

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT



Application No. 13391 of the George Washington University, pursuant to Sub-section 8207.2 of the Zoning Regulations, for a special exception under Paragraph 3101.46 to continue to operate a bicycle parking lot for students, faculty and/or staff in an R-5-C District at the premises 2017 H Street, N.W., (Square 101, Lot 848).

HEARING DATE: November 19, 1980

DECISION DATE: November 19, 1980 (Bench Decision)

FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. The subject property is located on the north side of H Street in an R-5-C zone District at premises known as 2017 H Street, N.W.

2. The property is currently used as a parking facility for bicycles, pursuant to this Board's Order No. 11900, dated June 10, 1975, and Certificate of Occupancy No. B-94036.

3. The applicant proposes the continuation of the lot for parking of bicycles for a period of three years, as an interim use. The site will ultimately become a portion of a pedestrian way as shown on the approved campus plan.

4. The lot serves as parking of bicycles for the faculty, staff and student body of the George Washington University.

5. The Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, owner of the adjoining property, did not oppose the granting of this application for bicycle parking. The Bureau did oppose use of the lot for motorcycles, since the noise of the motors disrupts the activities of the Mission

6. The applicant testified that he was aware of periodic unauthorized use of the lot for motorcycle parking, but that on those occasions, the vehicles had been towed off the lot by the University. The applicant further stated that to alleviate this problem, the lot would be completely fenced in, and the entrance-way narrowed, so as to allow entrance by bicycles only.

7. Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A by report filed with the Board as Exhibit No. 20, on November 12, 1980, supported the application on the grounds that in view of the gasoline shortage, all possible assistance should be given in support of bicycle parking.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND OPINION:

Based on the foregoing findings of fact and the evidence of record, the Board concludes that the applicant has complied with the requirements of Paragraph 3101.46 of the Zoning Regulations. The Board is of the opinion that the interim use of the lot for bicycle parking would not adversely affect the present character or future development of the neighborhood. The Board further concludes that the subject lot is necessary and convenient to the George Washington University, which it has served and will continue to serve. The continuation of this facility is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations and Map. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that this application is hereby GRANTED subject to the following CONDITIONS:

1. Approval shall be for a period of THREE YEARS.
2. The lot shall be used to accommodate non-motorized vehicles only.
3. The applicant shall comply with the conditions of the Board's previous Order No. 11900, dated June 10, 1975.
4. The applicant is to extend the fence to enclose a gate of forty two inches in width at the front, for access by bicycles only.

VOTE: 5-0 (Theodore F. Mariani, Douglass J. Patton, Connie Fortune, Charles R. Norris and Willian F. McIntosh to grant).

BY ORDER OF THE D.C. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

ATTESTED BY: Steven E. Sher
STEVEN E. SHER
Executive Director

FINAL DATE OF ORDER: 17 FEB 1981

UNDER SUB-SECTION 8204.3 OF THE ZONING REGULATIONS "NO DECISION OR ORDER OF THE BOARD SHALL TAKE EFFECT UNTIL TEN DAYS AFTER HAVING BECOME FINAL PURSUANT TO THE SUPPLEMENTA RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BEFORE THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT."

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THIS ORDER OF THE BOARD IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDER, UNLESS WITHIN SUCH PERIOD AN APPLICATION FOR A BUILDING PERMIT OR CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES, INVESTIGATIONS, AND INSPECTIONS.