



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E

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RESOLUTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR CURB CUT (DDOT TRACKING # 75879)

WHEREAS, an application has been filed with DDOT's Public Space Committee (PSC) for permission to add a curb cut for the property located at 4201 River Road, NW, and

WHEREAS, curb cuts are disfavored because, among other reasons, they expose pedestrians to moving traffic; remove valuable right-of-way that could be used for trees, planting, or other desirable purposes; and substitute private parking for a public parking space, and

WHEREAS, the proposed curb cut on 42nd Street, NW is 20 feet wide, much wider than is necessary to accommodate a single car, and would thus cause more harm to the community than an average residential curb cut, and

WHEREAS, the curb cut connects to what appears to be an impermeable driveway in public space that exceeds 30 feet in width, and

WHEREAS, impermeable surfaces create stormwater runoff, and ANC 3E perceives no justification for such a large driveway that would offset the environmental damage done by it;

WHEREAS, to accommodate the curb cut and driveway in public space, the applicant proposes to regrade land along neighboring properties, necessitating a large retaining wall to the neighbors' detriment, and

WHEREAS, several neighbors contacted ANC 3E to oppose the application on some or all of the foregoing grounds, and no neighbors have contacted the ANC in support of the application, and

WHEREAS, the developer has been invited to two separate public ANC meetings to discuss the application with the ANC and the community, and did not attend the first meeting but did attend the second meeting, on January 10, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the developer agreed at the ANC's January 10 meeting to join the ANC in asking PSC to postpone the hearing on the instant application *sine die*, to permit the developer time to meet with ANC and community members, the developer's engineer, and, as necessary, DC government staff, to try to agree on steps that would mitigate possible harm from the project and permit the ANC to support or not oppose it,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC, on its and the developer's behalf, asks PSC to take the instant application off the docket for PSC's January 14, 2013 meeting, *sine die*, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 3E notes that PSC has not advised it that the applicant intends to build a wall exceeding 42 inches in public space, though such a wall appears to be indicated on the plans submitted, and that ANC 3E thus responds here only to the curb cut application that PSC referred to the ANC. If the applicant seeks to build an over-height wall in public space, we respectfully ask and expect that PSC will require the applicant to submit a separate application for same and will afford the ANC the opportunity to opine on it.

The resolution passed by a vote of 4-1-0 at a properly noticed meeting held on January 10, 2013, at which a quorum was present, with Commissioners Bender, Frumin, Haile, Quinn, and Serebin in attendance.

ANC 3E

by Jonathan Bender, Chair