



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

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Re: Embassy of the Republic of the Congo

Dear Ms. Moldenhauer:

At its regular meeting on October 12, 2011, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of the nine Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following motion by a vote of (7-0).

Whereas, during testimony before the FMBZA in February and March 2011, Emily Eig on behalf of the Embassy of the Republic of the Congo assured the Board that no changes to the green sward in the front of the building would be impacted, other than installation of a national flag for the Embassy; and

Whereas, in the past six weeks, the Republic of the Congo has removed at least two mature trees from the greensward and has paved over the entire front and south side yard with cement, leaving no green space and violating the Embassy's agreement with FMBZA; and

Whereas, since the Embassy has taken possession of the Toutorsky Mansion, MPD has been called dozens of times due to illegally parked vehicles on the sidewalk on Riggs Place in the entrance to the Toutorsky Mansion's garage; the illegally parked vehicles pose a hazard to pedestrians and impede the ability of disabled individuals to utilize the sidewalk; and

Whereas, neighbors have complained of late-night (up to 2:00 am) parties and loud music emanating from the Toutorsky Mansion in recent weeks.

Therefore, be it resolved, that ANC 2B requests that FMBZA and the State Department intervene in the operation of the property now owned and occupied by the Republic of the Congo and utilize all options available to address the issues raised herein; and

Be it further resolved, that FMBZA and the State Department notify ANC 2B of all actions taken to date to bring the Embassy into compliance with its original agreement with FMBZA, and each additional activity taken to bring the property into compliance with all zoning, parking and peace, order and quiet laws of the District of Columbia.

Commissioner Jack Jacobson (jack.jacobson@dupontcircleanc.net) and I (will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William F. Stephens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "William" and last name "Stephens" clearly legible.

Will Stephens, Chair