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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5B

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Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Gallaudet University--Denison House, Case No. 03-02A

Dear Commissioners;

The Gallaudet University campus is located within the boundaries of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5B. On January 21, 2010, at a properly-noticed ANC meeting, representatives of Gallaudet University appeared and made a presentation regarding their proposal to convert Denison House on the University campus from administrative use back to its originally-intended residential use, for up to 12 students and a faculty advisor. ANC 5B consists of 12 Commissioners, and therefore a quorum consists of seven. There were more than seven Commissioners in attendance at the meeting.

Gallaudet proposes to use Denison House as a residence for a select group of honor students to advance their studies through a themed living and learning program. The building is within the Gallaudet University Historic District, but is not an individually-designated historic landmark. Minor exterior alterations are proposed for the building, and the ANC understands that these will be handled at the staff level of the Historic Preservation Office. After a full presentation by the Applicant's representatives, there was an opportunity for questions and comments by the Commissioners and by the audience. There was no opposition expressed by anyone in attendance.

ANC 5B believes that the proposal is in accordance with the requirements of Section 210 of the Zoning Regulations, because the conversion of Denison House to residential use is not likely to become objectionable to neighboring property because of noise, traffic, number of students or other objectionable conditions. ANC 5B further believes that the proposed residential use will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations and Maps and that it will not tend to affect adversely the use of neighboring property in accordance with the Regulations and Maps. For these reasons, ANC 5B voted unanimously at the January 21, 2010 meeting to recommend approval of Application No. 03-02A. ANC 5B Chair William C. Shelton is authorized to represent the ANC before the Zoning Commission on this matter.

Sincerely,

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5B

By:

William C. Shelton, Chair

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