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RE: 124 15th Street SE, Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Community Action Group's Harold J. Gordon Center

Dear Ms. Gordon and Director Kelly:

Thank you for providing an update on the Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Community Action Group's plans for 124 15th Street SE at our May 29, 2014, Hill East Task Force meeting. We appreciate your participation and willingness to answer questions from task force members and surrounding neighbors. Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted 9-0 to send this letter during our properly noticed June 10, 2014, meeting with a quorum present.

While we are pleased to hear that funding is now available to complete the construction of the new Harold J. Gordon Center, ANC 6B and surrounding neighbors are seeking information related to how public funding has been used for the project to date and on the individuals served by CAG programs. We ask that you provide the commission with the information requested below by Friday, July 11, 2014.

1. A detailed accounting of how the initial \$3 million DHCD grant to fund renovation of the existing building was spent compared to what was planned in the original grant application. Please clearly indicate how much of this initial grant remains to fund construction and completion of the new center.
2. Details on how CAG plans to spend the new \$3.6 million grant/loan to complete the Harold J. Gordon Center. Include a detailed cost estimate to complete construction of the new center and an anticipated timeline for completion.
3. Provide information on the status of any construction permits related to the site and whether CAG will need to seek zoning relief from the Board of Zoning Adjustment.
4. Information on the programming and services CAG plans to house in the new center, including any estimates of how many individuals would use the building on a daily basis.

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5. Information on how many or what percentage of CAG clients are DC residents, including how many are Ward 6 residents.
6. The name and contact information of a CAG representative who can (and will) respond to commission or neighbor questions related to the project and any additional details on how CAG plans to keep the commission and neighbors informed on the status of the project moving forward.
7. Information on whether CAG would be willing to rent/lease parking spaces in the alley lots to surrounding neighbors or allow the planting of a community garden.

In addition to this information request, we will be following up with you shortly to schedule a meeting to discuss the construction plans, design and timeline for the Harold J. Gordon Center. Commissioner Francis Campbell, your Single Member District commissioner, will be in touch to schedule a meeting date and time.

Again, thank you for providing this information. We hope that the May 29 meeting and subsequent meetings will help rebuild trust between CAG and surrounding neighbors. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Flahaven', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brian Flahaven
Chair