

BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSION AND
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

FORM 129 – ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION (ANC) REPORT

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Pursuant to §§ 3012.5 and 3115.1 of Title 11 DCMR Zoning Regulations, the written report of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) shall contain the following information:

IDENTIFICATION OF APPEAL, PETITION, OR APPLICATION:

Case No.: 06-11F/06-12F	Case Name: Application of GWU for Approval of Second Stage PUD
Address or Square/Lot(s) of Property:	Square 102, part of lot 46
Relief Requested:	Incorporate uncontested relevant ANC findings into ZC final order

ANC MEETING INFORMATION

Date of ANC Public Meeting:	2	1	/	0	3	/	1	2	Was proper notice given?:	Yes	☒	No	☐
Description of how notice was given:	Website, posting of placards, publication in local newspaper (The Current), neighborhood listserve.												
Number of members that constitutes a quorum:	four				Number of members present at the meeting:	four							

MATERIAL SUBSTANCE

The issues and concerns of the ANC about the appeal, petition, or application as related to the standards of the Zoning Regulations against which the appeal, petition, or application must be judged (*a separate sheet of paper may be used*):

Traffic congestion and pedestrian safety issues associated with proposed curb cut and loading dock for museum artwork and loading area for museum patrons and deliveries were addressed at ANC 2A meeting on March 21, 2012 by GWU officials. ANC 2A requests that the Zoning Commission incorporate these uncontested representations, as applicable to its jurisdiction, into the Commission's final order in this matter. See attached ANC 2A resolution dated March 27, 2012.

The recommendation, if any, of the ANC as to the disposition of the appeal, petition, or application (*a separate sheet of paper may be used*):

ANC 2A requests that the Zoning Commission incorporate GWU's uncontested representations on traffic, parking, and pedestrian safety issues, as applicable to its jurisdiction, into the Commission's final order in this matter related to GWU application for second stage PUD, at Square 102, part of lot 46, pertaining to the proposed GWU textile artwork museum. The ANC 2A, representing the interests of the community, and GWU have reached a consensus on these issues; therefore, incorporation of these commitments by GWU to the community should not be controversial. See attached ANC 2A resolution dated March 27, 2012.

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AUTHORIZATION

ANC	2	A	Recorded vote on the motion to adopt the report (i.e. 4-1-1):	4-0
Name of the person authorized by the ANC to present the report:			Florence Harmon and all ANC 2A Commissioners	
Name of the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson authorized to sign the report:			Florence Harmon	
Signature of Chairperson/ Vice-Chairperson:			Date:	3/27/12

ANY APPLICATION THAT IS FOUND TO BE INCOMPLETE MAY NOT BE ACCORDED "GREAT WEIGHT" PURSUANT TO
11 DCMR §§ 3012 AND 3115.

ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 06-11F/06-12F
EXHIBIT NO. 21

Government of the District of Columbia
Foggy Bottom and West End
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A



c/o West End Library

1101 24th St., N.W.

Washington DC 20037

March 27, 2012

Anthony Hood
Chairman
D.C. Zoning Commission
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: **Z.C. Case No. 06-11F/06-12F**
Application of The George Washington University (GWU)
for Approval of Second Stage PUD,
Square 102, part of lot 46

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2A has examined the above-referenced application and has also heard both informal and formal presentations of the application by GWU officials at regularly scheduled ANC meetings with quorums present, on February 15, 2012 and most recently on March 21, 2012, at which meeting (hereinafter "ANC March Meeting"), with four of the six commissioners present constituting a quorum, ANC 2A unanimously adopted the following resolution.

