

TESTIMONY AT BZA APPEAL #20191
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Dear Commissioners:

I support the appeal in BZA Case No. 20191.

My unique interest in this important historic site match those along with the Appellants which means it is paramount the law be followed pertaining to zoning as well as to preservation. The Zoning Administrator has not followed the law.

All existing historic preservation covenants that run with the site in perpetuity should be included in the land covenants that are required to be recorded according to the zoning regulations. The Zoning Administrator failed to ensure this.

Moreover, the McMillan Master Plan requires another look by the Zoning Commission in a Second-Stage Planned Unit Development review before any demolition can begin. This is clear in their first Zoning Order No. 13-14(6). The Zoning Administrator didn't ensure the Zoning Commission saw the plans under Second-Stage review or waive those requirements per the law.

The law is clear and the Permits were issued prematurely. Please affirm the appeal.

As a person with keen interest in the site, the historic McMillan Park and currently proposed redevelopment plans are . . .

The McMillian Park is one of the reasons my Mom and Dad brought our home on North Capitol Street NW 52 years ago. The drastic change is heartbreaking and devastating.

First of all, let's start with the heath side of things; considering that Covid is blanketing our country. The idea that money and greed would allow people to be placed in harm;s way without the ramification of a risk is overwhelming. Is it because the people that are making these decisions do not live in these risk neighborhoods? This would be a very good reason.

Point 2. The loud traffic with no serious speed restrictions; which has caused numerous accidents and deaths, along with the weight of the tractor trailers, utility vehicles etc. our houses are beginning to crumble. Let alone the damage of sidewalks and porches when we have to run out of our homes to find vehicles parked in our yards! Moving on; the promises are now documented and must be kept. Point 3. The affordable housing project is not something that you just throw out as

bait when it is time for a re-election or when it's convenient for investing purposes, or what have you, etc. When does the real sincerity and compassion come into play when these things are forgotten after the paint dries?

People are still faced with the same uncertainties concerning housing, safety and health, the economy. Yes, simply being able to put food on the table and an affordable roof over their heads. Just being able to maintain. Hello? Guess what? They are still here? Waiting for promises to be fulfilled and someone to have the heart and guts to stand by the people to make sure that everyone is okay; allowing values and morals to have a say. Is that not what our tax dollars are supposed to do? Place funds where needed to make sure that everyone can adjust? Or am I wrong?

This McMillian Project is the last denial of respect, compassion and integrity to be at the forefront of our nation and our neighborhoods. May God be with us all.

/s /n

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