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Thursday,

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Video Teleconference

The Public Meeting of Case Nos. 21-17, 22-03, 22-04, by the District of Columbia Zoning Commission convened at 4:00 p.m. EDT, Anthony J. Hood, Chairperson, presiding.

ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

ANTHONY J. HOOD, Chairperson ROBERT MILLER, Vice-Chair JOSEPH S. IMAMURA, Board Member PETER G. MAY, Board Member

OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

RON BARRON, Secretary
PAUL YOUNG, Zoning Data Specialist

D.C. OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT:

HILLARY LOVICK, Esquire DENNIS LUI, Esquire

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Case				of Congress Park Community
Case	No. 22	2-03 -	- Application	of WCP 1207 H Street, LLC 13
Case				of Hanover R.S. Limited

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2 (4:00 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. We are convening and broadcasting this public meeting by videoconferencing. My name is Anthony Hood. Joining me are Vice Chair Miller, Commissioner May, and Commissioner Imamura. We're also joined by the Office of Zoning Staff, Mr. Ron Barron as well as Mr. Paul Young who will be handling all of our virtual operations. We're also joined by the Office of Zoning Legal Division; Ms. Lovick and Mr. Lui.

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For hearing action items, the only documents before us this evening are the application, the ANC sit-down report, and the Office of Planning report. All other documents in the record will be reviewed at the time of the hearing. Again, we do not take any public testimony in our meetings unless the Commissioner requests someone to speak.

If you experience difficulty accessing Webex or with 1 2 your telephone call-in then please call our OZ hotline number at 202-72 -- hold on. 202, yeah, 727-0789 for Webex login or call-in 3 4 instructions. 5 At this time, Mr. Barron, does the staff have any 6 preliminary matters? 7 MR. BARRON: No preliminary matters, Mr. Chair. CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay, thank you. Let's go right into 8 9 our agenda. We're going to take the agenda, as noted. Final 10 Action Zoning Commission Case No. 21-17 Congress Park Community 11 Partners, LLC - Map amendment and Square 5914. 12 Mr. Barron? 13 MR. BARRON: Yes, Mr. Chair. This case was considered 14 for proposed action at the last meeting. We have some a few new exhibits that have been added since then. The Applicant's draft 15 16 order has been submitted at Exhibit 98. The NCPC report was submitted yesterday at Exhibit 99, and there was a request by the 17 18 Office of the Attorney General at Exhibit 100 to open the record 19 so they could allow a submission of their comments on the case, 20 which was approved by the Chair. 21 And with that, the case should be ready for the 22 Commission to consider final action tonight. 23 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Barron.

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Yeah, we do have a request which was submitted yesterday

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by the Office of the Attorney General and it's -- and my colleagues, I have opened the record which is within my authority, so I open the record and I'm sure we have all reviewed it.

So what I'll do at this time is open it up. Any questions, comments? We have the final action before us as noted by Mr. Barron in Zoning Commission Case No. 21-17, Congress Park Community Partners LLC and it has a plethora of support. I know there are some other things we can add, but I will open it up to my colleagues and I'll come back to my comments.

Commissioner May?

COMMISSIONER MAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So well, I
-- while I really appreciate hearing the opinion of the Office of
the Attorney General, I have to say I'm rather disappointed that
we are getting something from them at the very last minute, and it
required re-opening the record even to do it.

We often have to deal with organizations across the city who are not necessarily as focused on these issues, or maybe they're volunteer organizations, it might be ANCs, who have some trouble meeting deadlines and we do, I think, extend every courtesy to the groups like that to get their information in and are willing to accept them.

But I really find it inexplicable for us to get, you know, an 11th hour request like this from the Office Attorney General. I mean, you know, they're, theoretically, the folks who

are working out in the OAG's office working on these issues aren't paying attention to these issues and they -- and, you know, if they choose to spend their time doing that, they should spend their time making sure that they meet deadlines. It just it's inexplicable.

Okay. So I'm going to stop ranting about that aspect of it, but I just -- I'm very disappointed to be getting this kind of information in this way. I will say that I do not find their comments to be particularly persuasive. I understand what they're trying to say. I mean, certainly we like to know IZ plus used as a tool when it's appropriate, when there are significant increases in the available development density for a particular project as a result of an upzoning.

That is the case in this circumstance. However, this is a, I think, a good case for not applying IZ plus as the Office of Planning has recommended that we not apply it. You know, we can. You know, even though the Office of Attorney General would discount it, we can rely on the fact that this is going to be a land disposition from the city government and we all know that those -- that requires a substantial affordability component in and of itself.

And I don't -- you know, I think the idea that naturally occurring affordable housing is something that we have to be protected against. I mean, I think in this particular

neighborhood, it's as much of a concern of the neighbors that there would be market-rate housing and that it not always be just affordable.

In this circumstance, it's going to wind up being an affordable building but they're not bending over backwards to get more affordable housing in every single opportunity because there is so much of the city's affordable housing stock actually is in Watergate. So there -- I mean, I've heard testimony from neighborhood leaders that what they want is market-rate housing. What they want is ownership opportunities and I don't think that -- I think that this insistence on the part of the OAG is particularly tone deaf, not to mention the fact that in this case, we have more than 70 letters of support. There's substantial community support, the ANC is in support. I mean, it just -- it doesn't make any sense, so I don't agree with.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Imamura?

COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I think Commissioner May articulated the issues quite well. Certainly, it's an important issue, but don't want to give it any additional air time and will yield my time to the Vice Chair Miller.

VICE CHAIR MILLER: Thank you, Commissioner Imamura and Commissioner May whose comments -- all of whose comments I agree

with. You know, and I always appreciate hearing comments in the public record. Appreciate the Chairman opening the record at this late date for professional comments from the Office of Attorney General, which could have been provided at an earlier date as Commissioner May said.

I asked a question, I'm sure others did as well. It was discussed as well, and the OP, Office of Planning's presentation as to what would be the harm in mapping it as an IZ plus since it's obviously going to far exceed what IZ plus would -- could produce in terms of affordable housing on this site. Looking at the OP report, the existing zoning it's 24 units. With IZ plus it's 42 units.

With the Land Disposition Agreement that I think we can take note of that has already been granted, granted, by the District government to a developer, there will be a 180 all affordable unit ranging from 30 percent median family income all the way up to 80 percent. The majority are at 60 percent and a neighborhood learning center and space for the ANC 80, which supports this project, as does all of the neighbors, many, so many, neighbors who submitted comments into the record in a timely manner, I would add which we appreciate receiving.

So I think that Office of Planning gave a reasonable response to the question as to what would be the harm in mapping it as IZ plus since it's already going to provide more than four

times the amount of affordable housing that IZ plus provides. They get a reasonable response, I think, about the disproportionate level of -- the portion of the share that this part of the city already has of the affordable housing city-wide and that it might affect what was the financing or the agreements that have already been made in terms of the disposition which is going to provide, as I said, 180 units of all affordable housing and a great project.

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So I'm ready to move forward with final action tonight.

Mr. Chairman, thank you for bringing that to our attention.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: Let me, first of all, thank my colleagues because everything you all have said tonight I agree with 100 percent. And as Commissioner May was talking about the market rate, I was wondering if he was standing by me when I was at an event. Some of the community folks who we see were getting on me about always pushing 0 to 30 percent and I thought I was doing what we needed to do.

And Commissioner May, you're exactly right. I'm sure we've heard it, but they too want some market-rate in the areas, and they made it clear to me. We weren't talking case-specific. They were just talking about how I'm always pushing one way and nobody's against affordable housing. We all want it. We're all for it. It's the big time. It's crucial, but it's finding that - and it dawned on me, and it's ironic that Commissioner May just

spoke about that in his comments because that's exactly what the public, the people who live there, not the ones who live out of town and come in and write letters and send -- but the people who live there.

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I've always said that. The people who live there are the ones who approach me and they weren't talking about a case. What they said to me was, "We want some market-rate too. We want a mixture." So I get it. I understand, and I heard it loud and clear. I'm not tone deaf. That was one of the ones of the words that was used. I'm very in tune to it and it's caused me, even this week, to start rethinking.

But when I look at this case, this is ideal and then everybody is in support of it. The ANC is excited about it a when I saw the amenities packet, where they do that at because it's really not required, but it's done. And my hat's off to the Applicant and all those involved in this case.

So I'm not going to muddy up anything. I really appreciate the way it was articulated in the discussion. I am ready to move forward as well. I won't belabor the point. I think the Office of Planning -- we stuck to that. I think I agree with them. While there are some areas which we need to relook at and push IZ plus and some other change that we need to do, but I don't think is applicable and applicable (sic) here. So that's where I am.

But I appreciate all the comments of my colleagues and I 1 2 appreciate the community, the people who are most effective, who 3 live there and who are the ones who are going to endure whatever decisions are made, and I appreciate the Applicant for working 4 5 with the community. Job well done. That's all I'm going to say. Would someone like to make a motion? 6 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I would move that the 7 Zoning Commission take final action on Case No. 21-17, Congress 8 9 Park Community Partners, LLC - Map amendment and Square 5914, it's a portion of 1351 Alabama Avenue, S.E., changing it from A-1 to 10 11 MU-8B and ask for a second? 12 COMMISSIONER MAY: Second. 13 CHAIRMAN HOOD: It's been moved and properly seconded. 14 I would also emphasize the Racial Equity Analysis and the lens that's been used. I think is very crucial, and I think 15 16 this is exactly where we're going. While we have some other things planned for that, I've never heard from the council and 17 18 from community that we really need to come up to speed on how we 19 exercise that. We have some ideals and we will have some things 20 So I want the public to know, but I think in coming very soon. 21 this case, we meet that requirement. 22 So anyway, it's been moved and properly seconded. Any 23 further discussion? 24 (No response.)

