

Tuesday May 6, 2014

Anthony Hood

Chairman

DC Zoning Commission

Subject: Approve the VMP PUD!

Dear Chairman Hood:

Dear Members of the Zoning Commission, Mayor Grey and the City Council I personally want to enthusiastically support the plan designed by the Vision McMillan Partner's.

I am writing to express my support for approval of Vision McMillan Partner's (VMP) first-stage and consolidated PUD and related map amendment to rezone the McMillan property to CR and C-3-C Zone Districts.

As a property owner in the surrounding community and the Founding Director of Dance Place. I have observed over the last six years and participated in VMP's tremendous efforts to work with and for the community to conceptualize and develop plans for the former McMillan Sand Filtration Plant. The result is the creation of a place that local residents can enjoy and benefit from and that the greater District community can be proud of. VMP came back to us again and again when we had concerns or wanted changes and have consistently addressed the majority of our desires with thoughtful revisions.

The proposed plans, which truly pay homage to the historic significance of the site while providing a beautiful, new place to work, shop, play and live, offer residents and the district many tangible benefits, including:

- 12 acres of new, public open and green space;
- 3,200 permanent jobs;
- \$1.2 billion in new tax revenues;
- New contracting opportunities for local, small and disadvantaged businesses;
- Preservation of all 24 historic buildings on site;
- Local serving grocery and retail;
- A walkable community;
- 17,000 SF community center and pool;
- Affordable housing during a time that many consider the housing shortage to be at crisis level;
- And finally, an opportunity for the fences to come down so that we can actively enjoy this local treasure.

I join many in this community in asking for the support of the Zoning Commission on this issue and I am grateful for your thoughtful review and often-thankless work to bring meaningful and sustainable development to the District.

Dance Place is also looking forward to assisting the developers of the Vision McMillan Project with outdoor free performing arts events similar to the ones we are offering in Brookland in collaboration with The Buzzoto Group.

Sincerely,

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