

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

September 15, 2008

Mr. Marc Loud, Chairman Board of Zoning Adjustment for the District of Columbia 441 4th St. N.W. Suite 210S Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 17337 N Street Follies LP. Application for Special Exception to convert five buildings, 1743-1755 N St. into 96 guest room boutique hotel

Dear Chairman Loud:

At its regular meeting on September 9, 2009, the Dupont Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2B or Commission) considered the above referenced matter. With a quorum of all nine commissioners present, the Commission unanimously (9-0) adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, "N Street Follies" has submitted a revised version of its 2005 application for a special exception to convert five buildings at 1743-1755 N Street, N.W. into a boutique hotel of more than 90 guest rooms, and

Whereas, the current design represents a great improvement and a significant reduction in massing from the previously submitted design and maintains the historical appearance of the N Street façade, and

Whereas, the current design fails to appreciate the articulation requirements for the historical district of the rear alley façade as suggested by the Dupont Circle Conservancy, and far exceeds the DDOT recommendation for 31 parking spaces in a bottle necked alley,

Whereas, a revised design may result in a plan that meets the requirements of the historical district in the rear of the proposed hotel consistent with the requirements of the Dupont Circle Overlay in Chapter 1501.4(e)and,

Whereas, DDOT recommended in its report dated February 28, 2006 that no more than 31 parking spaces be approved for this property, ANC 2B requests that the BZA instruct the applicant to revise its parking garage plan to more closely reflect the recommendation of DDOT,

Be it resolved that ANC 2B OBJECTS TO THIS APPLICATION (BZA Application No. 17337) and requests that the BZA instruct the applicant to revise its design, as provided in Section 512.4, to ensure that the height, bulk and design of the hotel is in harmony with existing uses and structures on neighboring property, giving great weight to the provisions of Chapter 1501.4 (e).

The ANC's representative in this matter is Commissioner Victor Wexler who may be reached at <u>victor.wexler@dupontcircleanc.net</u> or by telephone at (202) 745-0054 for further information.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Mike Silverstein

Chairman

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Sherry Schellin, BZA