1	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Not hearing any, Mr. Barron, would you
2	do a roll call vote, please?
3	MR. BARRON: Commissioner Miller?
4	VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.
5	MR. BARRON: Commissioner May?
б	COMMISSIONER MAY: Yes.
7	MR. BARRON: Commissioner Hood?
8	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yes.
9	MR. BARRON: Commissioner Imamura?
10	COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Yes.
11	MR. BARRON: The vote is 4-0-1 to approve final action.
12	Third mayoral appointee position vacant, not voting.
13	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Next, we have a hearing action
14	which is Zoning Commission Case No. 22-03, WCP 1207 H Street, LLC
15	- Map amendment at Square 1004. We're going to Ms. Crystal
16	Meyers.
17	MS. MEYERS: Good afternoon, Commissioners.
18	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Good afternoon.
19	MS. MEYERS: Okay. Great. All right. So good
20	afternoon again. I am here to introduce WCP 1207 H Street. It's
21	map amendment Case 22-03. The subject site is that 1207 H Street,
22	N.E., which is currently the location of an AutoZone store. Next
23	slide, please?
24	This amendment would rezone Lot 342 in Square 1004 from

NC-14 to NC-15. The site is across the street from NC-17 zone properties. NC-17 goes up to FAR 4.2 with IZ, so the proposed NC-15 4.8 FAR with IZ would be character with these neighboring properties. Next slide, please?

Rezoning, the property to NC-15 would allow it up to 65 feet in height, and again it would go up to 4.8 in FAR with inclusionary zoning. Next slide, please?

This amendment is not inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan. It is not inconsistent with its Future Land Use Map designations of medium density residential and medium density commercial uses. It is also not inconsistent with the main street mixed-use quarter designation on the Generalized Policy Map. Next slide, please?

Reviewing this map amendment through a racial equity lens shows the proposed rezoning is for a retail store, so it would not displace any existing residents. The site is in the Capitol Hill planning area which has a predominantly white population. The median cost of housing in this area is higher than the District's median.

According to the 2019 Housing Equity Report, the area only has 3.5 percent of the District's total number of affordable housing units. OP recommends IZ plus for this map amendment area or for this map amendment. The site would have the potential to provide substantially more affordable housing units than if it

were developed by-right under the existing NC-14 zone. would 2 As mixed-use zone, it also encourage 3 nonresidential uses on the site. This would allow for new transit 4 oriented jobs to the area and increasing the amount of affordable 5 housing and jobs to this area would likely allow for more racial 6 and economic diversity. Another consideration is that there is an environmental 7 8 When the site redevelops, the new development would 9 comply with today's environmental standards. So in conclusion, 10 the Office of Planning recommends that the Zoning Commission sit-11 down the proposed map amendment for a public hearing. Thank you. 12 13 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Thank you, Ms. Meyers. Report very well 14 I appreciate your report. Let's see if we have any 15 questions or comments. 16 Commissioner May? COMMISSIONER MAY: I don't have any comments, but I was 17 18 really fascinated by that last graphic and I assume that all that 19 will go into the into the record for the case, and before we have 20 a hearing I'll be looking at that more closely. But, you know, 21 other than losing the ever so valuable AutoZone, this all sounds

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appropriate. I mean, you know, things change. So thank you.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN HOOD:

Commissioner Imamura?

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1	COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
2	I don't have any other questions and thank you, Ms.
3	Meyers, for your report.
4	CHAIRMAN HOOD: And Vice Chair Miller?
5	VICE CHAIR MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
6	Thank you, Mr. Meyers, for your report and for this
7	recommendation for sit-down. My only question is the
8	recommendation is that it be rezoned from NC-14 to NC-15 to be
9	consistent with a Comp Plan which is what we're all about here in
10	terms of a map amendment.
11	And so I realize the consistency there, but it's at the
12	low end of the medium density. The council did take action, I
13	think, with the case. This is a case where took action to
14	well, correct me. Well, answer my is this a case where they
15	took action to change the designation from moderate to medium or
16	it already was (indiscernible)?
17	MS. MEYERS: Yes, you are correct. This site was
18	changed. The Land Use Map designation was changed to allow for, I
19	think it was, perhaps neighborhood conservation. I'm just quickly
20	checking and then it was changed to being mixed designation of
21	medium density residential and medium density, commercial.
22	So, you know, yes, it is a you know what this would
23	be would be on the lower end, but it is next to I believe it's a
24	lower density zoning as well. So this would serve as sort of a

transition which is why, you know, we thought it would be an appropriate zone for this location or -- yeah. So next door, you have the single-family properties so we thought it would be an appropriate designation.

VICE CHAIR MILLER: Right. That's what I wanted to hear about because there's also -- it's also next door to, or across the street, or nearby NC-16 and 17 developments, or PUDs, or map amendments that we've approved that are at a higher, slightly higher, density and I just wanted to get your rationale for not recommending the higher density to get more affordable housing to meet more of the racial equity affordability concerns that your reports had been addressing, that our decisions have been addressing in recent months.

But given the -- so the transitional aspect with the single -- with lower density nearby, I can understand, but I'm just wondering for advertising purposes, was there any value in advertising at a -- well, what would be the difference between -- I guess it would help me. So NC-15 is 4.8 with inclusionary zoning, 4.0 FAR, versus the existing zoning is 2.5 FAR with (indiscernible) inclusionary zoning.

I assume it would be higher, and maybe slightly higher if it was at the next -- if it just included the next NC level,

16. What would be the difference if it was at 16 versus 15? And

I'm just wondering if there's any value in advertising it in the

alternative or at the higher level so that I think we could always go to a lower level in terms of proposed action later on, but in terms of a proposed -- a hearing, we have to consider all the options that were -- that might be on the table.

