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ZONING COMMISSION

Ms. Carol Mitten , Chair
DC Zoning Commission,
441 4th St., NW
Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Alternative to the Proposed Georgetown Boathouse: Swedish Embassy Site

Dear Ms. Mitten:

I am a former Potomac Boat Club member who knows rowing a bit and respects the vitality of the Potomac River and the Capital Crescent Trail quite a bit more.

Regarding the GU boathouse, it seems to me the site of the planned Swedish Embassy between Thompson's and the Washington Harbor is the preferred site. The embassy does not *need* to utilize the river, so the "best highest use" for the common good could well be to put a boathouse there.

It would complement Thompson's splendidly. The boathouse need not hold all the added square footage for off-season tanks and winter activities; those can be put anywhere on the GW campus, not right on the water. A nice dock and storage would be perfect placed on that sliver of land. I think the Swedish Embassy might want to contribute to the solution as a good neighbor, regardless of the state of their current plans. Or they could put a boathouse on level 1 and the official Embassy offices on top. How about that!

There seems to be really no good reason for new private developments to encroach on the C&O Canal Historic area when alternatives further downriver may well exist.

I believe you should consider this as an alternative, post haste.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Jack Evans

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