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19	Jerrily R. Kress Memorial Hearing Room
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5	ROBERT MILLER, Commissioner
6	MICHAEL TURNBULL, Commissioner
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19	JACOB RITTING, ESQ.
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1 PROCEEDINGS

- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay, this is the regular
- 3 public meeting of the D.C. Zoning Commission, Monday,
- 4 October 19th, 2015. Time now is approximately 6:36.
- 5 We're located in the Jerrily R. Kress Memorial
- 6 Hearing Room.
- My name is Anthony Hood. Joining me are Vice
- 8 Chair Cohen, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner May,
- and Commissioner Turnbull. We're also joined by the
- 10 Office of Zoning Staff, Ms. Sharon Schellin, Office
- of Attorney General, Mr. Ritting and Mr. Ferris,
- Office of Planning, Ms. Steingasser, Mr. Lawson, Mr.
- 13 Jesick, and Ms. Vitale.
- We do not take any public testimony at these
- 15 proceedings unless we ask someone to come forward.
- 16 We ask that you not have any disruptive noises as we
- 17 deliberate.
- With that we will get right into our agenda,
- and also I plan on moving, colleagues, unless there
- is some objection, the agenda to join -- or possibly
- join final action last, if we decide to plow through
- 22 tonight. If not I know we may move to another date
- 23 for penthouses because we want to solely concentrate
- on penthouses for about an hour only. So we'll see
- 25 how it goes and how these proceedings proceed.

- Okay. Ms. Schellin, do we have any
- preliminary matters?
- MS. SCHELLIN: No, sir.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Let's go right in
- 5 to it. Consent calendar item, Zoning Commission Case
- 6 No. 11-07E, American University request for minor
- 7 modifications to further processing of a campus plan.
- 8 Oh, before I do this, we actually have three consent
- 9 calendar items. And I'm going to ask if there is any
- 10 commissioner that would like to take any of these
- 11 consent calendar items off of the consent calendar
- 12 item. Let me do that first. Mr. Turnbull.
- MR. TURNBULL: Mr. Chair, I would -- I feel
- that 07-21C PerStar M Street Partners, LLC., request
- 15 for minor modifications to the PUD at Square 50
- should be moved to a hearing.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So all it takes --
- 18 rules say all it takes is for one commissioner, and I
- 19 actually would agree. Even though I might have went
- 20 another way with this. But anyway, I think let's do
- 21 that. Any other comments on this?
- Let me ask, Ms. Steingasser, do you all have
- 23 a report on this or do you want to deal with this at
- 24 hearing action, or you want to stand on what's on the
- 25 record?

- MS. STEINGASSER: We'll deal with it at
- 2 hearing action.
- CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. All right.
- 4 Anything else, colleagues, that we want to come off
- 5 the consent calendar item? Calendar. Okay. Consent
- 6 calendar.
- Okay. Let's move right in to Zoning
- 8 Commission Case 11-07E, American University, request
- 9 for minor modification to further processing of
- 10 campus plan at Square 1601. Ms. Schellin.
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes, sir. In this case the
- 12 applicant has submitted a request for a minor
- modification to the further processing of the campus
- 14 plan to allow for construction on Saturdays.
- At Exhibit 4 we have ANC 3D's opposition,
- 16 Exhibit 5 we have opposition of homeowners and
- 17 residents of Westover Place, Exhibit 6 we have the
- 18 applicant's response to ANC 3D's resolution, at
- 19 Exhibit 7 we have ANC 3D's response to the
- 20 applicant's response, at Exhibit 8 we have an e-mail
- 21 from Westover Places' Board of Directors advising
- 22 that the board has not changed its position from
- 23 earlier hearings and that the overwhelming sentiment
- 24 is that the Commission take no action this evening
- 25 that would jeopardize the expeditious completion of

- 1 the east campus.
- So we'd ask the Commission to consider the
- 3 applicant's request this evening.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay, Commissioners, let
- 5 me open it up for any discussion on these requests.
- 6 Anyone?
- 7 MR. TURNBULL: Mr. Chair, I quess just going
- 8 through the record here, I mean, even though we have
- 9 an e-mail from Mr. Joseph who I take it is
- 10 representing the Board of Directors, it doesn't say
- 11 his position or anything, and that the board has not
- 12 changed its position from what it expressed in
- 13 earlier hearings, but the other letters, the other
- 14 submittal which is Exhibit No. 5, shows that there is
- about 54 or 40 some odd residents of that group that
- are opposed to it and they're -- I mean, some of the
- arguments there is that the contractor is not working
- 18 effectively on the job.
- I mean, in one way I'm not opposed to
- 20 allowing this based upon this minimal e-mail, I guess
- 21 from the Board of Directors. But I'm just concerned
- 22 that there needs to be a concerted effort to get this
- 23 project done and that AU has got to have some control
- over this to get this thing done and that we're not
- 25 coming back in another -- again, asking for more time

- on this.
- So I'm just a little bit concerned that it is
- 3 going to be done expeditiously.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Any other comments?
- 5 Commissioner Miller?
- 6 MR. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yeah,
- 7 before we had gotten the e-mail from the Westover
- 8 Place Homes Board of Directors, I was kind of
- 9 prepared to keep with the currently approved -- the
- 10 previously approved construction schedule and allow
- 11 for some flexibility in the completion date for the
- 12 project and for the full residential requirement by
- 13 the fall of 2016. But after getting that -- because
- we did have the ANC's concerns and the 47 or so, 40
- 15 some odd homeowners. But the Board of Directors
- 16 represents that it represents the owners of the 149
- 17 properties.
- So I think if they need Saturday construction
- 19 between now and next year to get this thing done by
- 20 the time that we originally said it should be done by
- 21 and what the owners -- what the Board of Directors of
- 22 the owners next door want it to be done by, you
- usually do want the construction just to get -- to be
- 24 done and over with, even if -- I don't think a lot of
- 25 -- if we were in the middle of summer and Saturdays

- 1 were happening, it might be different. But we're now
- 2 going into a cold season and people aren't as outside
- as much as they -- anyway, I think I'd be inclined to
- 4 go along with the University's request for the
- 5 additional construction hours.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Vice Chair Cohen.
- MS. COHEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would
- 8 concur with the conclusion of my colleague,
- 9 Commissioner Miller for several reasons.
- One, I really don't think there is much more
- information we can glean from the parties other than
- what's been provided to date. I do believe that this
- is a complicated project and, you know, the weather
- was not cooperating. I'm aware of many projects
- 15 throughout the city that have experienced delays. In
- 16 fact there's a project that is even doing Saturday
- and Sunday construction and it's in a dense
- 18 neighborhood.
- But I think we should just move forward
- 20 quickly. We're in a period where we're not going
- outdoors as much, keeping our windows open. They are
- 22 predicting a very cold winter I think, again. If we
- 23 can get everything under roof the interior work can
- 24 proceed. So I'm inclined to go along with the
- 25 applicant's -- American University's request to