RESOLVED that ANC 2A takes no position on the application but wishes to bring to the Zoning Commission's attention the following items and requests that the Zoning Commission's review of the application incorporate into the Commission's final order the representations made to the community by GWU representatives at the ANC Meeting about these items:

Community members were pleased that the historic Woodhull House was not going to be torn down and instead restored;

Community members initially were concerned about public access to the site where the rose garden would be placed, a garden that has historic ties to the community; however, GWU has relocated the rose garden to the Mid-Campus Quad;

Community members were initially concerned about public access to the University Yard located within this site; however, GWU appears to have addressed these concerns and additionally, representatives of GWU at the ANC March Meeting committed to maintain 24 hour public access to the University Yard for the community;

Community members were initially concerned about loading and deliveries to the museum because 21st Street NW, where the new curb cut and delivery loading dock would be located, is a narrow, one-way street that is already very congested, especially during rush

hour. Community members were concerned about the use of the new loading dock associated with loading and unloading artwork (to be accessed by back-in vehicles). Additionally, community members expressed concern about the use of additional “no parking” zones, just beyond the proposed curb cut, to drop off patrons and make deliveries. The loading zone was of concern because activities associated with loading and unloading the artwork could impede already congested traffic flow even further. The museum passenger drop off and other delivery zone was of concern due to traffic and safety impacts on both local pedestrians and museum visitors from tour buses, delivery trucks, and other vehicular traffic.

However, representatives of GWU assured the community that the following “TMP (Transportation Management Plan) Measures” would be implemented to address traffic and safety issues associated with loading and unloading art work into the museum:

- “Trained traffic control personnel to direct vans and trucks into the loading berth and minimize pedestrian impacts.
- Peak hour restrictions on the Museum’s use of the curb cut [for art work deliveries through the loading dock] (7am to 9am and 4pm to 7pm) in order to minimize impact on other vehicular traffic;
- Limitations of the size of vehicles using the curb cut [for art work deliveries through the loading dock] (no larger than 24 feet to ensure it fits within the building and does not protrude on public space); and
- Restrictions on the use of the curb cut [and associated loading dock] for artifact and exhibit loading only (i.e. not to be used for trash/recycling, catering for special events, or commercial delivery services such as UPS or FedEx)”¹

Additionally, at the ANC March Meeting, GWU officials stated that they expect the curb cut and associated loading dock to be used no more than an average of three times per week and that GWU will monitor this usage of the 21st Street artwork loading dock and curb cut for the “first couple of months.” Representatives of GWU, however, assured the community at the ANC March Meeting that deliveries will be infrequent to this artwork loading dock and curb cut area and will only be used for deliveries of textile artwork to be displayed in the museum. Representatives of GWU stated at the ANC March Meeting that the curb cut and 21st Street loading dock are necessary due to the unique nature of the artwork, which must be delivered in a climate controlled atmosphere;

Community members expressed concerned about the effects of traffic, particularly tour bus and school bus traffic, due to museum patrons, especially during afternoon traffic hours, because 21st Street is a narrow one-way street. Representatives of GWU have assured the community that the museum will have exhibitions that will not generate significant tour bus or other patron traffic. At the ANC March Meeting, representatives of GWU stated that they expect approximately 26 school buses per year and approximately 15 senior group tour buses (which are usually smaller than normal sized tour buses) per year. Such school buses and senior tour buses will be encouraged to park around the corner from the museum on G Street NW for safety reasons (because to unload on 21st Street NW would disembark passengers directly into traffic) and to avoid traffic congestion on 21st Street. Representatives of GWU stated to the community that while such school buses and tour buses will obtain “all day” “Temporary No-Park” Permits for parking on G Street NW, in fact, the school buses and tour buses will only be loading and unloading on G Street NW for approximately 40

¹ From GWU presentation handout provided to community members at ANC March Meeting.

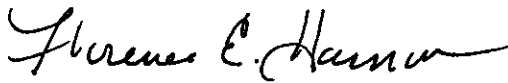
minutes, and GWU personnel will remove these all day parking permits promptly upon departure of the school or tour bus so as not to tie up street parking all day.

Community members were initially concerned about the public access of the community to the museum; however, GWU has addressed these concerns by assuring the community that the museum will be open to the public and normally free.

The ANC designates any of its commission members to represent it before the Zoning Commission as it relates to this resolution.

I respectfully urge the Commission to give careful attention to the items articulated in the resolution and to incorporate the representations made by GWU to the community at the ANC March Meeting on community areas of concern into the Commission's final order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Florence E. Harmon".

Florence E. Harmon
Chair

Cc: David Avitabile, Gouston & Storrs