dispute the decision by ANC3E to have more time for its members and the community to study such a proposal, I do dispute their lack of action in not requesting a postponement of the ZC hearing. Unfortunately, with the ZC's hearing scheduled for November 14th, there is simply not enough time for neighbors and the community as a whole to make the appropriate analysis of the new proposal in time for such a hearing. As a neighbor who lives directly across from the proposed site, and as a member and supporter of the Friendship Heights Organization for Reasonable Development (FhORD), it is essential that we have more time to analyze and respond to the latest proposal by Stonebridge once it is presented.

Again, if the final package is received in its entirety by November 1 (only until then will the proposal include detailed drawings and elevations), the neighbors will not have enough time to evaluate and respond appropriately in time for the November 14th hearing. The request to postpone the Zoning Commission's hearing is not only fair, but essential in making such a crucial decision, one that will have a definite impact on the quality of life and well-being of all neighbors in this community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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