- 1 permit outdoor construction on Saturdays.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Commissioner May?
- MR. MAY: I agree with what's been said so
- 4 far. I think, you know, it's hard to get through the
- 5 period of construction but I think this -- the faster
- 6 it gets over, the better.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I think when I've read
- 8 this, and I read this last night and I didn't look at
- 9 it again today, but when I read this I thought that
- in Condition 41 that we had put some measures in
- 11 place which were worked by the community as far as
- 12 passing out -- I saw something where passing out
- 13 flyers on Saturday and I understand none of that has
- 14 ever even happened.
- So my issue is, we had a condition in place
- and how it was supposed to effectively work with the
- input of the community. And at least from what I
- 18 read in the record, that did not happen. Am I the
- only one read that? Well, maybe I have a different
- 20 record. But what I read in the record --
- MR. TURNBULL: You did read it.
- CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. I just wanted to
- 23 make sure. And again, I'm starting to have problems
- 24 when we put stuff in -- the ask seems to get bigger
- 25 and bigger for us. Yes, we want them to complete it.

- 1 Yes, we want them to get this done, but also you've
- 2 got to work with the community. And I understand
- what happened here, and I obvious don't have the
- 4 votes and it's not a showstopper for me. But we
- s already had a condition in place where the University
- 6 would, I guess pass out flyers to the community and
- 7 let them know look, we're going to work on Saturday,
- 8 or we're not going to work on Saturday.
- I understand from what's been presented to us
- 10 tonight, was that that just started happening maybe a
- week or so before you came down here. Now that's the
- way I read it and interpret it. And I have a problem
- with us sitting down here, it's 11:00 and 12:00 at
- 14 night, having hearings, putting things in place,
- 15 balancing and working with the community, and then we
- 16 hear later on it did not happen that way.
- I don't know if anybody else has a serious
- 18 problem with that, but I do. And I know that the way
- it stands, the consent to go ahead and move forward
- 20 with the request is, but I want you to know that I am
- very displeased right now with the information I
- received about how this was proceeding under the
- other condition in which this Commission has
- 24 improved, and I think we've dealt with this two or
- 25 three times already. So that's where I am.

- MR. TURNBULL: Mr. Chair, I would concur. I
- 2 am okay with moving ahead with this, but American
- 3 University has done this time and again of not
- 4 involving the neighbors. And we have talked about
- this before in the hearing that they are supposed to
- 6 talk to the neighbors. And as I said, I'm okay with
- 7 going ahead with this but this is the last time and
- 8 if we get another voice by a community group saying
- 9 AU is not talking to -- I will not approve this next
- 10 time, unless there is direct involvement by AU with
- 11 the community and the ANC on these issues. As you
- said, we went through a whole set of hearings where
- we had this before. And I think AU has got -- I
- mean, other universities are talking to their
- 15 neighborhoods. And we don't get quite the stress
- 16 that we're getting with AU.
- So I'm okay with this. I want to get this
- 18 thing done and get it out of the neighbor's hair so
- 19 that this thing is completed, but it's just
- 20 irritating I think, like you said, to have to go
- 21 through this. But let's move ahead with this thing.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I know this is on the
- 23 consent calendar item, colleagues, but can I talk my
- 24 colleagues into asking the University to work with
- 25 the ANC and the community and then we'll deal with

- this consent calendar item within maybe 10 work days?
- 2 Is anyone interested in that proposal?
- MR. MAY: I'm not particularly interested.
- 4 And, you know what, I appreciate the fact that it
- 5 appears from what we have in the record that there
- 6 hasn't been enough communication from AU with the
- 7 community. I'm not sure that we're getting the full
- 8 story there and, you know, I believe that generally
- 9 speaking AU has taken the requirements of the Zoning
- 10 Commission to work actively with the community to
- 11 address the issues that come with the execution of a
- campus project like this and like the others that
- 13 they've been working on.
- And I think that at this point I don't think
- we're really going to necessarily benefit from
- 16 delaying for any period of time. I'd rather get this
- over with but I think that AU has heard loud and
- 18 clear that they want to make -- we want to make sure
- 19 that they're doing everything that they can to
- 20 communicate well with the neighbors.
- MS. COHEN: Mr. Chairman, I would go along
- 22 with Commissioner May's proposal. Again, AU could
- 23 always do a better job. Everybody can do a better
- 24 job in communicating. No doubt about that. But I
- 25 think again, even losing another 10 days could be

- 1 detrimental and I think we should just move ahead,
- 2 reprimand AU, get them to agree to be more
- 3 forthcoming with their neighborhood, their ANC
- 4 especially, but I would not delay this any further.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. I've heard that.
- 6 I've heard from my colleagues and I don't understand
- 7 how we reprimand AU because they walk out of here,
- 8 still got what they wanted. And here's the thing,
- 9 the reason I say the two weeks is I look at that as a
- 10 compromise. A compromise to what the ANC is asking
- us. Well, we might not have the full story. All I
- can go is on the record. Nobody comes to me and
- talks to me when I'm out of the hearing room about
- 14 this kind of stuff so -- and I understand that
- anybody else does. But I'm saying, all I'm going by
- 16 what's in the record.
- And I think the reason why I proposed that is
- 18 so they can do exactly what the chair person, Tom
- 19 Smith, has asked for. When he says in conclusion,
- 20 ANC 3D stresses yet again that a hearing is
- necessary. I didn't go too far as to say a hearing.
- 22 I'm trying to balance it, to allow the Zoning
- 23 Commission to balance the needs of the University
- 24 with those of the community. That's where I'm trying
- 25 to go. That's what I'm searching for. And that's

- 1 all I ask for, for 10 days for them to do the same
- things they've done previously in working together in
- 3 Condition 41. That's all I'm asking for. I'm not
- 4 asking -- for 10 days.
- And obviously the condition that we gave
- 6 them, 41, we reprimanded them and all that and no
- 7 offense to anyone at AU, but they didn't even follow
- 8 that. So do I have any interest now?
- 9 [No audible response.]
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Not hearing any, somebody
- 11 make a motion.
- MR. RITTING: May I interject? Before there
- was a substantive motion made I just wanted to
- 14 provide the Commissioners with a reminder that there
- was a timeliness issue raised by the ANC and I was
- 16 hoping that you could deliberate on that issue before
- 17 you made a substantive motion.
- MR. MAY: Mr. Chairman, if you'd like?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yes.
- MR. MAY: So, the applicable rules are 3129.3
- 21 a request for minor modification of plans shall be
- 22 filed with the board, not later than two years after
- 23 the date of the final order approving the
- 24 application. A request to modify other aspects of a
- 25 board order -- this is 3129.7. A request to modify

- other aspects of a board order may be made at any
- time, but shall require a hearing.
- So I think what this means is that we can't
- 4 consider this under the first clause because it's not
- 5 a minor modification of plans, so the timeliness
- 6 thing doesn't really apply. What does kick in is the
- 7 request to modify other aspects of the board order
- 8 can be made at any time.
- The complication with that is that we would
- 10 have to -- our motion, I think, would have to --
- 11 excuse me, essentially include a waiver of the
- 12 requirement for a hearing. And we can do that for
- 13 good cause shown if the waiver will not prejudice the
- 14 rights of any party and is not otherwise prohibited
- 15 by law.
- So I think that I would be prepared to make a
- motion that we, under 3129.7, grant the request to
- modify other aspects of the board order and also
- waive the requirement for a hearing pursuant to that
- 20 modification.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Is that a motion?
- MR. MAY: Yes.
- CHAIRPERSON HOOD: It's been moved. Can I
- 24 get a second?
- MS. COHEN: Second.