So did you consider the 16 or 17 since they are in the immediate neighborhood as well?

MS. MEYERS: Well, two things I just want to give. I just want to correct something I said a little earlier. So the previous designation was moderate density residential and low density commercial. So this would -- you know, the new designation from moderate to medium density.

And the other thing is, this is a -- the owner's application, not an OP map amendment case so we did not do a review of the zoning in that respect because this is -- this was proposed to us and we thought it was an appropriate rezoning. It matched what the Future Land Use Map is recommending. But, you know, again, this was proposed by the owner of the property.

VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay. Well, I appreciate that response, I didn't -- I saw that there is the Petitioner in your report, but I didn't quite get that you didn't -- had not evaluated that, but we can get into that at a hearing if we have a hearing on this, which I support having a hearing on this.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: Thank you. Again, I know that there

1	have already been comments from the racial equity lens. I would
2	like for the Applicant to really expound on that. It sounds like
3	we are I believe we will set this down and I want to thank Ms.
4	Meyers for her report. I have no questions for of you, Ms.
5	Meyers, but I do would like I do want the Applicant to come
6	prepared to talk about the racial equity component of this case.
7	So anyway, Commissioners, moving forward again. Thank
8	you, Ms. Meyers. Again moving forward, I think we have a request
9	to set this case down and I think is right for us to sit-down and
10	have a hearing. So with all that, unless there's an objection, I
11	would move that we sit-down Zoning Commission Case No. 22-03, WPC
12	1207 H Street, LLC - Map amendment at Square 1004.
13	And let me make sure I've covered everything. Okay. All
14	right. And ask for a second?
15	COMMISSIONER MAY: Second.
16	I'm sorry, did you say setting down as a contested case?
17	CHAIRMAN HOOD: I will add that to it. Thank you.
18	Setting down as a contested case. Thank you for that. I'll take
19	that well, it's not a I learned last night I can't say
20	"friendly," but I'll take that amendment. It's not friendly. At
21	least that's what I learned last night at 10 o'clock. But anyway,
22	I will take that amendment that we set this down as a contested
23	case.
24	Is there, Commissioner May, a second, I believe?

1	COMMISSIONER MAY: Yes.
2	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Any further discussion?
3	(No response.)
4	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. So with that, Mr. Barron, could
5	you do a roll call vote, please?
6	MR. BARRON: Commissioner Hood?
7	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yes.
8	MR. BARRON: Commissioner May?
9	COMMISSIONER MAY: Yes.
10	MR. BARRON: Commissioner Miller?
11	VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.
12	MR. BARRON: Commissioner Imamura?
13	COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Yes.
14	MR. BARRON: The vote is 4-0-1 to sit-down as a
15	contested case. Third mayoral appointee position vacant, so no
16	vote was taken.
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18	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Thank you, Ms. Meyers, again.
19	So, and let me digress. In a meeting I was in last
20	night, they said that you can't make a there's no such thing as
21	a friendly amendment, so one of you scholars, and then they had
22	they told me, they said, "Well, you do this." And I said, "I
23	always heard friendly amendment," but apparently there's no such
24	thing as a friendly amendment. I don't know. I digress, so

forgive me.

All right. Well -- and see, that's what I hate, digressing. Now, I don't know where I am. Let me see. Okay. Here I am. Zoning Commission Case No. 22-04. This is the Hanover R.S. Limited Partnership - Consolidated PUD and related map amendment at 3841 and 3846.

Ms. Meyers again?

MS. MEYERS: Hello, again.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: Oh. Okay. Go right ahead.

MS. MEYERS: Good afternoon, Commissioners. I am -- as I said earlier, I am Crystal Meyers for the Office of Planning for Case 22-04. I am sitting in for Anne Fothergill who is our project manager on this case. Next slide, please?

On balance, the Office of Planning finds that the proposed PUD and related map amendment are not inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan's elements and maps and are recommending that the Commission set it down for public hearing. The Applicant proposes a mixed-use development to be located south of Franklin Street, N.E. to the east of the train tracks and just north of Rhode Island Avenue Metro Station. The property is currently in Zoned PDR-2 and is proposed to be rezoned MU-6A and MU-4 at the northeast portion of the site.

The development would have 723 residential units, with a mix of studios, one, two, and three-bedroom units. Fifteen

percent of the residential Gross Floor Area would be dedicated to affordable units, ranging from 30 to 80 percent MFI. There would be 18,000 square feet of PDR maker space on the ground floor of the Phase 2B and Phase 2A buildings along Reed Street and Franklin Street.

The project involves realignment of the Reed Street alley and the alley would be built to street standards. The development would be LEED gold and sustainable features including solar panels and green roofs would be included. Next slide, please?

In terms of the Comprehensive Plan maps and policy, the Future Land Use Map is striped for mixed-use with a PDR stripe for the whole site and high density residential to the west of the realigned Reed Street alley and moderate density residential on the northeast side of the site. The proposed MU-6A and MU-4 zones are not inconsistent with these designations.

The Generalized Policy Map shows the site in a neighborhood conservation area, and that designation does not preclude development, particularly to address city-wide housing needs. Without the proposed rezoning residential uses could not be located here. The proposed development would bring new housing, including affordable housing and makerspace retail uses to Franklin and Reed Streets northeast.

