



## The Testimony of Michael D Clark

President: Edgewood Civic Association

In the matter of Case # 15-02, MHI- Brookland, LLC

The Edgewood Civic Association does not support the community amenities package that Madison Homes has placed in this package. It is very unfortunate that this amenities package was not negotiated with the community, but was a deal between MHI and ANC 5e01 commissioner. There was not a publically announced community meeting to discuss this amenities package, in order to allow the community could to weigh in on it. Mr. Rosenberg has presented twice to the Edgewood Civic Association, and we did mention only, the placement of two signs in the Edgewood community that would say "Welcome to the community". I along with a member of Edgewood Civic Association Board met with Mr. Rosenberg at a proposed site to discuss the community amenity package, as it relates to the signs, and we gave him our plans with the cost, and from that meeting we were led to believe that this could be inclusive with the package at a cost of less than \$2500; we did also mention that there might needs for the recreation center, but did not provide a \$dollar amount for such. MHI presented at the September 15<sup>th</sup> ANC 5e meeting, and the ANC 5e voted in support of the project. I thought that city was getting away from these backdoor deals to developers so that the communities could get amenities that are more substantial for the community. I thought that these amenities would go to the ANC's record, and not for all of ward 5 or the city. I did invite The Brookland /Edgewood Collaborative to our October meeting, but did not get a response. Smart Trips cards, Zipcar and bike share memberships are not community amenities, but sales incentives to the prospective buyers of these units. I sincerely hope that with the coming development in ward 5 and in the Edgewood community this commission will take a closer look at these project amenities packages because we have to live with these projects long after the developers

are gone. With respect to the name of the community, I think that Mr. Rosenberg should have come back to us to ask if there is a problem with the name of the community. The Edgewood Civic Association has been in existence since 1953 and is a longstanding member of The DC Federation of Civic Associations. This project sets within the boundaries of The Edgewood Civic Association and there is no dispute on the name of the community, this project is not in Brookland but in Edgewood.

Thank You for this time!