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- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: It's moved and it's
- 2 properly seconded. Any further discussion?
- [No audible response.]
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I will just throw this in;
- 5 while I'm not going to vote against this I would like
- 6 to have done it the way that I wanted it -- I thought
- 7 that it should have been done. I would just ask --
- 8 I'm not going to admonish, but I'm not going to
- 9 reprimand or anything like that. I'm just going to
- 10 ask American University to work with the effected
- neighbors as been asked before. You've heard -- you
- 12 know the concerns, you all have done it before, and
- 13 that you follow the conditions in which this Zoning
- 14 Commission has prescribed and do that to the T.
- 15 Any further discussion?
- [Vote taken.]
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Any opposition? Not
- 18 hearing any, Ms. Schellin, would you record the vote?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. Staff records the vote
- 20 five to zero to zero to approve final action in
- 21 Zoning Commission Case No. 11-07E as stated this
- 22 evening, Commissioner May moving, Commissioner Cohen
- 23 seconding, Commissioners Hood, Miller, and Turnbull
- 24 in support.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Next let's go to

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- 1 Zoning Commission Case No. 11-03D. This is the Wharf
- 5 Hotel Leaseholder, LLC. request for minor
- 3 modifications to PUD at Square 473. Ms. Schellin.
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. For this case the
- 5 applicant is requesting modifications relating to
- 6 parcel 5, which will be developed within Extended
- 7 Stay, excuse me, and Limited Service Hotel. The
- 8 modifications proposed relate to interior space and
- 9 square footage adjustments within the building
- 10 envelope, penthouse and pool changes on the rooftop,
- and minor building façade adjustments within the
- interior elevated courtyard.
- 13 At Exhibit 8 we have a letter in support from
- 14 Gangplank Slipholders Association, Exhibit 9 is an OP
- report in support, and Exhibit 10 is a letter in
- support from the SMD 6D-04 and we'd ask the
- 17 Commission to consider final action on this case.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Ms.
- 19 Schellin, and I believe also the SMD, that single
- 20 member district, is meeting tonight. I think they
- 21 said tonight. But I know that -- I think they plan
- 22 on -- at least it was presumed that they were going
- 23 to have a letter in support of this consent calendar
- item at their SMD meeting, which is -- I mean, with
- 25 their full ANC, which I believe is meeting tonight.

- So let's open it up. Any comments?
- 2 Questions? Or if not, we'll take a motion.
- We don't have to belabor it. I think it has
- 4 full support from the parties and also it talks about
- 5 leveling some of the floor levels and everything. So
- 6 it seems like from the conclusions that this makes it
- 7 a much better project. So I don't know how much more
- 8 we need to --
- 9 MR. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I would agree with
- 10 you and just cite the letter that we did receive from
- 11 Commissioner Andy Litsky, which was supportive and it
- made the reference that you made that they would --
- 13 the full ANC would be taking it up but he wanted it
- 14 to be on the record that he supports it and that
- these modifications are necessary and they're
- 16 actually improvements in many respects. So I'm
- 17 prepared to go forward.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Any other comments?
- 19 Make a motion?
- MR. MILLER: Sure. Mr. Chairman, I would
- 21 move that the Zoning Commission take consent calendar
- 22 action on Zoning Commission Case No. 11-03D, Wharf 5
- 23 Hotel REIT Leaseholder, LLC. request for minor
- 24 modification to PUD at Square 473 and ask for a
- second.

- 1 MR. TURNBULL: Second.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Mr. Turnbull,
- 3 second. It's been moved and properly seconded. Any
- 4 further discussion?
- [Vote taken.]
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Not hearing any
- 7 opposition, Ms. Schellin, would you record the vote?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. Staff records the vote
- 9 five to zero to zero to approve final action in
- 10 Zoning Commission Case No. 11-03D, Commissioner
- 11 Miller approving, Commissioner Turnbull seconding,
- 12 Commissioners Cohen, Hood, and May in support.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Let's go to hearing
- 14 action. Ms. Steingasser, we're going to do the first
- as listed on the agenda and then we'll go back to the
- 16 consent calendar item that was taken off. So just
- 17 giving you all heads up, we're going to do it in that
- 18 order if that's okay.
- Okay. Hearing action Zoning Commission Case
- No. 11-03C, Wharf District Master Developer, LLC.,
- 21 Second Stage PUD at Square 473. Mr. Jesick.
- MR. JESICK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and
- 23 Members of the Commission. This application is for a
- 24 second stage PUD at Parcel 1 of the Wharf Project
- 25 along the southwest waterfront, along with the

- 1 adjacent Market Square and market shed.
- 2 Parcel 1 is the northernmost parcel of the
- 3 Wharf, directly across from Banneker Overlook, and
- 4 the Market Square would abut the Main Avenue Fish
- 5 Market which is not part of the PUD.
- As approved, in the first stage PUD the
- 7 applicant proposes on Parcel 1, a 130 foot tall
- 8 office building with ground floor retail. The
- 9 massing is generally, as shown in the first stage
- 10 approval, and the applicant is now bringing forward
- 11 the proposed final design.
- The building would form an approximate V
- shape and open up toward the water. And the building
- 14 shape maintains views from the Banneker Overlook
- 15 toward the Washington Channel. The design would
- 16 feature a large lobby spanning the entire depth of
- 17 the building from Main Avenue to the waterside. And
- on the waterside it would open up to a height of four
- 19 stories with a glass façade facing the water.
- 20 Retail would also face the water on the
- 21 ground floor, and on the Market Square side one story
- or potentially two story retail would front the
- 23 building.
- 24 Back of house functions would mostly face the
- 25 alley on the southeast side of the building.

