

April 19, 2012

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Anthony Hood, Chairman
Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: **Z.C. Case No. 06-11F/06-12F**
GW Foggy Bottom Campus Plan / PUD – Square 102
The George Washington University Museum (“GW Museum”)
Post-Hearing Submission of the University

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

In response to the request of the Commission, The George Washington University (“University”) hereby files its post-hearing statement for the above-referenced case.

Bus Visitors

In response to the Commission’s request for more detail regarding the management of buses arriving at the Museum, the University offers the following information.

As the University explained in its testimony at the April 5, 2012 public hearing, the Museum is not expected to draw a significant amount of bus traffic. Based on current patterns at the existing location of the Textile Museum, the University anticipates approximately 26 school visits per year and approximately 15 visits from adult / senior groups per year. Due to the relatively small size of the Museum, only one bus is expected per visit, consistent with current practice at the existing Textile Museum. This averages out to approximately one school bus every other week and approximately one adult group per month.

Title 18 of the D.C. Municipal Regulations include a series of extensive rules and regulations that govern the stopping, standing, parking, and idling of vehicles in the District of Columbia. Per these regulations:

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- Buses must pull over to the right side of the road to pick up and discharge passengers;
- Buses must turn off their motor when parked;
- Vehicles are prohibited from loading and unloading passengers on the roadway side of such vehicle;
- Vehicles are prohibited from parking or standing in areas marked as “no standing or parking”; and
- Vehicles are prohibited from parking or standing in areas designed as curbside loading zones.

In other words, D.C. regulations prohibit buses from picking up and discharging passengers along the east side of 21st Street in front of the Museum. District agencies, including the District Department of Transportation, Department of Public Works, the District Department of the Environment, and the Metropolitan Police Department are responsible for implementing and enforcing these regulations.

To assist District agencies in promoting compliance with the above regulations, the University will take the following measures to make large groups and bus companies arriving at the Museum generally aware of the above regulations and requirements as well as specifically dissuade them from loading and unloading in front of the Museum:

- GW will post information for bus groups on the Museum’s website that includes a statement indicating that buses are not permitted to load and unload on the east side of 21st Street in front of the Museum as well as a map designating a recommended alternative bus loading location on the G Street side of the Museum. The website will also provide a link to District of Columbia regulations for bus loading and unloading, parking, and idling.
- GW’s website will encourage bus groups to schedule trips to the Museum with sufficient advance notice so that a convenient passenger loading and unloading area can be made available for the bus. For bus groups that provide GW with adequate notice of such bus arrival, GW will assume responsibility for obtaining, posting, and removing temporary no-parking permits for bus loading and unloading on G Street in front of the Museum.

- GW will work with DDOT to install signage on the east side of 21st Street in front of the Museum that indicates that bus loading/unloading is prohibited.
- GW will work with DDOT to install signage in front of the G Street side of the Museum that indicates that bus idling is prohibited.
- The University shall inform personnel employed at the Museum of these regulations. Such personnel shall remind noncompliant buses of the posted regulations and, if appropriate, refer continued and repeated violations to the appropriate District officials for enforcement.

Please note that all signage in public space is ultimately subject to DDOT and public space review and approval. Please also note that the University and its agents are not authorized to directly enforce compliance with the D.C. Municipal Regulations.

Trained Traffic Control Personnel

The University has agreed to provide trained traffic personnel to direct vans and trucks into the loading berth and minimize related pedestrian impacts. The University will ensure that an adequate number of employees are trained such that there will be at least one trained employee available at all times when the Museum's loading dock is accepting deliveries.

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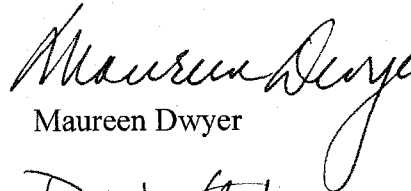
The University and ANC are engaged in dialogue regarding the Advisory Committee and both parties are committed to maintaining the Advisory Committee as a forum for collaborative discussion of campus plan and development issues.

Conclusion

The University has met its burden of proof regarding the application and looks forward to the Commission's approval of the application at its regularly-scheduled public meeting on May 14, 2012. If you have any questions regarding this application, please feel free to contact Maureen at 202-721-1101 or David at 202-721-1137.

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Sincerely,

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Maureen Dwyer

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David Avitabile

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