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Re: Case No. 09-08: Artspace PUD (Square 3831, Lot 47; Square 3832, Lot 803; Portion of Kearny Street)

Dear Commissioners:

This letter is to inform you that on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at a publicly noticed meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C, the officers and members considered and voted support for the application for the redevelopment of property located at 3305-3313 8th Street, NE and 3225 8th Street, NE (formally known as Dance Place) in the Brookland neighborhood.

In brief, ANC 5C supports the application of Artspace pursuant to Chapter 24 of the District of Columbia Zoning Regulations for the proposed Planned Unit Development and related map amendment for property located in Square 3831, Lot 47; Square 3832, Lot 803; and a portion of Kearny Street located between both properties. The Commission is persuaded that the plans being proposed by Artspace for the artist studios and apartments and for the dance studio will benefit the general community and enhance the existing 5C neighborhood. ANC 5C is further persuaded that the level of flexibility the Applicant seeks pursuant to the PUD is reasonable and is balanced by the amount of affordable housing the Applicant will provide.

The Applicant has met with ANC5C on three occasions, has hosted four additional community meetings, and been responsive to community questions. ANC 5C views the Applicant as a good neighbor committed to continuing its efforts and contributions, and as such, the Brookland neighborhood looks forward to welcoming the first affordable rental artist studios and apartments in the District and the enhanced dance studio on a site that has long been a community asset. ANC 5C believes that this proposal represents a vast improvement over the existing structures, that the design is a true example of transit-oriented development, and appreciates the various green design features included in this project providing added-value to the neighborhood.

In summary, ANC 5C views the proposed PUD and related map amendment in keeping with the character of the existing neighborhood and provide valuable benefits in the amount of incorporated affordable housing and green design features. To that end, the ANC 5C submits into the record support of this application and recommends that the Zoning Commission approve the application affording the recommendation great weight as required by law.

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C is composed of twelve Commissioners, therefore seven Commissioners constitute a quorum. At the July 21, 2009 Meeting of ANC5C, eight (8) Commissioners were present and voted unanimously to support the project. We therefore certify this transmittal to be true and correct.

Adopted July 21, 2009


Silas Grant, 5C09 Commissioner


Anita Bonds, Chairman

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Comments: Thank you in advance for receiving our correspondence. Please find our letter of support for the project attached herein. Commissioner Silas Grant plans to attend the hearing on behalf of ANCSC and will speak to this matter.

Anita Bonds

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