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Hand Delivery

Sharon Schellin
Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW
Room 210S
Washington, DC

Re: Zoning Commission No. 06-16
Gallaudet University

Dear Ms. Schellin:

In anticipation of the public hearing in the above-referenced matter, scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2006, enclosed please find 20 copies of the following items:

- memorandum from the District Department of Transportation indicating no objection to the application;
- correspondence from Gallaudet Community Relations Council in support of the application; and
- resumé of Gregory Mella, Principal, SmithGroup Architects.

It is our further understanding that ANC 5B is in the process of submitting its letter in support of the application.

Please include these items in the record for this matter.

Sincerely,


Dennis R. Hughes

Enclosures

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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Transportation Policy and Planning Administration

Memorandum

TO: Ellen McCarthy
Director
Office of Planning

FROM: Kenneth Laden
Associate Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Laden', is written over the printed name 'Kenneth Laden'.

DATE: May 9, 2006

SUBJECT: Zoning Commission No. 06-16 The Gallaudet University application for further processing of the approved Campus Plan on premises located at 800 Florida Avenue, NE, Parcel 141/69, Square 3591.

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has reviewed the application and other material accompanying your memorandum received on April 10, 2006. This report addresses the transportation elements of the proposal.

The Gallaudet University is seeking a special exception approved for further processing an approved campus plan to permit the construction of the Sorenson Language and Communication Center on property zoned R-4. The Center will contain approximately 85,400 square feet of building area and will serve as an academic teaching and research facility devoted to the language, culture, and history of the deaf community.

The Department notes that there will be no additional students or employees as a result of this addition. The proposed improvements will have no measurable adverse traffic impact on the surrounding streets and adjacent residential neighborhood. Accordingly, DDOT has no objection to the proposal.



GEORGE A. BOYD

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE BOARD OF
ZONING ADJUSTMENT ON THE
PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A
NEW FACILITY ON GALLAUDET'S CAMPUS**

MAY 5, 2006

Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). My name is George A. Boyd, Chairman of Gallaudet Community Relations Council (GCRC) which was established in 1975, under the direction of the fourth President of the University, the late Dr. Edward C. Merrill, Jr. I have served in that capacity since the inception of GCRC.

GCRC was established to address current and future concerns of the community, as well as to strengthen the relationship between the University and community. GCRC's membership is comprised of representatives from the University, various community organizations from the public and private sectors, and businesses.

Since the inception of GCRC, many significant contributions have been made to both the University and the Near Northeast Community. They include but not limited to community outreach with financial resources, programs and activities to help improve the quality of life for community residents. Likewise, GCRC has participated in the development of the University's Master Plan for the renovation and for construction of new facilities, as well as assisted the University in its efforts to seek approval of the Master Plan and amendments at the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) hearings.

On Monday, April 24, 2006, representatives for the University gave GCRC members a presentation on the proposed construction of a new facility with the state-of-the-arts equipment to provide its students a quality education with advanced technology.

During and after the presentation questions were raised about the impact on the community; however, favorable responses were given with little or no negative impact on the Community. Therefore, with this statement, GCRC members voted unanimously to approve the construction of the facility.

Because of the aforementioned statements and a review of the plans for construction, GCRC members strongly recommend BZA to approve the proposed facility.

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Thanks for the opportunity to express GCRC support on behalf of the students, faculty, staff, and nearby residents.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Boyd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

George A. Boyd
Chairman, Gallaudet Community Relations Council

cc: Paul Kelly
Ms. Sharrell McCaskill

Gregory A. Mella, AIA, LEED AP

Principal

Education

M-Architecture, The
Catholic University of
America, 1994

BA, Art, Art History,
Colgate University,
1991

Registrations

Registered Architect,
Virginia

LEED 2.0 Accredited
Professional

Affiliations

Member, AIA
Headquarters Building
Committee

Gregory Mella brings particular expertise as a project architect who has worked with new and renovated buildings for both public and private sector clients. Greg also has a strong interest in "green buildings" (sustainable design), including energy-efficient, "smart" buildings and buildings that provide healthy indoor environments. He is a frequent lecturer on sustainable design, and has led seminars at national conferences on the challenges of greening laboratories. In his role as project architect, he carries out the daily project coordination, management, and design. He has extensive experience in all phases of project development, from programming through construction administration.

Relevant Experience

St. Mary's College of Maryland, New Academic Building, St. Mary's City, MD
Architectural and MEP design services for a 53,000 sf state-of-the-art chemistry, psychology teaching and research laboratory for St. Mary's College of Maryland. The building will support the study of chemistry and psychology by providing classrooms, computer rooms, a 70-seat lecture hall, a curriculum center for educational studies, laboratories for chemistry and psychology, and animal housing quarters. Targeting **LEED Gold Certification**. Project Architect.

Chesapeake Bay Foundation Philip Merrill Environmental Center, Annapolis, MD
30,000 sf "green" corporate headquarters is the *first building in the United States to achieve a Platinum rating from the U.S. Green Building Council LEED Program*. The two-story building utilizes innovative site, materials and systems strategies to rest lightly on the land. Project Architect.

Clemson University Sandhill Research and Education Center, Pontiac, SC
A master plan for the new use of an existing 500-acre campus, to house Clemson's Institute for Economic and Community Development which serves to foster high learning, collaborative research and the relevant application for economic and community development for the State of South Carolina, addressing modern land use and responsible economic and sustainable development in a unique and sensitive ecosystem. Design of a new Research and Education Center. Targeting **LEED Platinum**. Project Architect.

