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RESOLUTION OPPOSING PUBLIC SPACE APPLICAITON #116016 (CHICK-FIL-A)

FEBRUARY 23, 2016

WHEREAS Chick-fil-A Inc. has applied for a public space permit (DDOT #116016) related to its proposed construction of a drive-through restaurant at 4422 Connecticut Ave. NW;

NOTING that ANC 3F and its Technical Review Committee have carefully reviewed the proposed plan for the restaurant, especially the proposed drive-through;

RECOGNIZING that the proposed drive-through violates the standard outlined in the DDOT Design and Engineering Manual (Chapter 31.2.3.2), which states that the edge lines of any driveway shall be located a minimum of 32 feet from the edge line of any adjacent driveway;

RECOGNIZING that the proposed drive-through also violates existing DDOT policy (T-1.2.3. of the DCMR (10-A404.8)), which establishes a goal of minimizing the number of curb cuts because curb cuts and multiple vehicle access points break up the sidewalk, reduce pedestrian safety, and detract from pedestrian-oriented retail and residential areas;

RECOGNIZING that the proposed drive-through also violates Zoning Ordinance 2034.3, which addresses the use of a driveway serving as a vehicle queuing lane for a drive-through and states that each queuing space shall be a minimum of ten feet (10 ft.) in width;

STRESSING that the proposed use of the drive-through as described in the application would substantially increase the risk to pedestrians by increasing the total number of vehicles crossing the public sidewalk by over 300% - and possibly as much as 500% - compared to the status quo;

STRESSING FURTHER that the applicant has made no systematic assessment of pedestrian traffic at this location nor the likely impact of its proposed drive-through on pedestrian safety;

BELIEVING that the proposed drive-through queuing management system is unlikely to work as expected, with the result that drive-through customers will regularly overflow onto public space and impede the flow of traffic on Connecticut Avenue, a major commuter artery;

BELIEVING FURTHER that monitoring plans related to the operation of the drive-through and its queue management system would require formal ANC approval and must include clear metrics and enforceable consequences;

NOTING that the applicant has not submitted and secured approval for a storm water management plan to deal with a variety of sensitive environmental issues arising from the discharge of storm water from the property via public space; and

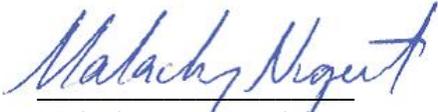
BELIEVING that the use of a drive-through at this location is inimical to the pedestrian-centric, urban character of the neighborhood, a character that has been firmly embraced by the city government and the local community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3F strongly opposes application #116016 and urges the Public Space Committee to deny same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Commissioners Nugent, Gresham, and Ray are authorized to speak before on behalf of ANC 3F regarding this matter.

(signature page follows)

ANC 3F approved this resolution at its meeting on February 23, 2015, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present, by a vote of six (6) in favor, none (0) opposed, and none (0) abstaining.


Malachy Nugent, Chair