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April 27, 2005

Mr. Steve Kehoe
Engineering Tech.
Public Space Permits and Records Branch
941 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

Re: Public Space Permit Application 3535 Alton Place, N.W.

Dear Mr. Kehoe:

Reference is made to your memorandum of March 30, 2005 regarding an application to occupy public space for the purpose of installing one(1) new driveway at premises 3535 Alton Place, N.W. The proposed driveway would be on the west side of the property and the second driveway serving the premises.

ANC 3F considered the application at a public meeting on April 18, 2005, receiving testimony from the applicant and neighbors of 3535 Alton Place, N.W. After considering the testimony and documents submitted with the application, ANC 3F voted 6-1-0, with a quorum present (a quorum being 4), to object to the issuance of a public space permit for the new driveway and to ask that the area -- including the curb, which has been removed -- be restored to the status quo ante.

ANC 3F's objection is based on the following:

1. The application is for a second driveway for 3535 Alton Place, N.W., on the west side of the house.
2. 3535 Alton Place is adequately served for parking with the existing driveway from Alton Place on the east side of the house.
3. Two driveways for one address are not in keeping with other properties in the 3500 block of Alton Place and the immediate neighborhood, where many homes have

no driveway at all, and would change the character of the block.

4. The extensive pavement for both the new and existing driveways would make the area in front of the house, including the area in public space, look like a parking lot.

In reviewing this application, commissioners were troubled that the information provided seemed incomplete and the work being performed inconsistent with the permits obtained, particularly as relates to the width and length of the driveways. From looking at the property, ANC 3F is concerned that the west side yard is not wide enough to accommodate a 9' x 19' parking pad for the new driveway. As for the existing driveway, ANC 3F notes discrepancies between the plat filed with the application for a building permit, the plat filed with the public space application, and what is actually being built. The plat filed with the application for a construction permit on March 1, 2004 included replacement of the existing driveway on the east side of the house with a driveway 10 feet wide and 40 feet long from the curb. The drawing filed with the subject public space permit application on March 17, 2005 shows replacement of the existing driveway with one wider than 10 feet in front of the house -- both in public space and on private property -- and apparently longer than 40 feet. In fact, the work being performed on this driveway is substantially wider in front of the house than what is shown in either drawing.

ANC 3F requests that the construction be investigated both by Public Space and DCRA, and if necessary, that applications be submitted for additional permits.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the public space application.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Robert V. Maudlin

Robert V. Maudlin

Vice Chair

enc: DDOT notice

cc: Ya Yan Tam

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Office of Public Space
Management Administration

Date: 3-30-05

Chairperson, ANC-3F
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Pursuant to the District of Columbia Self Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, Section 738 (d), this is to notify you of an application to occupy public space for the purpose of installing one (1) new Driveway at premise 3535 Alton Place, NW.

Enclosed is a drawing showing the proposed Driveway. It is requested that you indicate your comments on this memorandum and return it to this office within thirty (30) business days from the date you receive this notice and whether or not you offer any objections to such use.

If a response is not received within (30) business days, we will assume that you have no objections to the applicants request and we will proceed with its approval process.

Please Note: For your ANC response to carry "Great Weight," this request must be voted on by the commission as a whole.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Steve Kehoe at (202) 442-9515 or (202) 442-4670 (FAX: 202-442-4867 or 202-535-2221).

Sincerely,

Steve Kehoe, Engineering Tech.
Public Space Permits and Records Branch
941 North Capitol Street
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ENDORSEMENT

Date of ANC Vote: April 18, 2005
(attach resolution, if available)

To:

No Objection ()
Objection

Signature: T. P. Muddles, Vice Chair
(name & title)

Date: 4-27-05

Please State Objection: SEE ENCLOSED LETTER