University of Maryland, Clark School of Engineering, Kim Engineering Building, College Park, MD

Design, lab planning and programming services for 145,000 gsf engineering and applied sciences facility with wet and dry laboratories, classrooms, offices and state-of-the-art clean rooms. Team Architect.

University of Connecticut Sustainable Design Guidelines, Storrs, CT

Development of design and master plan guidelines to promote sustainability throughout the campus. Sustainability Consultant.

Dan Ryan Woods Environmental Education Center, Chicago, IL

Design of a new 15,000+ nsf exhibit/education Nature Center and surrounding forest preserve, sited within Chicago's urban park system that will focus primarily on the great geologic history, native ecosystems and human interaction within the Chicago region and northeastern Illinois. Targeted **LEED Platinum**. Sustainable Design Specialist.

Gregory A. Mella, AIA, LEED AP

Principal

Environmental Education Center, Indian Springs, MI

Educational center and site restoration for the Huron-Clinton park system Sustainability Consultant.

U.S. District Federal Courthouse, Washington, DC

517,000 sf renovation/addition to historic federal courthouse. Includes judicial facilities, offices and parking garage Team Architect

1717 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

Renovations to existing 190,000 sf building including a new streetscape, new facade, new public areas with high quality finishes and new HVAC system Includes upgrade to comply with code requirements for fire/life safety and ADA. Team Architect

MCI Center Sports Arena, Washington, DC

\$175 million, 20,300 seat arena for Washington's professional hockey and basketball teams Program includes a sports museum, 400 underground parking spaces, 110 luxury suites, four levels of shops and restaurants, and pedestrian terraces Team Architect.

Addition to the Defense Intelligence Analysis Center, Washington, DC

500,000 sf Expansion of existing headquarters facility, including office SCIF space, support areas, and state-of-art conferencing facilities. This project is a build-to-suit Team Architect.

2033 K Street, NW, Washington, DC

Interior and exterior renovation of office building Team Architect

Levine School of Music, Washington, DC

Adaptive reuse of the 1907 Carnegie Institute Geophysical Laboratory for music institution Project includes design a 30,000 sf performance training facility to include a 300-seat recital hall in addition to restoration of the 32,000 sf historic landmark Spanish Renaissance Revival building HPRB & BZA approvals were required. Team Architect.

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Principal

Awards

- NESEA Northeast Green Building Award, First Place, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 2003
- Washington DC Chapter/AIA, Award of Excellence, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 2001
- Business Week/Architectural Record Award, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 2001
- AIA Committee on the Environment Top 10, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 2000

Lectures/Presentations

- "The Implications of LEED", Columbus Green Building Forum, Columbus, OH, 2004
- "Green Construction Practices", ULI Environmentally Sensitive Development Conference, Washington, DC, 2004
- "Case Studies in Platinum Design", ASID Anchorage Chapter, Anchorage, AK, 2004
- "Implementing a Sustainable Vision for Campus Development", SCUP North Central Conference, Minneapolis, MI, 2004
- "The Implications of LEED", State of Wisconsin Great Plains Conference, Madison, WI, 2004
- "Case Studies in Water Efficiency", The Green Building Association of Central Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, PA, 2003
- "Inventing for the Environment", Smithsonian Lemelson Center, The Museum of American History, Washington, DC, 2003
- "LEED Certification for Lab Buildings", Tradefine's 21st Annual Research Lab Planning Conference, Hilton Head, SC, 2003
- "The Languages of Sustainability", The Society for College and University Planners National Conference, Miami, FL, 2003
- "Environmentally Preferable Materials", National Academies' Material Flows Accounting Committee, Washington, DC, 2002
- "A Case Study in LEED Platinum Design", CSI National Convention, Las Vegas, NV, 2002
- Member of the US Team for the 2002 International Green Building Challenge, Oslo, Norway, 2002
- Guest Lecturer on Sustainable Design, Building & Site Design course, Johns Hopkins University School of Professional Studies in Business Education, Allan L. Berman Real Estate Institute, 6/13/2002
- NACORE High Tech Conference, Redwood Shores, CA, 2001
- Maryland Energy Institute's 3rd Annual Conference, Laurel, MD, 2001
- Washington Green Film Festival, Washington, DC, 2001
- "Buildings for the 21st Century", National Building Museum, Washington, DC, 2001
- "On the Job: Green Architects", Diane Rehm Show, NPR - Washington DC, 2001
- "A Case Study in LEED Design", Virginia Sustainable Futures Conference, Richmond, VA, 2001
- Testimony before the U.S. Department of Energy on the National Energy Policy, Washington, DC, 2001
- Penn State Architectural Engineering Program - Lecture on Chesapeake Bay Foundation, State College, PA, 2001
- "Green Materials", Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, 2001
- Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments - Green Design Forum, Washington, DC, 2000

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Principal

- "Designing the New Chesapeake Bay Foundation Headquarters", Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Recycling Committee, Green Building, 2000
- AIA Chesapeake Chapter - Smart Growth Forum, Annapolis, MD, 2000
- Instructor, Introduction to Design, Catholic University of America, 1996, 1998

Guest Lecturer and Juror

- The University of Arkansas, School of Architecture, 2004
- Hampton University, School of Architecture and Planning, 2004
- Pennsylvania State University, School of Architectural Engineering, 2001
- The Johns Hopkins University, School of Business Development, 2002 - 2003
- Miami University, School of Architecture, 2003
- Syracuse University, School of Interior Design, 2003
- The University of Maryland, School of Architecture, 2003
- The Catholic University of America, School of Architecture, 1996 - Present