

ZONING COMMISSION HEARING JUNE 08, 2017  
Z.C. CASE NO. 16-18A  
CLOISTERS WEST HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION TESTIMONY

My name is Christian Janin, resident owner since 2012 of 3725 Winfield Lane NW, hereby representing the Cloisters West Home Owners Association (CWHOA).

In January 2017, I was assigned by our Board the responsibility of acting as liaison between the CWHOA and Georgetown University/MedStar and became an active member of the Transportation and Parking (TaP) Committee, a subpart of the Georgetown Community Partnership (GCP).

We, in the Cloisters, are surrounded by “material to massive” constructions projects. On the North side of the campus, the Duke Ellington School of Music, on the West side the MedStar Pavilion, on the South side the Visitation Preparatory School, these three projects developing back to back or in parallel.

Understandably, emotions were running high in our community, compounded by the appalling experience endured through the Duke Ellington project execution.

As liaison and participant to the TaP Committee, I have worked very closely with the various stakeholders on the MGUH New Medical/Surgical Pavilion through the TaP forum and/or directly with MedStar and its development Manager (Trammell Crow Company).

We have been associated closely to the drafting of the Construction Management Plan. We were granted “as needed” access to the ultimate decision makers at MedStar and its development Manager, given the opportunity to comment, suggest, contribute and embed in the final document a number of remedies to mitigate the adverse consequences of the construction on our owners. The collaboration with MedStar and its development Manager has been exemplary and should be the blueprint of how to handle these matters.

We understand that construction always carry some elements of unpredictability or uncertainty. However, we feel comfortable that we have (1) established a framework that should support a non controversial construction; (2) put in place processes to address and resolve issues that cannot be anticipated, including but not limited to collateral damage to adjacent properties; and (3) instituted direct and personal relationship at the highest level to deal with issues in a fair and collaborative manner.

For the aforementioned reasons, we, the CWHOA, support the Construction Management Plan as presented.