



Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C

November 21, 2013

Ms. Sara Bardin, Director
D.C. Zoning Commission
D.C. Office of Zoning
441 Fourth Street N.W. Suite 200 S
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Case # 06-40C, 340 Florida Avenue N.E. (Gateway Project)

Dear Ms. Bardin:

On November 13, 2013, at a duly noticed, regularly scheduled monthly meeting of ANC 6C, with a quorum of 6 out of 6 commissioners and the public present, the above-mentioned matter came before us. ANC 6C voted unanimously, 6-0, to support this application and a two-year extension, with the following conditions:

- 1) Exterior bicycle racks be added to the public space on Florida Avenue, 4th Street, and Morse Street elevations.
- 2) Public benches be added to the public space on, at minimum, the 4th Street and Morse Street elevations. Some of these benches should be designed to face each other to facilitate communication between the many deaf residents and visitors of the neighborhood.
- 3) The developer make some additional efforts to provide safer and cleaner sidewalks and other public spaces on some of the adjacent streets and in front of adjacent properties to this project. The pedestrian experience in the Florida Avenue Market area is atrocious, with sidewalk handicap ramps non-existent or not meeting current ADA standards; trash at the gutters and along the sidewalks; and a lack of trees or other green space.

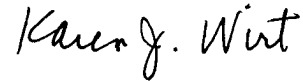
While the public space directly in front of the project is proposed to be improved, many other PUDs have provided improvements to adjacent blocks as well. For example, the PUD in ZC #05-37 included \$150,000 for cleaning crews on adjacent H Street NE; new sidewalks along 3rd Street NE on the opposite side of the block; and paving/landscaping of District-owned land under the H Street bridge.

For ZC #06-40C, one of several similar methods could be used to provide a safer, more pleasant walk for residents and visitors at this project. Several adjacent intersections (including all four corners of 4th & Morse NE) lack ADA-compliant wheelchair ramps, and there is a large DC-owned parcel along Florida Avenue near this site and adjacent to the railroad underpass that can be partially improved to provide wider sidewalks.

This is the first PUD of many to come in the Florida Avenue Market area, and it is important that this development sets a tone for not only improving the immediate site, but also adjacent portions of the market area.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC 6C.

On behalf of ANC 6C,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen J. Wirt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen Wirt
ANC 6C chair