- 1 Unfortunately some of those back of house functions
- 2 also back up to Main Avenue and we've asked the
- 3 applicant to take a look at potentially activating
- 4 that space a little better than what is shown in the
- 5 current design.
- At the penthouse level the application
- 7 requests flexibility to provide habitable space in
- 8 the form of a restaurant or similar use, and under
- 9 the draft regulations currently being considered by
- 10 the Commission in this zone that use would be
- 11 permitted as a special exception.
- 12 The penthouse structure meets most setbacks,
- except on the water side where there is a step back
- in the building mass and the penthouse wall would be
- 15 directly above the wall of the 10th floor of the
- 16 building. OP informed the applicant of our opinion
- 17 that that design is not in conformance with the
- 18 Height Act.
- The Market Square and market shed are also
- 20 similar to the design shown in the first stage PUD
- 21 approval. The square would allow circulation for
- vehicles into the project, and then either back out
- on to Main Avenue into the alley between Parcels 1
- 24 and 2, or into the fish market.
- 25 There is a relatively new traffic signal at

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- 1 Main Avenue and Market Square that will control
- 2 traffic in that area and allow pedestrians to safely
- 3 cross Main Avenue. The market shed would be a one-
- 4 story retail pavilion bifurcated by a pedestrian
- 5 passage that would allow transit for pedestrians from
- 6 the elevator lobby in the Parcel 1 building to the
- 7 fish market.
- The design is recognizable because it
- 9 proposes a butterfly roof shape that has been seen in
- 10 some other small scale buildings on the Wharf. As
- 11 with some other -- as with the other second stage
- 12 PUDs at the Wharf the amenities are a continuation of
- 13 those established during the first stage PUD. And
- 14 these include items such as affordable housing
- 15 throughout the project and environmental design.
- OP has asked the applicant to update the
- 17 Commission on a couple of other amenity items,
- 18 including their efforts on the CBE First Source
- 19 fronts as well as other related commitments. And
- 20 we've also asked them to update the Commission on the
- 21 status of the temporary stair and ramp to Banneker
- 22 Overlook from Main Avenue which would be a very
- important amenity for the entire project, especially
- 24 for Parcel 1.
- 25 But overall OP strongly supports the

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- 1 application and the design of Parcel 1, Market
- 2 Square, the market shed. The design is not
- 3 inconsistent with the first stage PUD or the
- 4 Comprehensive Plan. And therefore we recommend that
- 5 it be set down for a public hearing. Thank you.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Mr. Jesick, thank
- 7 you. Commissioners, any questions or comments to
- 8 Office of Planning, also that the applicant may hear.
- 9 Commissioner May?
- MR. MAY: Sure. I appreciate the issues that
- 11 you raised and the updates that you requested.
- 12 That's all good. I would also note that the -- I
- 13 think I saw on the record, the CFA concept approval
- 14 for the design. So I won't have a lot of comments on
- 15 the design in its current state.
- I just have a question about the market shed.
- 17 Is that intended to be a real market shed, like open
- 18 air? I mean, I see it glassed in. Is it more like
- an enclosed pavilion that venders will use to sell
- 20 fresh vegetables as the images seem to apply --
- 21 imply? Or is it something else?
- MR. JESICK: I don't think an actual tenant
- 23 has been identified for that space. My impression
- 24 from just discussions with the applicant is that it
- would be more of a permanent tenant of some kind

- 1 rather than a --
- MR. MAY: I see.
- 3 MR. JESICK: -- market type tenant. But
- 4 that's still up in the air.
- MR. MAY: Okay. So I raise the issue because
- 6 I have some personal experience in the operation of
- 7 sheds like, somewhat similar to that. At least, you
- 8 know, a produce shed, the Farmer's Line at Eastern
- 9 Market is kind of similar in concept if that's what
- they're going for, and there are complications to
- 11 that.
- But also, if they're talking about produce
- 13 vendors working in an all glass shed like that, I
- don't think that's going to work. Most of the
- 15 vendors inside of Eastern Market were flipped out at
- the prospect of having skylights added to the
- 17 building because it was too much direct sunlight and
- it would damage the goods.
- So again, it may not fit with what they
- 20 intend to do or what tenants they may be able to find
- 21 but if the intention is something like what we see in
- those images, it's a complicated thing to deliver and
- 23 they need to look into that carefully. We don't want
- to approve something with certain ideas in mind and
- 25 then find out that it's got a -- you know, it has to

- 1 be a bar. I mean, maybe it has to be a bar. I don't
- 2 know. But I think we want to understand what they
- 3 want it to be. And they may well benefit from
- 4 talking to your colleagues at DGS about the operation
- of the Eastern Market, if that's in fact something
- 6 like what they want to try to do. That's all.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Vice Chair Cohen.
- 8 MS. COHEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As
- 9 noted the penthouse height is over the Height Act,
- 10 but whatever they do with that penthouse, as they
- 11 lower it, what I would like the applicant to address
- is the -- especially if they plan to put in any type
- of entertainment center, such as a night club, noise
- 14 attenuation and lighting up there.
- And in addition my recollection was Parcel 1
- was going to possibly be a cogeneration plan and I'd
- 17 like the applicant to discuss why they did not
- 18 proceed with that. I thought that was such a
- 19 brilliant idea. So I would like to know more about
- 20 why not.
- I also want to make sure that the access from
- 22 the garage to the fish market -- you know, I just
- want more information with regards to any possible
- 24 crossing through, you know, the cars. You know, what
- 25 kind of markings there might be to give pedestrians

- 1 right of way. And in addition I think I heard you
- 2 say that car access, they could back out as opposed
- 3 to making a circular -- maybe I misunderstood you,
- 4 but backing out is not the way to go, I don't think,
- off of Main Avenue. But I may have misunderstood
- 6 you.
- 7 MR. JESICK: No, sorry if I wasn't clear.
- 8 Yeah, you would actually circle around the market
- 9 shed and --
- MS. COHEN: Okay.
- 11 MR. JESICK: -- head back out to Main Avenue.
- MS. COHEN: Okay. Thank you. In addition I
- just again want to confirm that from the Banneker
- 14 Outlook you can still see the water. Yeah. Whether
- there's a gap or not.
- And I think that -- again, I'd like more
- information as well about the shed because I want to
- make sure that area is animated. And although it's
- not a huge area I just don't want it to be cold,
- 20 without any kind of, you know, active marketing in
- the winter, you know, when everything looks empty and
- 22 cold. So if they could give us more discussion as
- 23 how they can address that. Those are my comments.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Anybody else?
- 25 Commissioner Turnbull.

