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ANC 3C Resolution No. 2017-011
ANC 3C Resolution Regarding BZA Special Exception Application (18-715A) for 3000 Cathedral Avenue NW, Maret School

Whereas, the Maret School (“Maret”) has applied for a special exception under Subtitle X § 104 to continue a private school in the R-1-B and R-3 Zone Districts at 3000 Cathedral Avenue NW (Square 2113, Lot 843); and

Whereas under the previous order issued by the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) in 2014, Maret was required to return to the BZA after three years to renew its special exception; and

Whereas Maret requests approval of a small change to the previously-approved expansion of one of its buildings; and

Whereas this change makes the building smaller, not larger; and

Whereas Maret further requests that the BZA approve a special exception without a term and without a reporting requirement; and

Whereas if Maret were to seek further change to the enrollment or faculty numbers of the school, further change to the physical structures on the lot, or change or strike any of the other conditions in the special exception, Maret would be required to return to the BZA for permission;

Whereas the reporting required under the previous special exception, condition 3, necessitated that Maret hire a traffic consultant to conduct a study annually; and

Whereas in each of the past three years the studies conducted have shown Maret to be in compliance with the trip count limit set by the BZA; and

Whereas Maret does not seek to alter the trip limit set in the 2014 BZA order, nor seek relief from the numerous other conditions previously imposed to discourage school families, faculty and staff from driving, including, but not limited to, assisting families to find carpools, providing incentives for using public transportation or bicycles, and holding an event at least once a year on the importance of public transportation; and

Whereas Maret held a community meeting to discuss this application, providing notice to 200 of the nearest neighbors, and no community member raised objections; and

Whereas the community members who have provided comment on this application acknowledge that the school has been responsive to their concerns to date and wish merely to ensure that they have some outlet should the school become unresponsive in the future; and

Whereas the school has, in response, offered to list on their website directions for community members seeking to raise concerns, as well as hold a meeting once a year, or more often if necessary, to address community concerns; and

Whereas, if concerns were to escalate to a point requiring BZA attention, the Advisory Neighborhood Commission could submit a Motion for a hearing on failure to comply with the continuing special exception conditions;

NOW THEREFORE,

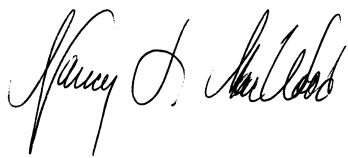
BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C supports the application by Maret for a renewal of its special exception to continue to operate a school at 3000 Cathedral Avenue NW under the terms of the 2014 BZA Order with the following changes:

1. Approval of the requested modification of the previously-approved expansion of its athletic facilities;
2. The striking of previous Condition 1, which provided a time limit for expiration of the Order;
3. The striking of previous Condition 3, which required Maret to submit a report to the District Department of Transportation including mode split and trip generation rates; and
4. The addition of a new Condition as follows:

“Beginning with the 2017-18 school year, at least once per school year, Maret will advertise and host a community meeting to discuss any concerns about Maret’s operations that affect the neighboring residential community. In addition, Maret’s website will include directions for the community members wishing to raise concerns or offer feedback to the school.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair, the Commissioner for 3C08, and/or their designee(s) are authorized to represent that ANC on this matter.

Attested by



Nancy J. MacWood
Chair, on April 17, 2017

This resolution was approved by a voice vote, on April 17, 2017 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.