



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 8A

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441 4th Street NW, Suite 200S
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Fria Moore
Secretary
RE: Request to postpone the hearing for BZA Application No. 21269 of GAH DEVELOPMENT, LLC

Anthony Foreman
Treasurer
Dear Chair Hill,

We request an extension of our comment period for the proposed development at 2413 Shannon Place SE until late May. Despite our best efforts to engage with the owner promptly, delays on their end and unforeseen scheduling conflicts have prevented us from holding a necessary community meeting. Given the significant impact this project will have on our neighborhood, we must have the opportunity to provide informed feedback that reflects community input.

Commissioners

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From the outset, ANC 8A took proactive steps to engage the developer. We immediately reached out to learn more upon receiving notice of this project. The owner's legal team responded quickly to our emails and sent multiple emails to the owners, encouraging them to respond to the ANC. When the owners finally answered, they claimed full availability, and we scheduled a community meeting in mid-March. However, the owners' team canceled the meeting day due to an emergency, leaving us without a rescheduled date.

With ANC 8A on recess in April, coordinating a new meeting during this period has been especially difficult. Yet, despite these challenges, we are still prepared to convene a community meeting in April—during our recess—because we recognize the gravity of this development and our responsibility to represent our constituents. However, forcing us into an expedited timeline due to circumstances beyond our control undermines the community engagement principle central to the zoning process.

As an ANC, our input is entitled to "great weight," and we take that responsibility seriously. We have acted in good faith, but without sufficient time to meet with the developer and hear from residents, our ability to provide meaningful comments is compromised. We request an extension until late May for proper community engagement and a well-informed ANC position.

This is not an unreasonable request—it ensures due process for the residents most affected by this project. We urge the Commission to grant this extension to uphold the integrity of community-driven development. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter.

In partnership,

 Recoverable Signature

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Jamila White, Chair
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8A