



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7D
ANC-7D07 SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT
Government of the District of Columbia

April 4, 2011

Mr. Anthony J. Hood
Chairperson
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Zoning Commission Case No. 5-28C: Supplemental Submission for Second Stage Review and Approval of the Parkside Planned Unit Development

Dear Chairperson Hood and Members of the Commission:

This letter demonstrates support for the Community College of the District of Columbia (CCDC) to be built in the Parkside Community. Parkside Community has been desolate for many years with evidence of lack of commercial development that will ultimately build the upward mobility of our community. I've been a resident of the Deanwood and Parkside Community for over 50 years and very familiar with the history of these two communities.

In 1703, the current Lano Parcel 12 LLC's in the Parkside Community was once farm land owned by a fair man who received a land grant and sold a portion of the land and transferred several acres to the Sheriff and Dean Family. During this time there were unpaved roads and Quonset Huts that sat on this site. In addition, there was a health center that accommodated the military families that domicile were a few feet from this Parcel.

This site is one of the oldest black communities in the District of Columbia; therefore, it gives me great privilege to request approval for the building of this community college with the approval of the Zoning Commission passing on the three (3) modifications mentioned below:

1) A change in use from residential to institutional and medical on Parcel 12;

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2) A change in maximum height allowed on Parcel 12 from 90' to 110' and from 110' to 130'; and

3) A change in zoning that must occur in order to allow the change in height to go through. Of those 3 votes, the ANC voted 5 against, 1 in favor, and 1 abstention for #1, 5 against, 1 in favor, and 1 abstention for #2, and 5 against, 2 in favor for #3.

Although, there has been various concerns with Case No. 5-28C particularly with constituents outside of the boundary of ANC-7D07, I can assure you that City Interest fulfilled its' task and mission to present pertinent and requested information upon request for the past 5+ years to the following:

- ✓ ANC-7D Commission
- ✓ Parkside Civic Association
- ✓ Parkside Townhomes Condominium
- ✓ Lotus Square Tenant Association
- ✓ Parkside/Kenilworth Addition
- ✓ Eastland Gardens Tenant Association
- ✓ Mayfair Mansion Tenant Association and other surrounding communities

The greatest concern is the vote which took place at the March 8, 2011, ANC-7D monthly meeting that involved the presentation of CCDC project in the Parkside Community. I decided to vote abstention on #1 and #2 due to the unethical behavior demonstrated at this meeting without justice to the Developer. Also, there was a secret ballot filled out after the meeting adjourned by Willette Seaward, ANC-7D06 and 7D Chairperson and signed as witness by Greg Rhett, President of Eastland Gardens Tenant Association – 7D02. This ballot was not discussed amongst ANC-7D Commission; therefore, should be inadmissible. In addition, too the letter of support dated March 29, 2011 from Commissioner Seaward that was not shared with the entire Commission.

According to Robert Rules of Order during a meeting the voting process should be either nays/yeas or ballot; but not both. The constituents of the Parkside Community were disappointed by the actions and demonstration of ANC-7D Commission outcome of the voting process and disrespect to the Developers and constituents.

This project will be a beneficial factor to the development of this community. Not to mention the educational prospective of allowing many African Americans, Latinos, and other cultures that own property and rent from apartment complexes in ANC-7D07 jurisdiction. There would be a drastic lifestyle change in the lives of constituents in the Parkside Community and surrounding communities, because CCDC will offer the following:

- ✓ Workforce Development Plan (WDP) that supports job seekers develop the necessary skills that local employers required in today's marketplace.
 - Health Care
 - Construction Trades
 - Office/Administrative Technology
 - GED Preparation
- ✓ Certificate Programs and Associate Degrees
 - Nursing Assistant
 - Practical Nursing
 - Administrative Office Management
 - Computer Accounting Technology
 - Aviation Maintenance Technology
 - Education – Infant to General Education and many more...

Many constituents' outside of the Parkside Community would propose that this project will decrease the property value and leave the community in disarray where the education system will not advance the lives in this community and surrounding communities. I object to this sort of philosophy, because African Americans have been struggling for centuries and now it's an opportunity to advance in the kingdom and no longer be oppressed. **Psalm 12:5 The LORD replies, "I have seen violence done to the helpless, and I have heard the groans of the poor. Now I will rise up to rescue them, as they have longed for me to do." NLT**

The Parkside Community will no longer sit and allow intrusion and divisions come within this community and destroy the vision and mission of Promise from the LORD. This development will bring additional amenities in which this community so desperately needs in order to balance the level of education to coincide with Neval Thomas Elementary School and Cesar Chavez Public Policy Charter School. These two schools is part of the D.C. Promise Neighborhood Initiative; which goal is to "advance children successfully through school, into college, and onto successful careers". This Initiative has "Five Promises" to fulfill in the Parkside/Kenilworth community, which are: Caring Adults; Physical and emotional safety wherever they are; A healthy start; An effective education; and Opportunities to help others. How can the illumination of this "Promise" pass if the other portion of the body doesn't exist?

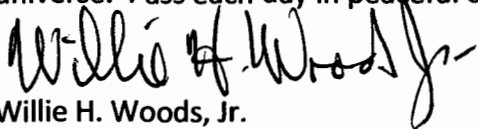
The other extension and key to this Initiative that will benefit the totality of the community is the college, retail, and health center.

In closing, the Zoning Commission is asked to reflect on approximately 100 homeowners in the Parkside Community and 97% are African Americans and the other 3% is White, Latino, Hispanic and other native tongue. In the apartment complex dwellings there are approximately 3,000 constituents which consist of multi-cultures who will benefit from the development of this college. This community is slowly progressing to a multi-culture environment where all are

welcomed. The biggest challenge is that we all work on one accord for the advancement of our community; which consists of children focusing on education oppose to working a part-time or full-time job to accommodate the needs of the family in which their forefathers could not deliver.

If in fact, these challenges are alleviated the development will bring additional amenities in which this community desires the retail, health center, and the educational institution. CCDC will bring in the integration of workforce preparation, employability skill development, economic development, quality education and remediation, and employer linkages, school-to-career training that provides a picture perfect transition from K-12 to adult education and not to mention a literary to college prep with continuous lifetime learning.

A parable to remember: "Live with cause and leave the results to the great law of the universe. Pass each day in peaceful contemplation."

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Willie H. Woods, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Willie H. Woods, Jr.

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