

Zoning Hearing Case number 13-14

Letter in Opposition

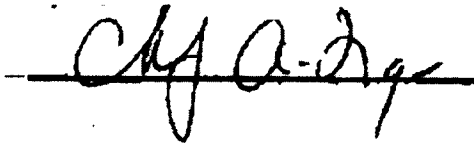
Testimony by Cheryl Wagner, 3103 Hawthorne Dr NE, Washington DC

The District Government's current plan will destroy McMillan Park with gridlock traffic, high-rise buildings, and very limited park. The proposed plan, will result in:

- 6,000+ cars passing through traffic-jammed N. Capitol St. & Michigan Ave
- 10-12 story commercial buildings next to historic row-house residences
- Destruction of the majority of the historic structures of McMillan park.

Vision McMillan Partners is submitting an application to demolish the landscaped park designed by Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. and the underground slow sand filtration works, an historic method of purifying water. Several groups and individuals are opposing the requested zoning for this overdevelopment and have submitted testimony to that effect, including the Stronghold Civic Association, the Bloomingdale Civic Association, and the Friends of McMillan Park, arguing that the proposed development is not appropriate for this park surrounded by residential neighborhoods, that it would overly stress local water and traffic infrastructure, that it would result in unnecessary destruction of the historic site atop the plateau overlooking downtown, and that it would preclude more creative possibilities to reuse the historic park and water works infrastructure in ways more appropriate for the neighborhood and the history of our city.

4/29/14

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl Wagner", is written over a horizontal line.