

Additional Contribution to Shaw Community

On December 18, 2008, the Applicant met with Mr. Alex Padro, Executive Director of Shaw Main Streets, to discuss additional contributions to the Shaw community in connection with the Marriott Convention Center Hotel PUD. At the meeting, Mr. Padro represented that he was speaking on behalf of several non-profit organizations serving the Shaw community, including One D.C.

At the meeting, the Applicant committed to make a monetary contribution of \$50,000 to the non-profit organizations in the Shaw community represented by Mr. Padro. The funds would be used to support senior citizens' nutritional programs, employment training in the healthcare industry, medical screening for low-income Shaw residents, meals for the homeless and low-income families, and similar services provided by the non-profit organizations.

The Applicant also provided further details on the \$2 million job training program that will be implemented as part of the hotel development. The program will be supported by Marriott employees at an estimated in-kind cost of \$90,000.

Mr. Padro accepted the foregoing proposal and agreed to send a letter to the Zoning Commission reflecting the same.

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1426 9TH STREET, NW
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December 19, 2008

ANTHONY J HOOD
ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
441 4TH ST NW STE 200/210S
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Dear Chairman Hood:

Regarding Case No. 08-13 (Square 370, Lots 18, 21, 22, 24, 801-806, 830-839, 843, 845 and Alley to be Closed – Marriott International, Inc.):

Marriott International has stated that due to unique characteristics of the Marriott Marquis project, they are unable to negotiate a Community Benefits Agreement with the Shaw neighborhood, as all developers pursuing Planned Unit Developments in Shaw in the past several years have agreed to. This is a grave disappointment to the nonprofit community in Shaw, which had long hoped to have Marriott's involvement in bettering the future for residents and the community as a whole through support for the same types of programs that other developers had judged to be worthwhile philanthropic investments.

However, in the interest of demonstrating their support for Shaw's nonprofit organizations, Marriott Corporation has agreed to provide \$50,000 in cash contributions to Shaw nonprofits in lieu of a Community Benefits Agreement. Norman Jenkins of Marriott has also expressed support for the work of nonprofit organizations in Shaw and pledged additional support from Marriott as two additional Marriott hotels are developed in the square immediately to the north of the Marriott Marquis.

The \$50,000 is to be paid upon approval of the Planned Unit Development for the Marriott Marquis. Contributions in the amount of \$5,000 are to be made directly to each of the ten organizations and will support the programs and operations of the following Shaw nonprofits that are members of the Shaw Nonprofit Roundtable and presented proposals for funding by Marriott:

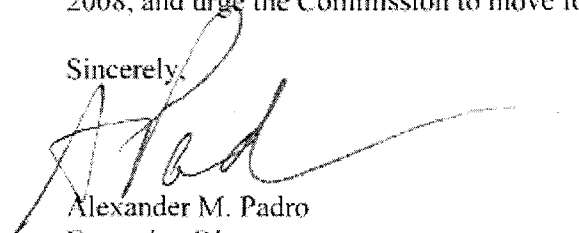
American Classic Woman of the Year Pageant
Because We Care Healthcare Training Center
Bread for the City
Columbia Heights/Shaw Family Support Collaborative
Emmaus Services for the Aging
Friends of Kennedy Playground
Friends of Watha T. Daniel Library
Historical Society of Washington, DC
Shaw Community Ministries
Shaw Main Streets

As of this writing, this agreement is only oral in nature, although we expect to receive a letter from Marriott today confirming these terms, which we will ensure is provided to the Zoning Commission.


Combined with other costs associated with the project and in-kind costs related to implementation of the legislatively-mandated Job Training Program, this \$50,000 contribution to Shaw nonprofits will represent the community amenities associated with Marriot Marquis' PUD application.

If Marriott indeed reduces the oral commitments made by Mr. Jenkins to writing in a form acceptable to the undersigned, Emmaus Services for the Aging and Shaw Main Streets withdraw the concerns about this case contained in letters to the Zoning Commission dated November 24, 2008, and urge the Commission to move forward to approve the PUD for this project.

Sincerely,



Alexander M. Padro
Executive Director
Shaw Main Streets
Co-convenor, Shaw Nonprofit Roundtable



Rev. Joseph K. Williams
Executive Director
Emmaus Services for the Aging
Co-convenor, Shaw Nonprofit Roundtable

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