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- MR. TURNBULL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I would
- 2 agree with all of the comments made so far on this
- 3 project. And I agree with OP. I want like -- Mr.
- 4 Jesick, thank you for your pointing out some of those
- 5 issues. I had the same. I agree with your comments
- 6 on Main about the loading and the trash. I think
- 7 that just sort of takes away from the whole Main
- 8 Street experience and I think they need to rework
- 9 that and try to work in some more retail along there.
- I definitely agree with your penthouse
- 11 setback comments. I think they need a lot of work up
- 12 there to correct that. And as you mentioned before,
- 13 the loading relief. That gets tight and that whole
- 14 corner is just -- you've got a huge office lobby, and
- 15 they have a two story, four story, it's a huge
- 16 atrium. Yeah, I understand they're going for a
- 17 certain effect, but they still could play around with
- 18 that front part of the building and make it work
- 19 better. I think the functionality, the operability
- 20 of that space really needs to be thought out better.
- 21 The one comment about the materiality, being
- 22 able to change materials, I'm not really -- I don't
- 23 mind changing colors or variations of that, but I
- think once they've picked a material, unless you're
- 25 going to come back for a minor mod I don't think you

- 1 ought to be changing material per se and coming back
- 2 and saying, we can change that. So I think colors
- 3 are an option, but not changing the material per se.
- And I agree with the Vice Chair on the
- 5 lighting and sound and noise up on the roof. I think
- 6 we need some more sections up there through the roof,
- 7 and maybe some views of the roof, what this is
- 8 finally going to look like once they resolve the
- 9 setback issues. I think that would be good.
- And I agree with Commissioner May about the
- 11 market shed. I think it's a -- I don't think it's
- 12 going to be a fruit market. It could be a restaurant
- which would be awkward to serve too, I guess, but
- 14 that's -- I think they really need to come to grips
- 15 with how they deal with the market shed.
- And other than that, I think that's it, Mr.
- 17 Chair.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Commissioner Miller.
- MR. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I too
- 20 would concur with the comments of the Office of
- 21 Planning and of my colleagues, and agree with
- 22 Commissioner Turnbull about getting some illustrative
- renderings of what's going on up on the rooftop and
- 24 what it looks like, both from the street and
- waterside views, and from the apartment building

- rooftop next door on Parcel 2, I guess that is.
- I also, I think OP in their body of their 2
- report but not in the summary, ask for a status of 3
- the -- update on the status of the CBE and First 4
- Source compliance which I think would be useful since 5
- there's a track record being developed here and it 6
- would be useful to see what the percentage of
- construction jobs are being filled by D.C. residents
- on the other parts of the Wharf project where
- construction has begun. 10
- I'd also like to understand the relationship 11
- better between the experience you have at the market 12
- shed, which is just -- I forget how many feet high 13
- that is. Twenty some feet or something. And the 110 14
- foot north façade of this building which has a 15
- setback at the ground at the second floor. Well, I 16
- just want to understand how that's -- I see that the 17
- setback is helpful in terms of that relationship, but 18
- I just want to maybe see whether that could be 19
- improved and whether there needs to be more gesture 20
- there towards the -- between this 20 some story -- 20 21
- some foot high market shed and this 130 foot high 22
- building right next door. 23
- The only other thing, I realize this is 24
- not -- that the fish market is not part of the PUD, 25

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- 1 but it's right next door to this Market Square and
- 2 market shed, and I would like information from either
- 3 the District, whether it's OP or the Deputy Mayor's
- 4 Office of Planning and Economic Development, or the
- 5 applicant as to what's going on and what's the status
- of what's going on with the fish market, because this
- 7 is right next door to it and I think the developer
- 8 has a keen interest, and maybe an active interest in
- 9 the renovation that's going to be going on there. At
- 10 least I've read reports about this and I think
- 11 there's some ongoing -- there might be some ongoing
- 12 litigation from one of the fish market lease holders
- 13 with -- between them and the District. I don't know
- 14 how much we can get into that.
- But I just want to understand how this
- 16 relates to the fish market renovations that are
- 17 happening and what the status of that is and when
- 18 different things will be coming online and it's -- I
- mean, because the prospect of this whole area being
- 20 activated and revitalized is very exciting. I just
- 21 want to understand it a little better and maybe just
- 22 present that relationship a little better. So thank
- 23 you, Mr. Chair.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: The only thing I would add
- is I really appreciate the showing of how the traffic

- 1 pattern is going to work, and if you remember during
- the first stage one of the things I mentioned that
- we're going to do traffic throughout this whole
- 4 process because I wanted to make sure that nobody
- 5 said -- but you all already approved it. I will have
- 6 some questions about some of the pedestrian, primary
- 7 pedestrian walkways I see, as well as how it's going
- 8 to intertwine with some of the traffic patterns, and
- we'll go from that at the hearing. So I don't have
- 10 any delay in setting this down.
- Unless there's no other discussion I would
- move that we set down for hearing action -- I mean,
- for hearing, Zoning Commission Case No. 11-03C, Wharf
- 14 District Master Developer, LLC., Second Stage PUD at
- 15 Square 473, and ask for a second.
- MR. MILLER: Second.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: It's been moved and
- 18 properly seconded. Any further discussion?
- 19 [Vote taken.]
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Not hearing any, Ms.
- 21 Schellin -- not hearing anyone in opposition, Ms.
- 22 Schellin, would you record the vote?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. Staff records the vote
- 24 five to zero to zero to set down Zoning Commission
- 25 Case No. 11-03C as a contested case. Commissioner

- 1 Hood moving, Commissioner Miller seconding,
- 2 Commissioners Cohen, May, and Turnbull in support.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Next we're going to
- 4 go to -- hold on a second. Which fell from the
- 5 consent calendar item, Zoning Commission Case No. 07-
- 6 21C, PerStar M Street Partners, LLC. request for
- 7 minor modification PUD at Square 50. Mr. Cochran.
- MR. COCHRAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. OP
- 9 recommends that you set down the request to modify
- 10 Order No. 21B. In particular the decision item A1 on
- 11 page 22 of that order, to explicitly permit signs
- 12 that have already been installed on an existing hotel
- 13 at the Northwest corner of 22nd and M Street. This
- is necessitated in the applicant's opinion by their
- 15 BZA Appeal No. 18793, which reversed the Zoning
- 16 Administrator's decision that permitted all of the
- 17 signs that are now there.
- By background, there had been discussion of
- 19 the signs at the hearing on the case, 07-21B.
- 20 Subsequent to the Zoning Commission's order there
- 21 were different interpretations of what that decision
- meant as to the number and the location of those
- 23 signs. The signs have been installed. There was an
- 24 appeal of the ZA decision relating to the signs, and
- with the reversal of the ZA's decision the applicant

