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Public Space Permits Division  
55 M Street, SE, Suite 400  
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Dear Sir/Madame,

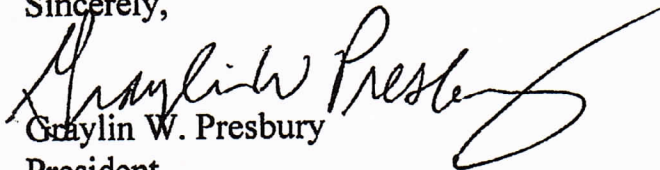
The Fairlawn Citizens Association is opposed to the D.C. Department of Transportation (DDOT), Public Space Permits Division granting the owner of the 1401 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, SE property a public space permit to allow curb & gutter paving, the creation of new commercial paved driveways and the closing of an existing driveway (DDOT Tracking #202701). At present the 20,000 square foot lot is zoned C-M-1 and the owners are planning to build a 5-story (two stories below ground and three above), 1,700 unit storage facility and they are seeking public space approval from DDOT to create a new 20-foot curb cut on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, SE.

Such a development with its increased commercial traffic would be incompatible with the surrounding residential neighborhood which is zoned R-5-B and lies at the entrance to the Anacostia Park which is a recreational destination not only for residents of this Fairlawn neighborhood but for the greater DC area. In addition, the proposed storage facility would be within 50 yards of Orr Elementary School at 22<sup>nd</sup> and Prout Street, SE.

Such a development will lead to an increase in commercial activity that would be to the detriment of the residential character of this part of the Fairlawn community and the added traffic will cause a public safety issue as it clashes with the volumes of foot, bicycle, and vehicular traffic using Anacostia Park.

The Fairlawn Citizens Association would much prefer that the owners consider developing residential housing on this parcel of land and we would support the rezoning of this land to R-5-B, as is the surrounding area.

Sincerely,

  
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President  
Fairlawn Citizens Association