The Comprehensive Plan has many policies that support

additional housing and housing near transit. And while there may be conflicting policies related to retention and use of industrially zoned, the land on balance is mixed-use development with significant affordable housing in this location would generally not be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan's policies, as well as the guidance of a Small Area Plan. Next slide, please?

When viewed through an equity lens, according to the 2019 Housing Equity Report and the State Data Center, the upper northeast planning area has a majority non-white population. The District's housing goal for this area is to create 6,900 new housing units and 1,350 new affordable housing units. The project would not displace any existing residents and would provide approximately 723 units of new housing with 15 percent of the units set aside as affordable housing. Development also would provide maker and retail jobs, access to transit, and environmental benefits.

In conclusion, OP recommends that the PUD be set down for a public hearing, and I'm happy for -- to take on any additional questions you may have. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: Great. Thank you again, Ms. Meyers.

Let's see if we have any questions and comments.

Commissioner May?

COMMISSIONER MAY: Yeah, I do. Well, questions,

comments; I don't know. We'll see how it goes. First of all, in many ways, this PUD for where we are right now, the sit-down consideration, I think, is pretty well-developed. I mean, there's a lot to this with the roadway reconfiguration and the complexity of this overall PUD and the -- what seems to be the extent of community outreach that's already occurred, which is reflected in the Community Benefits Agreement and, you know, the IZ calculation. And even then having, you know, receiving a Construction Management Plan right up front, I mean, I think those are all pretty positive things.

I will make note of the areas of additional information that the Office of Planning has requested. So that's an area where maybe it's not, you know, it's really does need some more work. Those are all things that -- I mean, it seems like it's a lot of calculations and a lot of, you know, sort of smaller scale planning of, you know, where the IZ units will be, the breakdowns, the number of bedrooms, the number of unit units by number of bedrooms, and some of the other details about the makerspace and signage, and so on.

So I mean, it's still a lot of stuff that I think has to be done and I noted the OP's objection to the requested flexibility of the number of IZ units, and I would agree with that. We don't want anything to be reduced as a result of further development of the design.

My own thoughts on this are, I think that the -- when it comes time for the hearing, I'll be very interested in understanding the -- I guess, the true impact of this on the adjacent neighborhood. And so even though this site, I mean, it's we have this is the -- you know, it's within a neighborhood conservation area. There's not really much about these properties in themselves that should be conserved, but it does mean that whatever is done on this site has to be has to be -- has to respect the surrounding neighborhood and the neighborhood immediately to the east is, you know, a row house neighborhood.

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And so I'm very concerned that, you know, the folks who are most immediately impacted by this are well informed. Maybe that has happened. Maybe there's more outreach that's needed, but I'm concerned that that will happen. I do feel like we are not necessarily seeing the entire picture.

And so one of the things that I think we like to see in places like this, where we have a large development going in in proximity to our lower rise buildings or houses is getting some bird's eye views, some three-dimensional views from above so that we can see the relationship of the building heights and the extent to which this much larger building will -- you know, how it will interact with the row houses that are really not that far away, at least at certain points? So I think that would be helpful.

I am curious. Do you know what the type of

construction; is this going to be stick-built on top of concrete podium or is it all concrete? You know?

MS. MEYERS: I don't know off the top of my head, but we

COMMISSIONER MAY: Yeah.

would definitely, you know --

MS. MEYERS: -- have that for you later.

COMMISSIONER MAY: Yeah, I expect that'll become part of the discussion. I was just curious about that because it's a pretty massive and substantial building. But sometimes when you get building -- you know, a building like this is done with the stick-built on podium, you lose some of the -- what's the right word for it? I don't know, but kind of the sturdiness of it.

It looks -- you know, sometimes buildings built like that wind up looking like they're just, you know, a -- kind of a box and you don't have much variation in the depth of the facade. You don't have the balconies and things like that you would get in a concrete building, so I think it's important.

And I don't even know, constructionally (sic), why that's really that important because I've seen some good conversions of that, some not so good. I think that's the bigger concern, is making sure that there is the kind of depth of façade and the sophistication and the development of it.

It seems, you know, just the images that we've seen so far, I think, are pretty promising, but I am concerned that, you

know, that it would be a really good, well-built building and one that's -- that looks solid like many of the other developments that have occurred in the area that I think we're seen images of.

Let's see. I am -- I did see discussion of the building, the measuring point, but I'm still a little bit confused by it. So I think some further explanation of that when it comes time at a hearing and understanding where the building is drawing its height from. Because if I saw a reference to Franklin Street has a building that measuring point.

Maybe that only applies for the phase -- the separate section -- now I've lost my sense of what's happening in which phase, but that little leg further to the east on the east side of Reed Street. Maybe that's the one that's measured from Franklin and the other is mentioned. It's not clear to me where it's measured from because the -- that height is like 137 feet, but that's not the height at Franklin. It's like the height of the mid-point of part of the facade on Reed and Reed's down the street. Reed's an alley.

