

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



d. Policy, Planning and Sustainability Administration

MEMORANDUM

TO: Foreign Missions Board of Zoning Adjustment

FROM: Sam Zimbabwe
Associate Director

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DATE: December 11, 2013

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT
District of Columbia

CASE NO. 18678

EXHIBIT NO. 34

SUBJECT: BZA Case No. 18678 – Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman – 1100 16th Street NW

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APPLICATION

The Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman (the Applicant), proposes to locate a new chancery annex at 1100 16th Street NW to be occupied as the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center. The building will contain classrooms, exhibition space, staff offices, and lecture and entertainment space. The Applicant anticipates up to 25 employees, 40-80 visitors per month, and an evening Arabic instruction in the evenings for up to 30 students. Cultural events with up to 75 persons are expected to occur four times per month and evening entertainment events are expected to occur four times a year. In addition, the Applicant proposes to install a public bronze sculpture in public space. No other public space impacts are proposed.

The building has one dedicated off-street parking space and is located next door to a public parking garage. The site is within 0.2 miles from the Farragut Metro Station, 0.4 miles from both McPherson Square and Farragut West Metro Station, and with access to multiple Metrobus lines and the Circulator.

RECOMMENDATION

DDOT has reviewed the Applicant's request and determined based on the information provided, that the proposal will not adversely impact the District's transportation network. Vehicle parking demand may increase slightly as a result of the project, resulting in a higher level of parking utilization in the immediate area. Despite this minor potential impact, DDOT

has no objection to the approval and requests that the Applicant plant two Willow Oak trees in public space behind the fenced area in order to reestablish the double row of trees as per the 16th Street NW streetscape standards. These trees should be planted 35 feet apart.

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