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Mr. Anthony Hood, Vice-Chair
Zoning Commission
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Suite 210
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Ms. Carol J. Mitten, Chair
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# ANC gives nod again to GU boathouse

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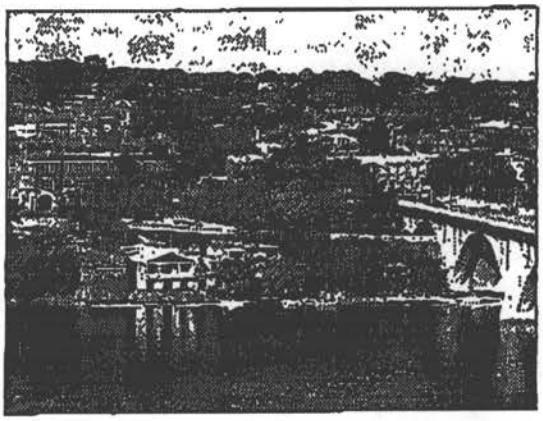
The proposed Georgetown University boathouse received unanimous "enthusiastic support" for a third time from the Georgetown advisory neighborhood commission at Tuesday's meeting.

The opponents — who had packed a Zoning Commission hearing two weeks earlier to oppose what they claimed was an oversized building eating up parkland for private convenience — did not speak at the meeting.

The Zoning Commission is scheduled to take up the university's request to zone the currently unzoned parcel on Thursday.

Alan Brangman, the university's architect, reminded the commission Tuesday that it had backed the building's design in October 2001. The Old Georgetown Board and the Commission of Fine Arts followed suit, he noted.

The parcel, which is owned by the National Park Service, is unzoned, Brangman explained, and would be traded for a parcel over a mile upriver now owned by the university and zoned for a boathouse.



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**The university is seeking to zone land east of the Washington Canoe Club for use as a boathouse.**

Brangman said that most people do not understand how a boathouse serves the oarsmen and women who race up and down the Potomac.

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## BOATHOUSE

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The university is asking that the closest part of the 300-foot-long boathouse be 15 feet from the river instead of 20 feet as is demanded in the waterfront zone and that the requirement for parking be waived. It is also requesting a waiver from requirements that the building front on the public right of way, as Water Street does not border the proposed boathouse property.

If all parts of the boathouse were 20 feet from the river, the building would have to encroach on the Capital Crescent Trail, Brangman said. The only vehicles that would approach the boathouse would be emergency vehicles and service vehicles hauling the very long, competitive rowing boats called shells to and from the building.

The race finish line is near Washington Harbour, so there is no need for event parking, Brangman said.

Commission chair Tom Birch said that he had heard nothing but support for the boathouse from his constituents.

Brangman said in an interview that if the Zoning Commission doesn't approve the needed zoning and related variances, the land the university is giving the National Park Service in exchange for the land near the Washington Canoe Club would in all probability be used to build a boathouse.

The university's architect also said at the Georgetown commission meeting that the school would use the 15-foot easement in the center of the Capital Crescent Trail from the foot of Water Street to its currently owned land to move its boats back and forth should it have to build its boathouse there.

Commissioner Bill Starrels, who made the motion for enthusiastic support of the university's boathouse, included in his wording a request that the Zoning Commission respect the Georgetown's commission's right to have "great weight" given to its recommendation.

Opponents of the boathouse include representatives of the D.C. chapter of the Sierra Club, the Audubon Naturalist Society, the American Canoe Association, the C&O Canal Association, the Coalition for the Capital Crescent Trail, the National Parks Conservation Association and the president of the District's chapter of the League of Women Voters.

The opponents, who have banded together under the banner of Defenders of Potomac River Parkland, contend that the university would be unlikely to obtain permission to build on the site it currently owns.

The group also claims that the university and the National Park Service have managed information about the land swap so that public groups would not realize "the true nature of the boathouse project."

Boathouse proponents answer that there have been numerous public hearings about the proposal over several years.