So it's -- I'm just -- some video was on and the material that I read prove it. I didn't quite observe it so some explanation of that because you do wind up with a circumstance where, you know, there's like a story-and-a-half that's below the building height measuring point when you get to the southern portion of that and I think people need to understand how that

1	happens, how it is that we can call this an 84-foot building when
2	it actually looks like it's a 100-foot building. So
3	MS. MEYERS: Okay. We'll definitely provide more
4	clarification on that.
5	COMMISSIONER MAY: Yeah. Okay. I appreciate that. I
6	think that's it for my questions. I guess there is one other
7	question which reminds me of a previous case from earlier today.
8	The density that's actually being proposed under this PUD is about
9	3.5 FAR below what the zone would allow if we approved the PUD and
10	I'm wondering why that is the case.
11	I mean, if this is in an if this zone is appropriate
12	and that and, you know, and the FAR is as much as, I don't
13	know, 8.5 or something like that with IZ is appropriate, why are
14	they only building up to like 5.5.? Do you have a sense of that?
15	MS. MEYERS: They may have, let's see. I think I'm
16	hearing that it may be the result of conversations with the ANC
17	COMMISSIONER MAY: Okay.
18	MS. MEYERS: but I don't you know, we'd have to
19	follow up with you to give me more details, but that's my
20	understanding at this point.
21	COMMISSIONER MAY: Right. So I mean, you know,
22	sometimes we wind up in this circumstance where one of the
23	attributes of a particular zone is what you are really striving
24	for. So maybe it's just the you know, in order to get to the

height that they want, they have to go to this higher density zone, which allows much more FAR, but you're not going to take advantage of the FAR.

So maybe it's a case like that, but it also -- I mean, I don't know. I mean, is this is this really actually the right zone or not? Should it be a lower zone or should it be a bigger building, right? That's sort of the question. And I think understanding that and answering that I think would be enlightening. So that's it.

MS. MEYERS: We understand.

COMMISSIONER MAY: I don't have any other questions.

MS. MEYERS: We understand.

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COMMISSIONER MAY: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Imamura?

COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I think Commissioner May has raised a lot of important issues or important points and made some really good comments. Particularly, you know, let me go back to the bird's eye view and those perspectives. That'll be really important to see. This is certainly a substantial or a significant development complex, so there's going to be a lot of questions. So the Applicant, I'm sure, should and will be ready for our set of questions, detailed set of questions.

I know that Commissioner May touched on a couple of points that I had thought about too as well as, you know, some of the additional information that OP had requested from the Applicant, but I'd like to give you an opportunity, Ms. Meyers, to make -- emphasize one of your points and wanted to ask if you could elaborate a little bit more or go into little more detail about the argument that justifies the upzoning and the loss of the PDR space in a neighborhood conservation area.

You know, where I read that to mean sort of changes are modest in scale and, you know, new development should be compatible with sort of an existing character of the area, but I think your report had provided some additional insight about that and I wanted to give you an opportunity to reemphasize that point.

MS. MEYERS: Well, the neighborhood conservation designation, it is supportive of additional housing so it would -the proposal would include that. It would provide additional housing and I believe, just scrolling through to the actual language of the neighborhood conservation designation, but I believe it specifically says that housing -- to meet the housing or District's housing needs, is an appropriate new type of development in that in that designation. Just, I guess, paraphrasing. So it would not be inconsistent with that designation.

COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Terrific. I wanted just have

that on the record to reconcile those sort of inconsistencies, and that it is not inconsistent. So with that, just thank you for your report and recommendation for set down and (indiscernible) my time to Vice Chair Miller.

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VICE CHAIR MILLER: Thank you, Commissioner Imamura and Commissioner May for your comments, all of which I can again say I concur with. And thank you, Ms. Meyers, for your set down report, your 32-page set down report, which has a racial equity analysis beginning on Page 23.

I would note for those who are interested in seeing it, and we will discuss that more at a hearing which I support setting down -- setting this down for a public hearing. This is a big project. Seven hundred and twenty-three housing units and 105 or 110 of which 15 percent, I think, would be proposed to be affordable at all levels of affordability; 30, 50, 60 and 80 percent AMI, median family income.

So that's all commendable and the LEED gold is commendable. The commendable. The environmental LEED gold is commendable. The community benefits and the outreach that's been done so far is commendable. So I am supportive of a set-down. I agree with all of the recommendations for -- I mean, the requests for additional information that Office of Planning has requested of the Applicant at the time we get to a public hearing, if we get to a public hearing, including as Commissioner Imamura and May had pointed

out, that something from the -- more -- maybe more from the Applicant rather than OP, but both, as to how the benefits of this project, particularly the housing and affordable housing benefits balance against the -- both the conservation designation area for the site and the moderate density residential for just that northeastern portion of the site, which is adjacent to moderate density residential.

And there is a -- the recommendation is for a split zone and that lower density zone with setbacks and lower heights and is adjacent to that lower density zone, so I appreciate all of that, but I think we just need a better or just more comprehensive articulation of that balancing out the Comprehensive Plan policies so that we can justify this very worthwhile project going forward.

Of the requests that you've made, I would just emphasize that I also -- that I particularly support the request for additional three bedrooms, both at -- I don't know how many are being proposed market-rate. I saw that at least two would be affordable. That's commendable that there are three bedrooms, but I think a 723-unit project. We can get more than two affordable three bedroom units and have that -- those larger sized units both for market-rate, market-rate is important too, and so I want to see that breakdown of market-rate and affordable for all the sizes of the units.

