

Members of the Zoning Commission, I am submitting this written testimony in support of the plans developed for case no. 14-18, for the redevelopment of the Brookland Manor. As a homeowner near the planned development (1346 Downing St. NE), I have to express how happy I am to see such positive activity in my neighborhood. I would like to commend the development team for taking into account the character of the neighborhood, grading up from my street into denser development closer to Rhode Island Avenue – and at the same time, addressing the needs of the community (commercial development, park area etc.). I would also like to commend their thoughtfulness and sense of community by allowing the existing residents to return as part of the mixed-use development. From my perspective, it is clear that the proponents of 14-18 considered a great number of factors, and painstakingly developed a considerate plan that takes into account not only their own economic interests, but also the needs and interests of the surrounding area. Our neighborhood is an oft overlooked area of the City that has not shared in the same economic boom felt in other areas of the City. It is my sincere belief that this project has the capability to bring the economic renaissance felt in other areas to Brentwood.