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Re: Case No. 12-08
St. Elizabeth East Campus

According to 11 DCMR Section 3115.1 guideline Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8C held two Community meeting on zoning this application. The meeting was held September 12, 2012 we did not have a quorum to vote and on October 3, 2012 a vote was taken it pass unanimous.

There are six (6) commissioners, 4 constitute a quorum. The Commissioners present were:

Mary J. Cuthbert

Brenda Shields;

Yottie Kennan-Small

Lloyd Logan

First, I want to apologize for tardiness of this written testimony to be on file,. ANC 8C received the notification the very end of August, which is unusual to receive a zoning hearing so late.

For twelve (12) long years the Ward 8 community has met planning the development for the East Campus of St. Elizabeth's.

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Early in the year 2000 the Urban Institute interview with 250 residents asking what we would like to see develop on the St. Elizabeth East Campus land. At the end on the interviews they had everyone they interview come together. One thing I recall, they said was not to allow anyone to mess up the land, make sure the puzzle fit.

From 2000-2004 we met every other weekend in the Chapel, once they had drawing of the site and the community was broken out in group of 10-12 people. Each table had to describe what they thought should be where. At those meeting we did had one person who live in Ward 9 wrote some dispiriting remarks regarding the residents of Ward 8. (enclosed is his copy recommendation))

As the Community review Mr. Kaskey recommendations there a lot of similarity to the Office of Planning recommendations.

The only thing Ward 8 residents stated loud and clear to maintain the CHAPEL in the same location. We know the CHAPEL is not a historical landmark, it's a Community Landmark. When the East Campus was open, groups and individuals use the CHAPEL for many reasons ,Prayer; Reflection and Solitude. Also the hospital had AA meeting there twice a week.

A good Architect can design around the chapel a building over and around to maintain the CHAPEL in the same location.

The location is easy accessible to enter and leave campus. With the West campus bring 15,000 new workers I know someone will need the CHAPEL.

The density of the location for the Chapel has to be change to maintain it in the same location.

StE-2 and 3 is Residential and Commercial FAR should be reduced to maximum of 1.50 and the height no higher that 40 feet. If it's build higher the safety and security to see over to the West Campus would be a security risk.

StE 14; 17; 18 is on the North side of Alabama Avenue. The south side is semi-detached and detached housing. The height Office of Planning recommend 70-90 ft in height is too high, it does not Fit into the aesthetic of current structure on Alabama Avenue. We are suggesting to reduce the height 50'. (as I recall in a meeting some said be careful where you purchase your home). When the residents on the South Side of Alabama Avenue purchase there homes it was for the serenity on the North side of Alabama Avenue (St. Elizabeth's Campus).

If the desire to build 90 feet building there is a slop on the lower Northeast side of the campus That would not take away the aesthetic of Martin Luther king Ave.

Underground Parking - Southeast have streams underground and once they start digging they will there will problems. We have same problems now on Monaray Park development,700 block of Congress Street and 4th and Martin Luther King Ave.

The project took us 12 years to get to this point (3 administration , Williams, Fenty and Gray). This is the first time in my 29 years as Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner the Community was told in a public meeting by this arrogant Project Manager Ethan Wash from Deputy Mayor of Economic Development office "It's a done deal". The community have no voice.

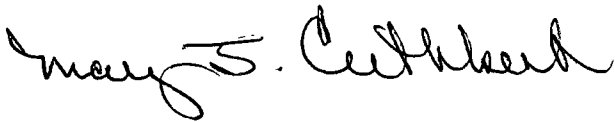
I want Ethan Wash, I to know have zoned or Adjusted Zoning most of Martin Luther King Avenue as a ANC Commissioner in this order;

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Monaray Park housing Development
Unified Communication Center
Matthews Memorial Housing
Sheridan Station**

I understand the procedures of how Office of Planning, Zoning Commission, City Council and Mayor offices work together.

In closing I asked the Commissioners to take the Ward 8 Community recommendation/suggestions into high consideration especially the CHAPEL. This is largest parcel of land to be Zoned East of the River.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary J. Cuthbert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mary" and last name "Cuthbert" clearly distinguishable.

**Mary J. Cuthbert, Chair
ANC 8C**