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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SPACE CONSTRUCTION, PERMIT APPLICATION #180493,  
with conditions, to occupy public space for the razing and construction of the new  
ambassador's residence of the Embassy of Israel at 2916 Chesapeake St. NW**

October 18, 2016

WHEREAS The Embassy of Israel owns a residence at 2916 Chesapeake Street, NW which has not been occupied for several years, and due to its structural problems and condition, they desire to raze the structure and build a new residence for their ambassador;

WHEREAS The Embassy of the State of Israel (Applicant) has filed Construction Permit application #180493 dated July 13, 2016;

WHEREAS Applicant's work detail provides "Public space improvements for the construction of new Ambassador's residence; approx. 20 foot depth along the property street frontage enclosed by existing gated entrance and retaining wall which will remain in place; Existing building to be razed. Proposed work includes new raised planter integrated with new entry plaza, stone paved enlarged entry plaza, ADA access ramp, stone paved stair landing with built in bench, repaved concrete driveway with existing curb cut, brick and stone clad retaining wall along driveway, in-ground site lighting, replacement of front gate to be motorized, replacement of pedestrian gate and foreign mission identity insignia to be integrated within new gate assembly";

WHEREAS the project is similar in footprint to the existing structure, it is 'by right' construction, the house generally sits further back from the street, thus resulting in more green space and additional trees, and improved stormwater management. The curb cut for the driveway is being reduced in size from 20 feet to 12 feet, consistent with DDOT curb cut regulations;

WHEREAS consistent with MoveDC policy, ANC 3F generally requests sidewalks for new construction, but in this case retaining walls in public space on adjoining properties would make a sidewalk impractical, and Applicant has submitted landscape plans to enhance the green space between the wall and the curb;

WHEREAS Applicant and their engineers and architects have cooperated with ANC 3F and its experts to modify its stormwater management plan so that it takes into account the public space between the retaining wall and curb, and to ensure that the space is 'sidewalk ready' if in the future a sidewalk is proposed;

WHEREAS Applicant further agrees that they will not oppose a future installation of a sidewalk based on landscaping, stormwater management, or other concerns;

WHEREAS ANC 3F urges Applicant to minimize inconvenience to the neighbors during the course of the work and beyond;

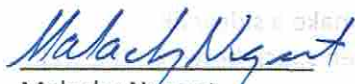
WHEREAS ANC 3F welcomes the return of the Israeli ambassador to Forest Hills.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3F approves Applicant's Construction Permit Application #180493 with conditions as follows:

1. Applicant will submit a traffic control plan and construction staging plan to ANC 3F for review and comment as soon as they are available; and
2. When known, Applicant will notify neighbors on Chesapeake Street of dates of construction, approximate length of construction period, and a name and contact number of a construction representative on site; and
3. Applicant agrees to plant at least two street trees in the green space between the wall and the curb; and
4. Applicant agrees to comply with all DC laws governing the installation of new street trees and the care and protection of existing trees; and
5. No temporary or permanent structures other than the retaining walls, raised planters and other improvements shown on Sheet Z002, "Public Space" as prepared by Newman Architects dated August 12, 2016 and Revision 1 "DDOT PUBLIC SPACE" dated September 13, 2016 are to be placed or built over the front property line or the front building restriction line; and
6. Applicant agrees to comply with all DC Zoning and Building regulations that apply to the treatment of public space; and
7. Applicant's revised stormwater management plan of October 10, 2016 is acceptable in concept to ANC 3F, and Applicant agrees to continue to provide details of that plan, in particular how the 6" and 4" pipes traverse public space, pass through the curb and connect to the gutter; and
8. Applicant agrees that its stormwater management plan and its landscaping will not preclude future installation of a sidewalk.

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

ANC 3F approved this resolution at its meeting on October 18, 2016, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

  
 Malachy Nugent  
 Chair, ANC 3F