

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Zoning Commission



May 6, 2009

Ms. Abigail Padou, Editor  
Brookland Heartbeat  
1335 Lawrence Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20017

**Re: Z.C. Case No. 07-27 (EYA, LLC & St. Paul's College – Consolidated PUD & Related Map Amendment @ 3015 4<sup>th</sup> Street, N.E.)**

Dear Ms. Padou:

The Office of Zoning is in receipt of your letters to the Zoning Commissioners regarding the above-referenced case. Your letters are undated, but were received in our office on May 4, 2009.

The Zoning Regulations are strict regarding the timeliness of submissions into case records. The record on this case was closed on August 15, 2008, except for specific items requested by the Commission. Also, pursuant to your previous communication with Sara Bardin of our office, the final order has not been issued in this case and these letters are considered *ex parte* communication. Accordingly, your letters are being returned.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to me at (202) 727-0340.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Schellin".

Sharon Schellin  
Secretary to the Zoning Commission

Enclosure (1)

ZONING COMMISSION  
District of Columbia  
CASE NO. 07-27  
EXHIBIT NO. 59

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Chairman Anthony Hood  
DC Zoning Commission  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 210S  
Washington DC 20001

**Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 07-27**

Dear Chairman Anthony Hood:

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Commissioner Peter May  
DC Zoning Commission  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 210S  
Washington DC 20001

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DC Zoning Commission  
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Washington DC 20001

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Vice-Chairman Gregory Jeffries  
DC Zoning Commission  
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Washington DC 20001

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Commissioner Michael Turnbull  
DC Zoning Commission  
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Washington DC 20001

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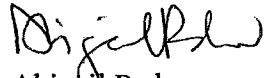
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In order to include your statement on these matters, please email or call by May 8, 2009. I can be reached at (202) 832-4038 or [brooklandheartbeat@yahoo.com](mailto:brooklandheartbeat@yahoo.com).

Sincerely,



Abigail Padou  
Editor