

January 29, 2009

TO: Sharon Shellin
D.C. Office of Zoning

FROM: Martin Greenbaum
D.C. Sidewalk Vendor #0133

RE: Case # 08-30 (25 M St.)

As a Washington, D.C. licensed sidewalk vendor for over 30 years, I take exception to granting a variance for the 25M St. project. In those 30 years of vending from a space no larger than 7 feet by 4 1/2 feet, I have seen many areas where vending was no longer allowed due to construction projects, posting of a new street sign, a busstop, etc.

This project, 25M St. does not address the concerns of sidewalk vendors. Where does sidewalk vending fit into the Capitol Gateway Plan? How does this variance affect sidewalk vending? For your information, sidewalk vending along Half St., M St., N St., and First St. has been conducted during events held at the new Washington Nationals Ballpark. At least 14 vending spaces have been identified on the sidewalks along the above streets.

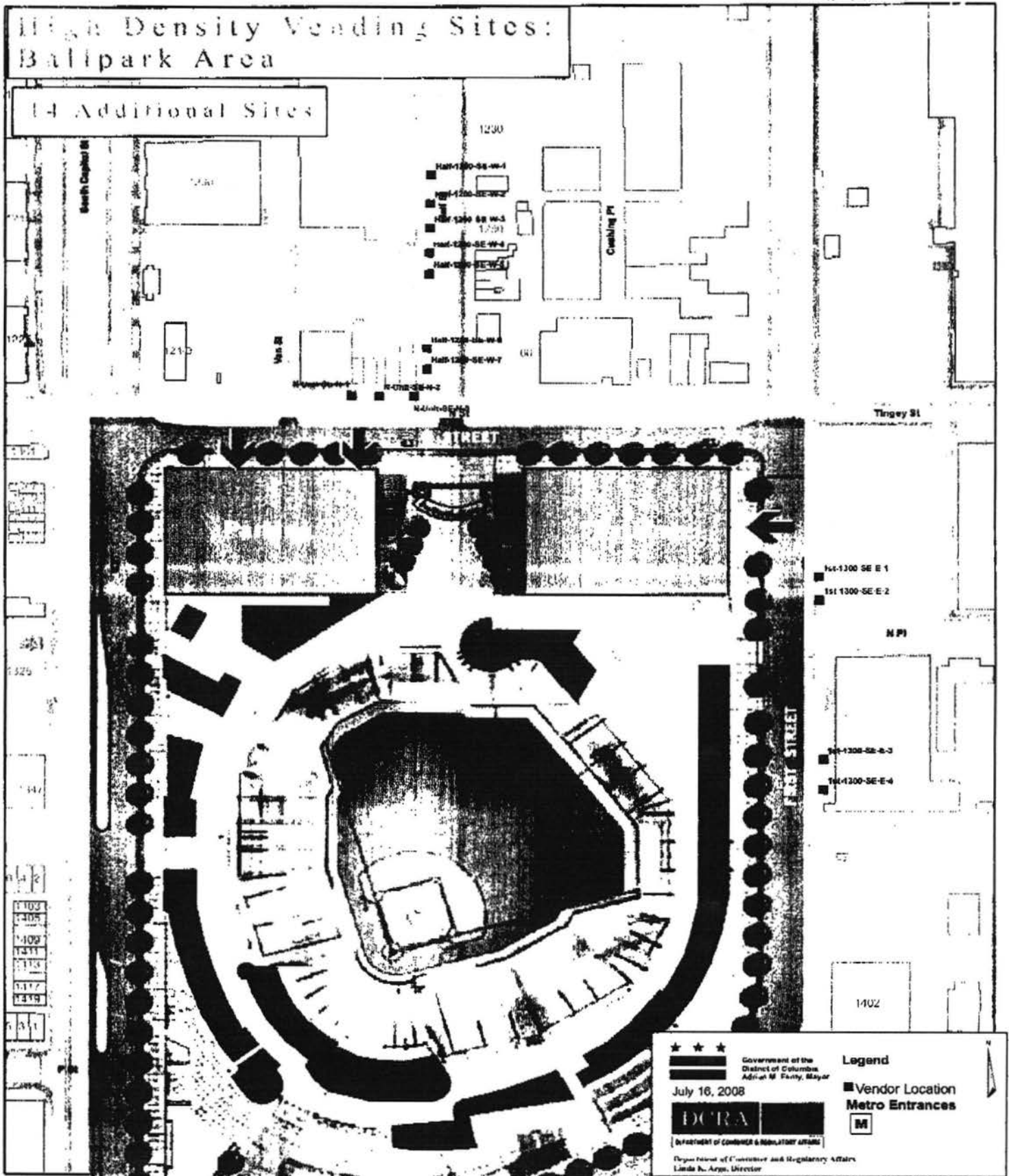
I recommend further review of this variance be conducted before a decision is made. If you need any additional information, I may be reached at 410-326-2891.

Sincerely,

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