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A POSITIVE COMMUNITY SPIRIT IN THE FOREST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD

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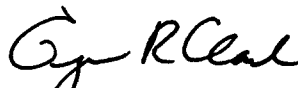
Re: No. 02-19, Forest Hills Tree and Slope Overlay,
Request to Reopen Record for Attached Comments

Dear Secretary:

Please accept this letter requesting that the Zoning Commission reopen the record and accept the attached comments of the Forest Hills Citizens Association's ("FHCA") concerning the report of the Office of Planning dated February 17, 2005. That Report was made available only late in the afternoon of Thursday, February 17.

We respectfully request that the Commission review the brief attached comments about the OP Report and recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,


George R. Clark
President

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Submission of Forest Hills Citizens Association
In Response to OP Report dated February 17, 2005
No. 02-19
February 22, 2005

The Forest Hills Citizens Association ("FHCA"), the original applicant in this proceeding, makes the following submission in response to the Office of Planning ("OP") Report dated February 17, 2005, recommending those locations in which the tree cutting restrictions should remain in the overlay.

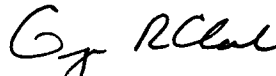
1. OP's recommendation that squares be only partially within the overlay will lead to confusion and the inability of DCRA to enforce the overlay's provisions. We understand that OP was responding to comments made during the January 13 hearing. But DCRA has had problems enforcing TSO overlays even when the boundaries were clear. Dividing squares that are adjacent to Rock Creek Park into two different zones (Squares 2258, 2270, 2272, and 2282) will only lead to confusion. Significantly, OP's map (which is a good one because it includes slopes below 25%) shows that the land in those squares outside the overlay is as steeply sloped as that which is included.

2. The other TSO overlays cover land with slopes of 15% and greater. Both the original Woodland Normanstone overlay and the Chain Bridge Road/University Terrace overlays included land with slopes of 15% and more. When those standards are applied here, several other squares, including 2251, 2254, 2255, 2041, 2032, 2030, 2262

2032, 2030, 2262 and 2256 should be included. At the very least, all the land between Rock Creek Park and Linnean Ave. should be included.

3. The TSOs are to protect streambeds as well as park land. The original intent of the overlays was also to protect streambeds leading into Rock Creek. Portions of Squares 2270, 2258, and 2272 immediately adjacent to the creek running along Davenport Street in Broad Branch are not included. The same is true for Square 2041 across the street from Soapstone Creek and for Squares 2030 and 2282 at the headwaters for Broad Branch.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. R. Clark".

George R. Clark
President

February 22, 2005