- 1 is requesting modification to permit the signs that
- 2 are there.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay, colleagues, we've
- 4 set this down for a hearing. And again, this goes
- 5 back, Ms. Steingasser, one of the things I asked for
- 6 in the ZRR. I actually sat on all the cases
- 7 pertaining to this. I'm specifically inclined to --
- 8 again, we need to find a way, when these kind of
- g things happen, and I know this was mentioned at the
- 10 BZA hearing that that was the only avenue they had.
- 11 I'm hoping that we covered this in the ZRR, as well
- as finding out what we should look to, whether it be
- 13 the final order, and I think we've already ruled on
- that it needs to be the final order, but we want to
- make sure that we specify some of these things so
- 16 some of these issues wont arise later on. And coming
- 17 from a decision that the Zoning Commission made to an
- 18 appeal to the BZA, and now back here on the consent
- 19 calendar item which we just took off for another
- 20 hearing.
- I think through this ZRR process, I'm hoping
- 22 that these kind of things will be taken care of and
- there is a process for the public, applicants, and
- 24 anyone to come back to the people who rendered the
- 25 decision in this case. But anyway, I will reserve

- any other comments at the hearing.
- 2 Any other comments on this?
- 3 [No audible response.]
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Somebody like to
- 5 make a motion to set it down?
- 6 MR. TURNBULL: Mr. Chair, I would move that
- 7 we set down PUD Case 07-21B, PerStreet [sic] M Street
- 8 Partners, Square 50, minor modification request.
- 9 MS. COHEN: Modification.
- MR. TURNBULL: Just oh, I guess it's not --
- 11 modification request, right.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. It's been moved.
- 13 Can we get a second? I'll second that.
- MR. RITTING: I just have a question.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yes. Hold on. We've got
- 16 to -- is it germane to the --
- MR. RITTING: To the motion. Yes, it is.
- 18 It's been styled 07-21C on the agenda and not B, and
- 19 I just wanted to bring that to Mr. Turnbull's
- 20 attention in case he wanted to modify his motion.
- MR. TURNBULL: I was just reading it off the
- 22 OP report. But if it's C then --
- MS. SCHELLIN: Modification 2B but the case
- 24 number is --
- MR. TURNBULL: All right. So it's going to

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- 1 be 07 -- it will be 07-21C.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: C. Okay. And I'll second
- 3 it with that correction. Thank you, Mr. Ritting.
- MR. TURNBULL: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Ritting.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Are we looking for
- 6 an E? Don't hear F. Okay. Anyway, it's moved and
- 7 properly -- any further discussion?
- 8 [Vote taken.]
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Not hearing any opposition
- of any of us, Ms. Schellin, would you record the
- 11 vote?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. Staff records the vote
- 13 five to zero to zero to set down Zoning Commission
- 14 Case No. 07-21C as a contested case, Commissioner
- 15 Turnbull moving, Commissioner Hood seconding,
- 16 Commissioners Cohen, May, and Miller in support.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Ms. Schellin, do we
- 18 have anything else on the agenda tonight besides
- 19 final action?
- MS. SCHELLIN: No, sir.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Colleagues, are we
- ready to plow through this and take our time. I'm
- 23 not interested in just getting it over with, I'm just
- 24 -- are we ready to plow through this? I don't think
- 25 it should take us an enormous amount of time. Are we

- 1 all ready?
- MR. TURNBULL: Mr. Chairman, my only comment
- was, if there's any reluctance on any of the
- 4 Commissioner members to -- I mean, I'm ready to plow
- 5 ahead but I think if there is enough information or
- too much information it's going to take another week
- 7 or so to go through it then I'm more than willing to
- 8 put it off a week so that everybody feels comfortable
- 9 in looking at all the information. I mean, OP has
- 10 got a little chart that they put in their
- 11 supplemental report which we could use as talking
- points to go over some of these issues, but I'm ready
- 13 to go ahead.
- But I mean, if there is reluctance on anyone
- to put this off for another week or so, if OP needs
- 16 to come back with some more based on comments we're
- 17 going to make tonight then I think we should put it
- 18 off a week.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. I will tell you,
- 20 let me just go ahead for full disclosure. That was
- 21 my comment. Everyone, along with one of my other
- 22 colleagues. And I'll tell you why. I'm not just in
- 23 this to get it over with. I keep hearing that. Oh,
- 24 just get it over with, just get it over with. I'm
- 25 not in it to just get it over with. I'm in it to try

- 1 to do it right, and I'm not saying anyone up here
- 2 said that, but it just feels like everybody says, oh,
- 3 we've been doing this for a while. Especially with
- 4 the ZR, just get it over with. No, no, I'm not going
- 5 to just get it over with. I'm going to take my time
- 6 and try to figure this thing out and do it right
- 7 because whatever we do up here needs to stand the
- 8 test of time. I don't want to be at home 10 years
- 9 from now and whatever we did is undone because we
- 10 didn't do it right. So that's just where I am.
- 11 Any other comments? Mr. Miller?
- MR. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I would agree with
- 13 your statement. And we just got recently what I
- think we need, and I frankly just had not time to
- 15 digest it, the Office of Planning comments on the
- 16 last batch of recommendations and comments that we've
- 17 gotten. And I think it might be a more -- from my
- own perspective, a more intelligent discussion if I
- just have a chance to read that more thoroughly
- 20 there. I think it was five or six page -- this was
- 21 five page memo. And giving them the direction that
- they need and that we can figure out where we want to
- 23 go. So if a week -- I would be more comfortable with
- 24 a week, but if the majority want to go forward
- 25 tonight I can go either way.

- MS. COHEN: Maybe I misunderstood. I thought
- we were postponing the final vote but we would
- 3 discuss the different proposals that need further
- 4 clarification from the Commission. So I thought that
- 5 that was what was going to take place tonight, but we
- 6 would not vote until we had a full vetting from OP.
- 7 MR. TURNBULL: Yeah. Well, I think OP is
- 8 looking for some more --
- 9 MS. COHEN: Guidance.
- MR. TURNBULL: -- guidance from us based upon
- 11 their supplemental report. And based upon that they
- 12 did come back with a more final report upon which
- 13 then we would take action at that time.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: And I think at the end of
- the day we -- even if we did it, we postponed it for
- 16 a week, I think -- and we're not trying to just delay
- 17 it and kick it down the road. That's not it. I
- 18 think we want to be able to have an intelligent
- 19 discussion and not try to wing it and try to figure
- 20 it out. I think it's just too important for that.
- 21 And my whole thought on that thought pattern was --
- 22 and I know some people might say, oh we're waiting on
- 23 this, we're waiting on this. But my whole thought
- 24 pattern was, I want us to be focused on penthouses
- 25 and I didn't know how long that it was going to take

