



Edgewood/Brookland
Family Support Collaborative

Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia
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RE: CASE NO. 14-18 (Mid-City Financial Corporation – 1st-StagePUD & Related Map Amendment @ Squares 3953, 3954, 4024, & 4025)

February 25, 2015

This letter is written in support of Mid-City Financial Corporation’s Application for a planned unit development: Brentwood Village, currently the site of the Brookland Manor apartment complex and a strip commercial shopping center.

The Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative (E/BFSC) is one of five Healthy Families/Thriving Communities Collaboratives in the District of Columbia and serves families in Wards 5 and 6. E/BFSC provides a wide range of programs, including but not limited to: family preservation and supportive services, workforce development, community capacity building, truancy prevention and school based programs. Our programs are grounded in a community based prevention model to ensure child well-being and family functioning.

E/BFSC has had a long-standing relationship with the Ford Family through our ongoing involvement with Edgewood Management and the Community Preservation and Development Corporation, who were original partners in the development of E/BFSC. In addition, our relationship with Mid-City began when E/BFSC’s first Family Support Center opened in Brookland Manor (the community targeted for redevelopment) in 1997. As a direct service provider on both the Brookland Manor and Edgewood Terrace properties, Mid-City, CPDC and the Ford Family have been supportive of E/BFSC’s efforts to offer programming in their communities and intervene with families to ensure housing stability and overall family well-being.

E/BFSC’s programs and services are strategically located in those neighborhoods where our most vulnerable families live, which gives them greater access to our services and enables us to experience firsthand the issues that confront families and communities on a daily basis. An apartment building originally donated by EMC on Saratoga Avenue, in Brookland Manor was the location of our main office for over 15 years. Even though much of the city

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has experienced significant redevelopment and growth communities such as Brookland Manor, still lack substantive resources and are plagued with high unemployment, community and youth violence as well as high child abuse and neglect rates. This redevelopment is an opportunity to revitalize this underserved community, while still supporting existing, long term residents by offering mixed income housing and retaining the Section 8 contract.

We look forward to working with Mid-City to support this redevelopment by providing supportive services to families and residents as they go through the redevelopment process. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions at 202-832-9400 ext. 133.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louvenia Williams". The signature is written in black ink and includes a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Louvenia Williams, LICSW
Executive Director