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Thank you for your public comment. Your comment has been received.

From: Camille Joyner _____
Date: Monday, April 22, 2019 at 12:41 AM
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In a 2017 submission to this board, Eagle Academy states total occupancy at their Congress Heights campus is 1,570. In the same submission stated enrollment at this site was 770. They put their Capitol Riverfront enrollment at 160. Eagle Academy has stated on multiple occasions that they wanted a Ward 6 site, going as far to say that Capitol Riverfront parents didn't want to enroll kids in Ward 8, yet in a 2016 submission to this board they requested relocation of the Capitol Riverfront campus to Naylor Road in Ward 8.

Why do they not transfer the students from the closing Capitol Riverfront site to their Congress Heights campus, which could well accommodate at a 1570 capacity especially seeing that they are now "relocating" to Ward 8 after all? Does a want represent a need? Does Eagle Academy really need a new campus when they are nowhere near capacity at Congress Heights and are now allowed an additional year at Capitol Riverfront? Do they need an additional year at Capitol Riverfront when the relocated campus is scheduled to open this August?

Eagle Academy's Randle Heights (the neighborhood is not Fairlawn) move has consistently been misrepresented as a relocation but appears to really be a new opening under the guise of relocation due to displacement. The Randle Heights community has been misrepresented as having been on board with this relocation when our ANC voted against Eagle Academy at this site and the immediate neighborhood was not even made aware that they were coming. They are crowding the neighborhood with an out of character building, crammed on a lot right in between people's homes. They could have built a structure that the neighborhood could appreciate and respect, they could have formulated workable solutions with neighbors to issues that a school will inevitably bring ---- had they followed the processes of this very board. But they chose none of the above, choosing instead, from all appearances, underhanded methods.

The impending presence of Eagle Academy in Randle Heights, has already created much disruption in a traditionally sleepy neighborhood. So far, they've given us nothing to look forward to regarding their presence. In fact, it is the opposite. After being rejected at the Randle Heights location by our ANC, instead of engaging the community, they somehow backdoored their way around this decision and into building on the site "as matter of right" a process which avoids public hearings and most notifications. Notifications they should have given, they did not. How is it that a school can force itself onto a community, coming in totally changing its character? The DCRA rules allow for this, but the rules of this board seems to disallow this, and this situation proves for good reason.

To this point Eagle Academy has been a nightmare neighbor. They have disrespected, disregarded, condescended, and lied to this neighborhood. I personally am not at all looking forward to what this school is bringing here. My opinion is that they should move all of their students to the Congress Heights campus, which according to what they have stated, has more than enough capacity. The building is over there, but at this point I prefer not to see Eagle Academy here in Randle Heights.

C. Joyner

A resident of Randle Heights