- us to do these other items that we did, actually, and
- 2 obviously I'm not a good judge of time on that.
- But also, I think we end up, as far as a time
- 4 frame, in the same place. And the discussion that we
- 5 have I think they're looking for some guidance from
- 6 us and you know, in order to give some guidance we
- 7 want to make sure that we can guide. And I'm not
- 8 saying -- I'm not speaking for everybody. I'm just
- 9 speaking for Anthony Hood right now. I'm not
- 10 speaking for everybody else. And I know this may
- 11 cause some people some discomfort. Some people came
- down here tonight and I wasn't really sure which way
- we were going to go. But when I heard some of those
- 14 same comments from some of my other colleagues I
- 15 figured that the best thing to do, and I think the
- 16 City would appreciate us taking time and not just
- 17 trying to just get it done; getting it done. I keep
- 18 hearing that a lot. And Anthony Hood, you can go on
- record in the Washington Post or whoever, we're not
- 20 just doing this to just get it done. We're going to
- 21 do it right to stand the test of time. So you quote
- everything else I say, so quote that one.
- Okay. You know, let me hear from everybody
- 24 else. I mean, you know, I mean because we will have
- 25 another bite if we proceed tonight. That's just

- 1 where I am and I think Commissioner Miller and I are
- 2 on the same page with this.
- MR. MAY: Mr. Chairman, you know, I'm
- 4 perfectly prepared to go ahead tonight but if we
- 5 elect to defer that's fine with me too. I think that
- 6 doesn't affect the overall schedule as you eluded to.
- 7 We can still -- because I think we still need to get
- 8 -- even if we do have the discussion tonight we need
- 9 to get some response from the Office of Planning.
- 10 And from what I understand if we defer as we have
- 11 discussed the possibility of doing they would still
- 12 be able to get back to us in a timely fashion. So I
- don't think it really delays anything if we do not
- 14 take it up tonight.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So why don't we do
- 16 that, as discussed? We will defer it to Monday at
- 17 5:30. We do have a hearing. It's after the hearing
- 18 but do we have a tough hearing that night?
- MS. SCHELLIN: It's T.C. WASA PUD. I never
- 20 know if it --
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: It should take us about an
- 22 hour I think. At least an hour.
- MS. SCHELLIN: So we'll schedule it for 5:30?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: The ZRR is going to take
- 25 longer than an hour. That takes -- penthouses.

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- MS. SCHELLIN: Okay. So 5:30 on the 26th,
- we'll post it in the office for a special public
- 3 meeting.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. And we have ZRR
- 5 that's coming Thursday. Did we --
- MS. SCHELLIN: And do -- you don't need --
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Let me ask this.
- MS. SCHELLIN: -- a closed meeting, I assume.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: No.
- MS. SCHELLIN: There's no --
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: No.
- MS. SCHELLIN: Okay. So 5:30 p.m.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: We know what we're going
- 14 to do. We're going to focus on those comments and
- we're going to go from there and give guidance --
- we're giving guidance on the 26th. Okay. Are we all
- in tune to that?
- MS. COHEN: That's fine.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Any problems?
- 20 Anybody who is mad because they came here for
- 21 penthouses and I had you come here for nothing? You
- 22 can blame it on me. Okay? Blame it on me but call
- 23 the office and leave the complaint with them.
- Okay. Anything else on the agenda for
- 25 tonight? Ms. Steingasser?

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- MS. STEINGASSER: Yes, Commissioner Hood and
- 2 -- Chairman Hood, Commissioners, Elisa Vitale is with
- 3 us this evening with the development staff and she's
- 4 been working, you know, part and parcel on the zoning
- 5 rewrite and we wanted to just kind of go through what
- 6 we'll be bringing you on Thursday and just give you
- 7 what we think are the next steps in the process.
- MS. VITALE: Good evening, Mr. Chair, Members
- 9 of the Commission. As you're aware a number of
- 10 comments were received in the ZRR record. You have a
- 11 document before you that summarizes those comments
- and as discussed, you're scheduled to take this up on
- 13 Thursday evening.
- To facilitate the discussion on Thursday the
- 15 Office of Planning is proposing to further
- 16 consolidate those comments and group together
- 17 anything that we view is a technical correction. A
- 18 number of the comments that came in really do have to
- do with commas, updating references, and those sort
- 20 of thing.
- 21 Those changes that were proposed where OP
- 22 would recommend that the Commission adopt the
- 23 proposal, also changes that were proposed where OP
- 24 believes that it would not be appropriate to make a
- 25 change to the draft text.

- And then finally those items where we do
- think it would be appropriate for the Zoning
- 3 Commission to have some additional discussion. In
- 4 particular there is the issue of vesting an effective
- 5 date. We believe that's, you know, one topic that
- 6 would be appropriate for the Commission to discuss in
- 7 detail on Thursday evening. So if you're amenable to
- 8 this approach that's how we'll proceed and I can --
- 9 if you have other thoughts, other things you'd like
- 10 to see for Thursday, let us know now. Thanks.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Let me just state
- for the record, Thursday, I'm going to be late. I
- 13 have something that I cannot get out of. I probably
- 14 -- we probably won't be taking any votes. At least
- 15 I'm asking that we not take any votes because I want
- 16 to make sure that we have a full commission.
- If I could get out of what I have to do, I
- 18 would, but I can't. So this was sprung on me at the
- 19 last minute. But anyway, I will review the things
- 20 that happen for the 30 minutes to the hour that I may
- 21 not be here. Maybe I'll catch Uber down here. Or
- 22 maybe there's a bicycle I can get from where I need
- 23 to be down here. But anyway, I might not make it if
- 24 I ride a bicycle. So --
- MR. MILLER: [speaking off mic.]

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- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Trust me, if I could --
- 2 Commissioner Miller is saying why don't we start it
- 3 later. But here's the thing. I don't want to
- 4 inconvenience everybody just because of me. If I
- 5 didn't have to do this, it's something I have to do
- 6 that was sprung on me that I need to do. I don't
- 7 know. Is that an option?
- MR. MILLER: I would not object if we started
- 9 it --
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: At 7:00?
- MR. MILLER: -- an hour later or whenever you
- needed.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Let me ask this; can I get
- 14 30 minutes and I'll be here 30 minutes after? Can I
- 15 get to 7:00 and if I get here at 7:30 that way I
- 16 won't miss but so much?
- Okay. Is that okay with everybody?
- MS. COHEN: Yes.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: If we start at 7:00. Now,
- 20 I might not be here at 7:00, but I will be here by
- 7:30. I'm going to try Uber or Lift. So anyway.
- Okay. So could we do that, Ms. Schellin?
- 23 Thank you, Commissioner Miller. I appreciate that.
- So the 30 minutes that I miss, or so, I will
- review that, the record. So any other questions or

