

Testimony of
Trudy Reeves, Commissioner ANC 3C-06
Regarding ZC 08-15, Friendship-Macomb SC Inc PUD Application

February 19, 2009

Good evening, my name is Trudy Reeves. I am speaking on my own behalf and am testifying in support of the PUD application of Friendship-Macomb SC Inc. I have been the ANC commissioner for ANC 3C-06, representing McLean Gardens, since January 2003. My SMD includes the north parcel of the property where the five story mixed retail/ residential building is proposed.

I moved to McLean Gardens eight years ago primarily because my condo unit is within walking distance to the Giant supermarket at Newark and Wisconsin and because I was told that Giant would soon build a larger more modern store two blocks away. That was eight years ago and here we are finally at the point of a hearing before the Zoning Commission.

For the past three and a half years I have been a member of the committee that has been working with Stop & Shop/Giant Foods and Streetworks on their proposal to develop their property. I am satisfied that they have reached out to the community, listened to us, and modified their plans so that we now have a PUD application that will be best for the community.

I am enthusiastically looking forward to the renewal of Wisconsin Avenue in our neighborhood. Since I made my opinion supporting the PUD application well known during the last election, I can only presume that my constituents who re-elected me feel the same.

McLean Gardens is a little over 200 feet from the subject property and as a result we are among the most impacted by this development. The proposed mixed-use development offers a unique opportunity for our neighborhood to benefit from an improved and enhanced Giant supermarket, an underground garage replacing the street-level parking lots, along with open spaces, green pocket parks, and neighborhood-serving retail.

I do NOT feel that it is appropriate to continue the Wisconsin-Macomb zoning overlay, which would severely limit the addition of desired restaurants and may hamper ability of the project to succeed. I welcome the addition of new residential and retail units, especially more restaurants, to our neighborhood.

Parking of course is an existing problem in our neighborhood, and the applicant has promised us that they will provide parking in their garages for all new residents and their guests as well as parking for customers of the existing restaurants on Macomb Street and Wisconsin Avenue and additionally overnight

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parking for the neighborhood residents. I would ask that the evening restaurant parking not be limited to 30 spaces as stated in the PUD application because currently restaurant parking in the Giant supermarket lot especially on weekend evenings well exceeds 30 spaces. Limiting restaurant parking to 30 spaces would put an undue burden on the community.

I support the redevelopment plans in the PUD application and ask the Zoning Commission to approve this PUD and related zoning map amendment, with the provision that parking be provided to customers of existing restaurants at least equal to that provided today.