

ANC 1A (COLUMBIA HEIGHTS)

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RESOLUTION

CONCERNING HOMELESS SHELTER & SERVICES ON PARCEL 26

Whereas, ANC 1A is concerned that the re-development of long vacant sites in Columbia Heights will not contribute to the displacement of residents or existing services;

Whereas, RLARC's "Parcel 26" at 14th & Irving St NW is located within the boundaries of ANC 1A, Single Member District 1A03, and the western section of the site at 1436 Irving St. has been occupied by the La Casa Shelter for many years, providing the only bilingual shelter service in the city of Washington;

Whereas, there is an Exclusive Right Agreement with Donatelli & Klein/ Gragg & Associates for the development of Parcel 26 for the construction of residential rental apartments with street-level retail and underground parking;

Whereas, the developer has been granted a BZA exception from height limitations, to construct a seven-story building and (20?) additional apartments, which will generate additional revenue;

Whereas, the disposition of public land requires that there be public benefits, and this is a perfect opportunity to incorporate improved homeless services on this site, and to avoid difficulties in locating an alternative site, and almost certain opposition, elsewhere within Ward One;

Therefore be it resolved, ANC 1A strongly recommends that the NCRC-RLARC, the developers, and all public entities involved preserve the overnight emergency shelter use on Parcel 26, along with a Single Room Occupancy component and supportive services for the homeless.

Resolved, this 10th day of September 2003, at ANC 1A's regularly scheduled meeting, for which due notice was given, with 10 commissioners in attendance and a quorum (6) present.

Charles Matiella
Chair

Jenna Moheyer
Secretary