- 1 comments? Ms. Vitale is asking us additional. And
- 2 some of the things that we may be agreeable if we
- group it like that as we proceed, but we'll between
- 4 now and Thursday, I'll be working with Ms. Schellin,
- see how we're going to format for the sake of
- 6 efficiency. Okay.
- 7 Any other comments or questions? And we do
- 8 have a second night that we had. I don't know. Has
- 9 that night been announced?
- MS. SCHELLIN: You guys just agreed on it
- 11 about 30 minutes --
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Oh, okay.
- MS. SCHELLIN: -- an hour ago.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I guess it hasn't been
- 15 announced.
- MS. SCHELLIN: No.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: What date was it again?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Tuesday, October 27th.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Twenty-seventh.
- MR. MAY: If needed.
- MS. SCHELLIN: If needed.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: And we plan on going to --
- 23 and I know, it's my fault for starting late, but
- we're planning on going to about 11:00. I would have
- 25 done it even if we started at 6:30, if that's okay

- 1 with everybody else. But at 7:00 we will start. If
- 2 I'm not here the Vice Chair will get us started.
- MS. SCHELLIN: And so we're going to start at
- 4 7:00 p.m. We will post that in our office. We'll
- 5 put it, I'm assuming, on our website. And we'll just
- 6 -- you know, people arrive at 6:30 then they can chit
- 7 chat until 7:00.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Okay. And back to
- 9 Ms. Vitale's request. Commissioner May?
- MR. MAY: Yeah, I just had a question. When
- 11 do you think that -- will we see the product of your
- 12 labors sort of sorting and consolidating at the
- 13 hearing or will we have a chance to look at it in
- 14 advance of the hearing?
- MS. VITALE: We'd like to get something to
- 16 you in advance. It may not be a good deal in advance
- of the hearing.
- MR. MAY: So half an hour, or like four
- 19 hours, or a day? Is a day too much? I'm not asking
- 20 for the impossible. I'm just trying to gauge what
- 21 you think it would be.
- MS. VITALE: Well, as you know there's well
- 23 over 1,000 --
- MR. MAY: Yes.
- MS. VITALE: -- comments. And so we're going

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- 1 to try to distill them down, which is --
- MR. MAY: Right. Well, 1,000 comments since
- 3 -- not since it was -- well --
- MS. VITALE: Yes. There has been several
- 5 hundred exhibits and each exhibit contains --
- 6 MR. MAY: Oh, got it. Got it. That's what I
- 7 see.
- MS. VITALE: -- multiple comments. And so
- 9 we've been -- we've been trying to --
- MR. MAY: Cut them apart and -- yeah.
- MS. VITALE: -- cut those apart, keep the
- 12 ANCs together so you can deal with those with great
- 13 weight and then --
- MR. MAY: Right.
- MS. VITALE: -- do this grouping. So we
- 16 can't really realistically give you a reliable
- 17 timeframe.
- MR. MAY: Okay. Well, I appreciate it as
- 19 soon as we can get it. Okay. Thank you.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Is there anyone
- 21 else?
- Okay. Ms. Vitale, all that direction you --
- okay. Anyway, I want to thank everyone for indulging
- us for the changes. Hold on a second.
- [Pause.]

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- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Considering that we
- 2 have never rewritten the zoning code before, changes
- 3 are evolving as we go on and I think Commissioner May
- 4 has definitely one that would solve my situation from
- 5 a selfish standpoint. But I also think it would be
- 6 maximizing to the Commission so I'm going to let him
- 7 -- Commissioner May?
- MR. MAY: So, it was my thought that since we
- 9 -- the Office of Planning is planning to do what I
- 10 think will be a very helpful analysis of the comments
- 11 that we've received, and consolidation and response
- and so on, and I know that they're under great
- 13 pressure to get it done, I also know that they've
- 14 been working feverishly to do the analysis that they
- 15 gave us tonight so far, which is not fully
- 16 categorized and so on. And the fact that we're not -
- 17 you know, we were struggling a bit to squeeze in a
- 18 potential second date.
- I actually think that it might be more
- 20 productive if we defer the entire discussion until
- 21 the next available regular day, which I believe is
- November 16th on the calendar. And if we took it up
- on November 16th, that would give the Office of
- 24 Planning time so that they could get us their report
- 25 a week or so in advance. Preferably more since I'm

- 1 going to be away most of the week before that 16th.
- 2 But I just think that we're kind of -- we're rushing
- 3 it and I would really love to see what the Office of
- 4 Planning has to say in all their analysis so we can
- s accept or reject or whatever, and go into it without
- 6 having to think it through on the fly.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Commissioner May, where
- 8 are we getting the 16th from?
- 9 MR. MAY: Isn't it the 16th? Isn't it --
- 10 there's a Monday coming up in November, isn't there?
- MS. SCHELLIN: It's the 12th. We have the
- 12 12th open.
- MR. MAY: It's the 12th.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: We have a hearing on the
- 15 16th?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Oh, you're out on the 12th.
- 17 That's why you're thinking --
- MR. MAY: I'm out on the 12th.
- MS. SCHELLIN: -- the 16th. Yeah.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yeah, 16th. Yeah, we need
- 21 -- yeah, 16th. And can we start at 6:00?
- MR. MAY: We could start at 4:00 from my
- 23 perspective. I mean --
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: That's fine with me.
- MR. MAY: I'm just talking about --

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- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: We'll start at 4:00.
- MR. MAY: -- talking off the top of my head.
- 3 Let's see. Yeah. I mean, I could start any time
- 4 after 3:00.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: So why don't we do this
- 6 for the sake of the community also? Let's start at
- 7 6:00. That will give us 30 minutes. I know some
- years ago that was an issue, make sure the community
- 9 got off from work and come in. So if we start at
- 10 6:00 and we plow through it with additional
- information I think that -- well, it works for
- 12 Commissioner May and myself. Let's see about my
- other colleagues.
- MR. TURNBULL: I'm okay with that.
- MR. MAY: And I'm interested in the Office of
- 16 Planning too, so.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. I'm sure Ms.
- 18 Vitale, but Ms. Steingasser? I'm sorry. Ms.
- 19 Steingasser.
- MS. STEINGASSER: Yes, sir, that will work.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. All right. Ms.
- 22 Schellin, do we need any dates? Well, no, we know
- 23 the date. Do we need to do anything else?
- MS. SCHELLIN: No.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Do we need to make a

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- public -- I mean, an announcement? I guess, put it on the web site and for those who are watching us 2 we're going to be meeting on November the 16th at 3 6:00 p.m. in this room, starting discussions of 4 Zoning Regulations Review. Is that the name of it 5 It took so many different names. Is that what 6 it's called? 7 MS. SCHELLIN: Zoning Regulations Review. 8 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okav. That's it now. 9 Okay. Oh, it has changed. Zoning Rewrite. Okay. 10 So November the 16th, and if we can post that Okay. 11 on our website? And for those who are here, if you 12 could let others know in the community, because 13 that's important. All right? 14 All right. Anything else, Ms. Schellin? 15 MS. SCHELLIN: No, sir. 16 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I want to thank everyone 17 for their participation tonight in this meeting, and 18 indulgence, and this meeting is adjourned. 19
- [Hearing adjourned at 7:38 p.m.]

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