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Good Evening Commissioners. Square 54 has been a huge, empty, unproductive lot for three years. Many hours have been devoted by experts and interested residents in planning disposition of Square 54.

On November 14, 2006 at our well-attended and attentive GW FRIENDS meeting we viewed a slide presentation outlining the most up-to-date plans. The Design element which elicited the greatest applause was the Green Roof so my testimony is directed to this aspect. Green Roof is in vogue. Many builders, architects, landscapers , homeowners and government agencies are realizing that the time to repair our endangered planet is NOW or NEVER .For example, The District of Columbia owns almost 85 acres which could be greened. Sometimes plans are voluntary and sometimes mandated by legislation. Currently six buildings in DC are green. If we hurry, we could be the 7<sup>th</sup>.

I believe it is time to decide on the planning and begin construction of what I believe will be a useful and beautiful town center.

I thank you, the Zoning Commissioners, for time and intensive study required of you to arrive at your difficult decisions.

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