

Dear Chairman Hood and Commissioners:

I want to express my support for the Zoning Case No. 15-16. I am a user of the Metropolitan Branch Trail (MBT), and later this year I will be moving to Brookland just north of the proposed project. Replacing the existing shopping center and parking lots with a transit- and bicycle-oriented mixed-use development would be a big plus for the surrounding neighborhoods and our city as a whole, which badly needs new housing, particularly affordable housing that is accessible to people who don't own cars. I particularly appreciate the new bikeshare stations and the increased access and improvements to the MBT. A grocery store is also badly needed at this location.

Because it is so important to add to DC's stock of affordable housing, I would like to suggest that the Zoning Commission ask the developer to provide additional affordable housing. I appreciate that the developer is already planning for more than the IZ minimums, but I hope we can aim higher in this large Planned Unit Development.

Again, I want to say how excited I am to support this bold mixed-use development that promises to benefit the neighborhood and city with its embracing of the walk, bike, and transit features of the location. Please act quickly to approve this project. Thank you.

Submitted on 5/9/2016 by:
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