

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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RE: Z.C. Case No. 07-23, Georgetown University – Special Exception Approval for Further Processing of and Amendment to an Approved Campus Plan and Related Relief

Dear Ms. Kress:

On October 3, 2007, ANC 2E held a regularly scheduled public meeting which was duly noticed and attended by all seven commissioners, constituting a quorum. At the meeting the Zoning Commission's Case No 07-23 was discussed. After deliberation, Commissioner Lowenstein introduced the following motion which was adopted by the Commission with a vote of six to one for the Science Center and a unanimous vote for the Multi – Sport Facility and Athletic Training Facility.

GU Science Center:

ANC2E has no objection to the proposed height variance and setback exception for the Georgetown University Science Center, given the unusual circumstances of the application.

First, the Science Center cannot be seen from anywhere other than University property. This makes the proposed height variance and setback exception for a nonconforming penthouse on the Science Center very unusual, in that the visual impact will be exclusively on the applicant's property.

Second, Georgetown University's goal of achieving LEED Silver certification for the Science Center, is meritorious.

Given these highly unusual circumstances, ANC2E has no objection if the Zoning Commission applies its normally stringent standards for a penthouse variance less rigorously in this case, and approves the variance and exception. ANC2E wishes to emphasize, however, that such a decision should not become precedent for normal cases where an applicant's property can be seen from public or other privately held properties.

COMMISSIONERS:

Ed Solomon, District 1 Ron Lewis, District 2 Bill Skelsey, District 3 Jenna Lowenstein, District 4
Bill Starrels, District 5 Tom Birch, District 6 Charles Eason, District 7

ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 07-23
EXHIBIT NO. 24

GU Multi-Sport Facility and Athletic Training Facility:

ANC2E has no objection to approval of Georgetown University's Multi-Sport Facility and Athletic Training Facility, provided the University agrees that these facilities will not be used for revenue-generating, non-University-related events. The Commission understands that the University agrees with this limitation.

ANC2E Representation in Z.C. Case No. 07-23:

ANC2E designates Commissioners Ed Solomon, Ron Lewis, Bill Skelsey, Jenna Lowenstein, Bill Starrels, Tom Birch, and Charles Eason Jr., or any one or more of them, to represent ANC 2E with respect to Z.C. Case No. 07-23.

This case is scheduled for hearing on Monday, October 22, 2007 and we trust you will give ANC 2E the "great weight" it deserves.

Sincerely,

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

Ed Solomon
Chair, ANC 2E