



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 8E

RE: Zoning Case 13-18

Date: September 23, 2014

Chairman Anthony Hood and Distinguished Members of the DC Zoning Commission,

I am writing as ANC Commissioner for ANC single member district 8E06 and the purpose of this letter is twofold.

First, I would like to offer my complete support for Washington Business Groups (WBG) Wheeler Renaissance Project. Secondly, I would like to categorically reject the accuracy and validity of the contents to the letter dated September 22nd 2014 and filed to the Zoning Commission as Exhibit NO. 42 Case NO 13-18 by ANC Chairman Anthony Muhammad, written allegedly on behalf of the ANC 8E. Exhibit 42 does not truly represent the facts, nor to my own, or the full ANC 8E's opinion of the Wheeler Renaissance project (please see attachments). The ANC did not vote or authorize the submission of this filing, and the minutes from our ANC meetings do not accurately reflect what is claimed in Exhibit 42..

There are clear cut reasons for why I cannot standby and accept Exhibit 42.

1. I refer to our ANC 8e Commission Meeting Minutes dated September 8, 2014 that reflect ANC Meeting Minutes for our August 4th meeting. Washington Business Group provided a copy of the power point presentation that was presented to each of the ANC Commissioners. As reflected in the attached meeting minutes Exhibit A – no vote was taken or recorded for the Wheeler Renaissance Project or the CBA by the ANC Commission.
2. The Washington Business Group never during their presentations to either the ANC or the Community represented their project as minor. They have always been transparent and honest during their presentations. They afforded the opportunity to meet with me numerous times in order to make sure that I understood the scope and scale of the project. We are working in partnership to make sure that the community is aware of the project. As well as, working to help the community with promoting career fairs in an effort to match resident skills with employment opportunities through community partners and DOES. The effort shown by this Developer is unprecedented for Ward 8, and we do not want anything to derail their cooperative efforts, because we are making a difference in our community.
3. The Applicant is not attempting to circumvent the community, but the fact is that the ANC is trying to circumvent myself as the Commissioner who represents the Single Member District (8E06) for where the Wheeler Renaissance Project is located. Refer to the Community Benefit

Agreement packages as submitting by Chairman Mohammad in Exhibit 42 – Where is my signature? Where is the signed document that gives ultimate authority to Chairman Mohammad on my behalf? I have never signed any such document, nor has there ever been an ANC Commission vote granting him the authority.

This submitted document does not reflect the months of negotiation / discussions that I have been leading with the Washington Business Group. The CBA document that I have been involved with was submitted to the Zoning Commission on September 15, 2014 with the Washington Business Group responses.

The Zoning Commission needs to understand and recognize that the Wheeler Renaissance Project is located entirely within the boundaries of my single member district. I know this project will clearly be a boon to the community and provide great benefit to the citizens of Ward 8 and specifically to my own constituents in SMD 8E06.

The Wheeler Renaissance will serve as a catalyst to brighten up our community by providing; safer streets, thoughtful eco-friendly design, enhanced retail amenities, quality affordable housing, smart transit options, and job opportunities for our citizens.

The development team from Washington Business Group, a company which is based right in our Ward 8 community, has reached out and has worked closely with our ANC commission. WBG has proactively created and shared with us a plan that includes residents from our community in the areas of employment and other community economic development that will arise from the Wheeler Renaissance project. Our ANC commission and Washington Business Group have been working very closely on a Community Benefits agreement that goes beyond the project itself and thoughtfully provides benefits for all cross sections of our community.

For the reasons stated above and for the betterment of the Ward 8 E community I kindly request that the DC Zoning Commission provide, 'Final Approval and Order' to the Washington Business Groups' "Wheeler Renaissance" Project.

Respectfully,



Karlene Armstead

ANC Commissioner 8E06

EXHIBIT A

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8E

1310 Southern Avenue, SE

Washington, DC 20032

(202) 562-7651

9/8/2014

Minutes August 4, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chair and Commissioner Anthony Muhammad at 7:00 pm. Roll call of ANC 8E that were present: Chair Anthony Muhammad, Vice Chair Christopher Hawthorne (arrive late), Secretary Barbara Brown, Treasurer S. V. Williams. Comr. Sharease Crawford, Comr. K. Armstead. Comr. Anthony Daily was absent.

Minutes from July 7, 2014 were read and corrections were made. Minutes to reflect the financial report to specific entity and amount. Motion was made and second to pass the secretary's minutes with corrections. Minutes were passed with majority vote.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance \$23,746.32. Allotment of \$4,292.89. Available balance \$28,039.21. Telecommunications bill \$3,508.93. Ending balance \$24,530.28. Motion was made and second to pass the treasurer's report as read.

Guests Presentation

- *Washington Business Group made a presentation on the Wheeler Road Project.*
- *At Large Councilmember Anita Bonds gave a presentation on bill of homeowners eligible for reduced property taxes for those that reached 65 years old. Ninety one members of Congress have signed a bill for DC Statehood.*
- *President Barack Obama has said statehood should be for DC*
- *There will be an election for the Office of Attorney General.*
- *Ms. Jackie Ward, Outreach Specialist for DC Office on Aging made a presentation on the DC Office of Aging programs.*

A motion was made and second for adjournment of meeting. Majority vote pass. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Brown
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Secretary, ANC 8E01

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 8E
Government of the District of Columbia
Garfield/Congress Heights/SE Bellevue/Southern Ave.
Ashford Court/Henson Ridge/High Point

Monthly Community Meeting September 8, 2014
 3400 Wheeler Rd. SE Eagle Academy
 7:00pm

Agenda

Call to Order

Reading of Minutes.
 Treasurers Report.

Commissioner Brown
 Commissioner Williams

Buying Houses in Ward 8

Anthony McDuffy: 7:20pm

Jitney Service

(DCTC) Neville Waters: 8:20pm

MPD Report.

SMD Reports.

Commissioners

Old Business
 New Business

Citizens Advisory Council
 (CAC) meeting every Third Wednesday of the month at the 7th District

8E01 Barbara Brown.	202-904-6565
8E02 Anthony Muhammad	202-359-3517
8E03 Anthony Dailey	202-270-5959
8E04 Sharece Crawford	202-904-7372
8E05 Christopher Hawthorne	202-425-0563
8E06 Karlene K. Armstead	202-425-9636
8E07 Sandra V Williams	202-200-1340

Next meeting October 2014
 At Eagle Academy
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