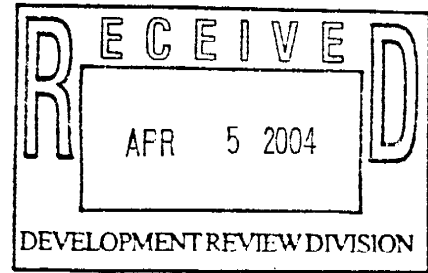


Attachment G

March 31, 2004

M-NCPPC
Development Review Division
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3760



Dear Sirs:

We are in receipt of the plans for the Washington Christian Society's (Preliminary Plan #1-04055) desire to erect a school, sports facility and a bike path. **We have major concerns:**

The people who purchased sites at our cemetery expected the sanctity of their sites.

People who come to pray would have to deal with the **noise** of the school, sporting events as well as a bike path. Having a bike path near our cemetery would be hurtful to all the families who purchased land near the woods at our boundary, it would involve walking access to our grounds. Our regulations state that only the owner of a lot and his guests shall be permitted on their site. This is a private cemetery, **a natural buffer should be located between a fence and our grounds.** These families were most concerned with the growing noise from Georgia Ave. when it expanded. **Traffic**, will interfere with burial visits to the cemetery. It will **decrease** our business immensely. Judean Memorial Gardens and Norbeck Memorial Park has been the cemetery of choice for its park-like appearance and its tranquility, no family would want to bury their loved ones next to a school, sports facility and a bike path. We have had complaints about the tennis courts at Manor Park because of the constant bounce of the tennis balls and the cheering at the baseball field. These courts are 600 ft. from the cemetery and **across** Batchellors Forest Road. All proposed Buildings, the Race Track, the Football Field, The Four Tennis Courts, The Parking lot, Bus Turnaround and the Faculty Housing are all within 600 ft. **In addition the actual proposed Bike path, Faculty Housing, Bus Turnaround, Track, and the Football Field are within 100ft. from our property. A fence must be placed and a natural buffer to be located between the fence and our grounds, against noise, vandalism and unlawful access to our grounds,** they are making a private cemetery look public. Also, people who currently own sites or have loved ones interred at the cemetery would need to be notified and the **cost** would be astronomical and at who's expense, as we could not give their names to anyone for privacy reasons.

Imagine a grieving family coming in behind a hearse and having to wait for parents dropping off their children. A clergy having to compete with the noise from the sports facility. Parents coming to pickup their children while blocking entrance to the cemetery.

Sincerely,

Rusti Walner
Executive Director/