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MEMORANDUM

TO: District of Columbia, Board of Zoning Adjustment

FROM: Samuel Zimbabwe
Associate Director, PP&A
District Department of Transportation

DATE: September 3, 2013

SUBJECT: DDOT Review of BZA Case #18617, 1318-1320 Harvard Street, NW

APPLICATION

The Applicant, 1318-1320 Harvard Street, NW requests a variance from the lot area requirement, Section 401.3, to allow the Applicant to convert a substance abuse treatment facility into a multi-family dwelling in an R-4 Zone. The proposed project is a 16 unit residential building with six parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATION

DDOT has reviewed the Applicant's request and determined that, based on the information provided, this proposed project will have no adverse impacts on the travel conditions of the District's transportation network. An approved project may lead to more vehicular, transit, pedestrian, and bicycle trips. However, DDOT does not foresee additional impacts to the network. Thus, DDOT has no objection to approval of the requested variance.

The project has the potential to generate minor impacts to on-street parking conditions in the area. Vehicle parking demand may increase slightly as a result of the project, inducing a higher level of parking utilization in the immediate area. Should the parking utilization need to be addressed, DDOT may employ policy tools to mitigate the impact. Despite this minor potential impact, DDOT has no objection to the approval of the requested area variance.

This review pertains only to zoning issues and does not consider potential impacts to District owned public space. DDOT's lack of objection to the zoning variance should not be viewed as approval of public space elements. If any portion of the project has elements in the public space, the Applicant may be required to pursue a public space permit through DDOT's permitting process. The Applicant may refer to the DC Municipal Regulations and DDOT's Design and Engineering Manual for specific controls of public space. A summary can be found in the Public Realm Design Manual.

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