



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5E

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ANC 5E RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4

BZA Case No. 19441, Richardson Place Neighborhood Association (RPNA) appeal of DCRA permits @ 410-412 Richardson PI NW

WHEREAS ANC 5E resolved voted unanimously by a vote of 10-0-0 on February 21, 2017 at Friendship-Armstrong Public Charter School to support the Richardson Place Neighborhood Association’s appeal of permits issued by DCRA to Oak Tree Development at 410-412 Richardson PI NW.

WHEREAS, ANC 5E heard testimony from a legal representative for Oaktree Development and a representative from RPNA prior to their vote on whether to support the appeal of DCRA permits for 410-412 Richardson PI NW.

WHEREAS ANC 5E resolved on February 21, 2017 to consider further recommendations to the BZA prior to the hearing held on March 22, 2017.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ANC 5E specifically supports the RPNA appellants appeal for the following reasons:

The ANC serves to protect the interests of the community members who are its constituents, and defends its ability to represent those interests when community input is essential. Understanding that developers may seek to avoid such input by pursuing “as a matter of right” development for uses that are not clearly and unambiguously allowed by the zoning code, we support RPNA’s appeal to ensure that such developments are given a public hearing so that our community’s input may be included.

We further acknowledge the risk that this development may pave the way for future attempts to “loophole” the zoning code in such a way that avoids critical laws, such as low-income housing laws, that ensure affordable housing for all residents of the District of Columbia.

We further recognize that the community concerns expressed before the BZA in the first iteration of this project—specifically, that the projects’ density is out of conformity with both the neighborhood and the purposes of an R-4 Zone—have not been mitigated by the 410-412 OakTree development, and we urge the BZA to deny their permit so that these concerns may be appropriately mitigated by the developer.

ANC 5E is comprised of ten sitting Commissioners of which ___ were in attendance. After being properly moved and seconded, the motion to adopt this resolution passed, with ___ Commissioners voting for, ___ voting against, and ___ in abstention.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC5E at its’ duly noticed Public Meeting held at Friendship-Armstrong Public Charter School, on March 22, 2017, resolved and voted to specifically support the RPNA appellants appeal of DCRA permits @ 410-412 Richardson PI NW.

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