I'm always interested in balconies, as you know and I

see there in the renderings that we have thus far, that there are balconies. I can't see that they're all usable. I see some are recessed and they look more usable, although that has its drawbacks because then there's light and light that gets affected into those units. But I guess I want more information on the percentage of units that are balconies that the outdoor space for residents is so important, particularly private outdoor space, as we've discovered during this wonderful two-year pandemic period. So I want to see that and I think that's about it. I guess that's about it.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN HOOD: I thank my colleagues for their comments. I don't have many, but I think Commissioner May and others may have alluded. Continue to work -- I'm saying this to the Applicant not Ms. Meyers. I'm hoping they will continue to work with the community, especially the ANC Commission.

I'm familiar with the ANC Commission. They work very hard as all of our commissioners do so I'm looking forward to seeing more of their comments and see where they are, but I would ask them to continue to make sure that if -- whatever that the ANC and the community have are well-versed and well -- get all the information they need so they can make whatever decision they're going to make.

I didn't look at a whole lot of notes of what the ANC

has done. I don't even think I saw it, but either way, looking forward to having a hearing and a discussion on this. The racial equity lens, the same thing I said in the last case, same thing applies here. And a lot of people, the Office of Planning I know does a great job at doing -- starting off right by the racial equity lens, and I appreciate the Office of Planning doing this because we asked them to start doing it in their reports.

But I want to see Applicant's do more than just -- I'm not going to say copy it, but really say, "Well, oh, the Office of Planning covered it." So I want Applicants to start covering it too. I think at some point we're probably going to put in our regulations if the Commission agrees. But right now it's already in the Comp Plan, so we have to deal with it and that's a big piece in the city and actually, it's a big piece abroad, all over. So let's get that down packed. That's the goal. That's the striving point at least for myself and I'm sure others as well.

So anyway, I don't have any questions for you, Ms. Meyers. Again, thank you for your report.

Commissioner May, yes?

COMMISSIONER MAY: There was one thing I forgot, which is it would be helpful in a circumstance like this where we're going from, you know, essentially PR use across the site to was higher density residential use to understand how that would compare to an IZ plus map amendment.

I understand a PUD is not the same as an IZ plus map amendment and we can't expect the same percentages, but I would just be curious to understand that because it is a reasonable scale for trying to understand what's the appropriate level of affordable housing in a development when you're going from, you know, this much potential development to this much potential development. It's just it's a way of looking at it and getting some sort of comparison on it.

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So I would appreciate understanding that, you know, not maybe exactly the way it's done for IZ plus map amendment cases, but just to get something that's some sense of the comparable that would be.

VICE CHAIR MILLER: I would echo that. Thank you. Thank you for bringing that up, Commissioner May. I meant to bring that up as well. And the other one I meant to bring up on -- is OP's point on the PDR space. There's significant industrial use on this -- PDR used on the site. There's 18,000 that's being proposed as part of this. I think 18,000 is the number of square feet, I might have that wrong, being proposed as part of this project, but -- makerspace, makerspace.

But OP's recommendations on working -- or the Applicant working with OP on really making that makerspace, that PDR space, usable and maybe because it's such a large site, it may be that you can put in spaces that aren't normally mixing in with

1	residential or not. But the loss of industrial zoning is a city-
2	wide phenomenon, a nationwide phenomenon, and we need to
3	accommodate those kinds of uses. And so to the extent they can be
4	a kind of accommodated, increased, pursuant to OP's
5	recommendations, I would encourage the applicant to bring that
6	forward at the public hearing.
7	Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
8	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Thank you all.
9	Any further comments, or questions, or?
10	(No response.)
11	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. All right. So we're good. Thank
12	you, Ms. Meyers again.
13	This seems would someone like to make a motion? I
14	think this is ready to be set down from what I hear from the
15	discussion.
16	COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Mr. Chairman -
17	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Sure.
18	COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: I move that the Zoning
19	Commission set down Case No. 22-04, Hanover R.S. Limited
20	Partnership - Consolidated PUD and related map amendment, Squares
21	3841 and 3846.
22	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. I'll second the motion.
23	It's been moved and properly seconded.
24	Any further discussion?

1	(No response.)
2	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Not hearing any, Mr. Barron, would you
3	please do a roll call vote?
4	MR. BARRON: Commissioner Imamura?
5	COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Yes.
6	MR. BARRON: Commissioner Hood?
7	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yes.
8	MR. BARRON: Commissioner Miller?
9	VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.
10	MR. BARRON: Commissioner May?
11	COMMISSIONER MAY: Yes.
12	MR. BARRON: The vote is 4-0-1 to set down the case as a
13	contested case. Third mayoral appointee position vacant.
14	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Mr. Barron, do we have anything else
15	before us?
16	MR. BARRON: No, we do not, sir.
17	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. I would like for
18	VICE CHAIR MILLER: Mr. Chair?
19	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yes?
20	VICE CHAIR MILLER: On the issue of friendly amendments,
21	which you brought up earlier
22	CHAIRMAN HOOD: You're going to give me some more?
23	VICE CHAIR MILLER: Well
24	CHAIRMAN HOOD: I have enough of that last night.

