



## **Resolution of Demolition of 3515 Woodley Road, NW Adopted November 18, 2015**

- Whereas, the house located at 3515 Woodley Road, NW and listed as a contributing structure to the Cleveland Park Historic District (the “3515 Woodley House”) was completely demolished on November 6, 2015.
- Whereas, the demolition of the 3515 Woodley House purportedly was pursuant to an “emergency order” of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) in consultation with the DC Historic Preservation Office (HPO), but neither DCRA nor HPO notified Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C (the ANC) nor the Cleveland Park Historical Society (CPHS) of the contemplated demolition,
- Whereas, demolition of a contributing structure in an historic district is a very serious matter that violates the intention and requirements of preservation law,
- Whereas, DCRA and HPO should have notified and consulted with the ANC and CPHS before the demolition of the 3515 Woodley House.

### ***Now, therefore be it:***

- RESOLVED that the Cleveland Park Citizens Association (CPCA) calls for a full inquiry into the circumstances of the demolition, including the timing and actions of the 3515 Woodley House owner(s), contractor(s), engineering and architectural advisors, DCRA, and HPO leading up to the issuance of the “emergency order” to demolish the 3515 Woodley House, including but not limited to why DCRA and HPO failed to notify and consult with relevant Cleveland Park organizations regarding the contemplated total demolition, and what efforts, if any, were taken to mitigate hazardous conditions;
- RESOLVED that CPCA calls for a review of the notice and approval requirements and procedures whereby DCRA and HPO can issue an order for demolition of a contributing structure in an historic district, and calls for adoption of revised and enhanced requirements and procedures to ensure that relevant community organizations are fully notified and consulted in the event of the occurrence of a similar situation in the future; and
- RESOLVED that CPCA fully supports CPHS and the ANC in their efforts to investigate the demolition of the 3515 Woodley House, and to review and monitor reconstruction of the 3515 Woodley House according to original plans and drawings, with such modifications as have been or will be considered by CPHS and the ANC and approved by the Historic Preservation Review Board.