

On the Word Under the Cross!

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Zoning Commission for the
District of Columbia
441 4th Street, N.W , Suite 210S
Washington, D C 20001

Re Z C Case No 04-13
1200 R Street, N W

Dear Commissioners

The Metropolitan Baptist Church is the current owner of Lots 14, 15, 20, 22, 23, 818, 836, and 837 in Square 277 and has contracted to sell this property to Logan Phase II, LLC for redevelopment as a planned unit development ("PUD"), as requested by the Logan Phase II, LLC (the "Applicant") in Z.C Case No. 014-13. As part of our purchase and sale agreement with Logan Phase II, LLC, the church retained the right to use approximately 3600 square feet of space in the lower level of the new building for a multi-purpose room The primary purpose of the room is to house a small chapel for approximately 20 people and also to serve as a community meeting area and small conference and seminar area for members of the Metropolitan Baptist Church congregation.

In addition to other uses permitted under the Zoning Regulations, the multi-purpose room will also support the numerous ministries of the church that are founded on a partnership between the church and community Among its efforts are the Metropolitan/Delta Adult Literacy Council, a project that provides adult literacy enrichment for community residents, IAMA, Inc., an expansive ministry dedicated to addressing psychological and emotional health via Christ-centered counseling and therapy; and the Metropolitan Community Development Corporation (MCDC), engaging in community and economic concerns in Washington, D C , and the State of Maryland

Additionally, the space will house a small museum showcasing the History of the Metropolitan Baptist Church on R Street, NW in the Shaw Community The museum will trace the roots of our church from its beginnings in a Quaker Civil War barracks in 1864 to the present day, highlighting its commitment over the past 140 years to Washington's African-American community through spiritual leadership. The community room will be accessible through the Vermont Avenue entrance to ensure greater privacy for the residential portion of the project.

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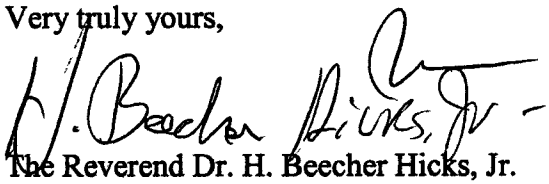
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The church will also make the room available at least two days each month for use by the owners in the new housing development and members and organizations in the immediate surrounding community Additional meeting times can be arranged through the church

We believe the continued presence of our church in the new project will offer significant services and benefits to the greater Logan Circle and Shaw communities. The availability of the room to tenants of the new building is also a significant project amenity.

We ask that you act favorably on this application and look forward to participating at the public hearing on this matter

Very truly yours,



The Reverend Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, Jr.