

## Zoning Committee Report For 4/13/10

1. Family Court Building - A new Family Court Building will be built at what is now a parking lot on 15<sup>th</sup> Street between Arch and Cherry Streets. The architects for the project, Ewing Cole, will present the project to the board on 4/13/10. An ordinance was previously passed obviating the necessity of any need for a variance. The only approval necessary was by the Art Commission. On 4/7/10 Sam Little and I and others (after previously having a near neighbors meeting on 2/23/09 with Ewing Cole) appeared before the Art Commission to express our concerns and to request a continuance until those concerns were satisfied. The Art Commission voted to approve the project but with the proviso that the developer/architect must continue to consult with us and address our concerns. We will also get an audience with Al Greenberger, Deputy Mayor and head of City Planning to address the City's plans to deal with problems associated with use of this building by 3000 daily litigants and another 1000 court personnel. In addition, Councilman Clarke has offered to meet with the residents of Mole Street and hear their concerns.

2. The Ecology Cafe - This cafe is located in the Academy Of Natural Sciences and has been in operation for more than 10 years. When a new operator took over, it was discovered no permit was ever obtained from L&I to operate this cafe. L&I has denied the permit and the cafe will now appeal this denial to the ZBA and will appear before us (if requested) and seek a letter of non opposition from us at the appropriate time.

3. Clementine Montessori - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Parish Hall, St. Clement's Church, 2013 Appletree Street - The Director of Facilities for the above has contacted us and will make a near neighbors presentations to us and then a later presentation to the board. They will request a letter of non opposition from us. Details of this are being worked out.

4. 19<sup>th</sup> and Spring Garden Street - the subcommittee has met with the Federmans (the developers) and has a proposal to present to you on 4/13/10. There are 8 zone 6 parking spaces on their side of the street. Essentially, we would agree to 4 spaces each, support them in a request for a loading zone at the NE corner of 19<sup>th</sup> and Spring Garden and identify 4 other parking spots in the area to be converted to zone 6 spots with the support of Councilman Clarke (no net loss of zone 6 spots).

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Zoning Chair  
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