VICE CHAIR MILLER: I'll give you some more
unsolicited advice since you're used to getting unsolicited
advice. In my experience, people offer it and if the maker of the
motion incorporates that amendment as part of their motion, which
the person who's offering it thinks the maker will, that's what's
considered it becomes part of the maker's motion, the original
maker's motion. They offer the friendly amendment and you make it
part of yours as your main motion. I mean, that's my experience
at 27 years of the council for whatever it's worth.
CHAIRMAN HOOD: So, Vice Chair, now that you brought
that up, now we're going to be another five minutes. But the
thing about it was, is that I agree with you; friendly amendment.
But I was told last night, and I've got to go back and look at
Robert's rules, what I was told last night, there's no such thing
as a friendly amendment. I mean
VICE CHAIR MILLER: If the maker incorporates it as part
of their motion, that's pretty friendly.
CHAIRMAN HOOD: I thought I've also said "I have a
friendly amendment." I've used that over the years because
maybe I learned it from the council, but I use that all the time.
So last night I'm told there's no such thing as a friendly
amendment.
So Archie, is it a friendly amendment?
VICE CHAIR MILLER: Archie is it friendly? Say hi

1	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is it friendly?
2	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Hello, Archie.
3	COMMISSIONER MAY: Archie is friendly.
4	VICE CHAIR MILLER: Just woke up from his nap
5	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Oh. Okay. He woke up just if he
6	listens to us
7	VICE CHAIR MILLER: so he doesn't have a lot to say.
8	CHAIRMAN HOOD: he'll go back to sleep.
9	VICE CHAIR MILLER: You should have seen him three hours
10	ago.
11	CHAIRMAN HOOD: All right. So before we go, I would
12	like to bring up Ms. Lovick and Mr. Lui if they're available.
13	Ms. Lovick?
14	What I want to do is cover, and this is our meeting.
15	What I want to do is publicly thank our Office of Zoning Legal
16	Division because I've heard I'm in the community and I hear it.
17	I appreciate the work you all have done to get us caught up on our
18	orders. I am hearing it from residents, I'm hearing from
19	Applicants, I'm hearing it from everyone. So I just want to know
20	what work you all have done to bring us up to speed, makes
21	while it makes us look good like we're really on the ball, you all
22	are the heroes.
23	So I wanted to say that and if you could pass it on to
24	all your other colleagues as well. I know that you all came into

1	something that you that we were behind. And I'm not slighting
2	anybody because everybody has different ways, but what I am doing
3	is thanking you all publicly because I also heard that as well.
4	You know, when you're in the neighborhood like I am, you
5	hear a lot of you hear a lot of good things. You hear a lot of
6	things that are maybe not so good and you try to correct them.
7	But I wanted to bring that to you all's attention. I wanted to
8	say publicly, so I appreciate all the work you all do and it does
9	not go unnoticed on the residents of the city.
10	So on behalf of all of them, thank you all for what
11	you're doing and if you can take it back to your other colleagues
12	as well.
13	Okay. So with that, anybody have any other additional
14	comments and questions?
15	COMMISSIONER MAY: Well, yeah. On the agenda didn't we
16	have a are we going to get any an OP status reporter or is
17	there no status report today?
18	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Well, Ms. Steingasser?
19	Mr. Lawson?
20	I was going to skip that.
21	COMMISSIONER MAY: Well, I saw them here so that's what
22	reminded me.
23	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Oh, maybe we do have a report. Maybe I
24	missed something

1	MS. STEINGASSER: We had not planned on giving a formal
2	update report. We will be giving one in next month in April
3	with which we've done several months, like three months, back
4	where we give you the sheet of all the pending cases, then the
5	statuses then as when we'll be bringing them forward.
6	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay.
7	MS. STEINGASSER: Is that
8	COMMISSIONER MAY: Sounds good.
9	MS. STEINGASSER: sufficient? Okay.
10	COMMISSIONER MAY: I just
11	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yeah. Okay. So
12	COMMISSIONER MAY: I was just looking at the agenda and
13	it's an agenda item and I just like hate to skip over the Office
14	of Planning if Ms. Steingasser had something to say.
15	MS. STEINGASSER: No. We appreciate that, but not
16	tonight.
17	COMMISSIONER MAY: Okay.
18	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. So with that, let me Mr.
19	Barron, you're going to have to make sure I'm correct because I
20	don't want people to come back the wrong night. The Zoning
21	Commission is not meeting again until April 11th, 2022, and that
22	meeting is Zoning Commission well, one second. What did I say?
23	April 11th. Right. That's correct.
24	Zoning Commission Case No. 21-22, this is from the

Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia. 1 Ιt 2 says OAG's proposed tax amendment with incentivize the creation of 3 affordable housing. That's what that topic is going to be. I'm looking forward to that night because that's what we've been 4 5 talking about. 6 So with that, does anybody have anything else? And 7 again, we're going to be on these same platforms and we start at 4 8 p.m. 9 Anything else anybody? 10 (No response.) 11 CHAIRMAN HOOD: So with that, I want to thank you for 12 your participation in the meeting tonight and with that, you all have a great time until we see each other again. Goodnight 13 14 everyone. 15 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 16 4:56 p.m.)

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