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Re: Public Space Permit for 702 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NE (Sq. 4510, Lot 0826)

Mr. Marcou:

On October 14, 2004, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A discussed the application of Mr. Chris Gamblin for a Public Space Permit for 702 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NE. The ANC was not able to take a position on the Public Space Permit without further information on the status of the Certificate of Occupancy for the property.

Our understanding is that a Public Space Permit application requires a copy of a valid Certificate of Occupancy issued by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. In this case, we believe a special exception from the Board of Zoning Adjustment is required to allow a parking lot in the R-4 zone district. (We are aware that a special exception for a parking lot with a 5-year approval period was issued to the property owner per BZA Order 16230 on January 15, 1998. However, the approval period has now expired and other conditions of the special exception were never met during the time it was in effect.)

It appears that this property would need a new special exception from BZA to obtain a new Certificate of Occupancy from DCRA before an application for a Public Space Permit from DDOT would be timely. Please confirm this interpretation.

We would very much appreciate if you could coordinate with BZA and DCRA regarding the status of the certificate of occupancy for this property. At this point the applicant has been waiting a significant period of time for clarification on what is required from him to move the process to completion. Your assistance in expediting this process would be appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

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