

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE DC BOARD OF ZONING
IN THE MATTER OF:

Case Number: Z.C. Case No. 13-14

Case Name: Vision McMillan Partners, LLC and the District of Columbia - First Stage and Consolidated PUD and Related Map Amendment @ 2501 First Street, N.W.
Thursday, May 08, 2014, 6:30pm, Jerrily R. Kress Memorial Hearing Room, 441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 220-South, Washington, D.C. 20001

Good evening, Chairman Hood and members of the Zoning Board. My name is Albrette "Gigi" Ransom, Ward 5 resident and former ANC Commissioner for ANC 5C12 & the new 5A06. My involvement and following of the re-utilization of McMillan Mews property goes back to the mid-90s, when I was Ward 6 ANC Commissioner (6B10, Capitol Hill Commission), and a member of the National Capitol Planning Commission's Community Working Group on the then Monumental Core Project, which evolved to "Legacy". Upon being elected ANC for 5C12 in 2008, I continued my involvement in this important project.

This entire project, which included the McMillan Mews had my support then, and continues to have my full support for its development for the new century.

I support the proposed healthcare facility, with parking and retail. I know it would be a welcomed addition to the current hospital complex, creating functional space for doctors' offices, etc, to operate more freely, and freeing up office space within the situation hospitals for other uses.

There could/would also be added benefits to the proposed recreation complex, which would allow for healthcare programs to be held within this site for the community, especially for the benefit of the senior citizens who would live there, to support the rec center's planned activities.

As to the community recreation complex, it is my hope that this facility would be managed by a non-profit organization, separately or in partnership with the DC Department of Parks & Recreation, with the sale of naming rights to one or more corporation(s) for an established period of time, to assure funding for the required maintenance and activities/events programming for years to come. This naming right fund should be maintained in a dedicated account, only allowed to have DC Council approved line item fund re-programming for related needs to that specific facility.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today.



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