



LEDROIT PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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(via email only)
Zoning Commission
441 4th St NW # 200,
Washington, DC 20001

CC: Larry Handerhan, ANC 1B01 SMD
ANC 1B ZPD Committee
Derrek Niec-Williams, Howard University
Joe Leonard, Howard University

RE: LPCA Support for Case 20-08 - Howard University's Central Campus Master Plan (CMP)

Dear Members of the Zoning Commission,

On November 24, 2020, the LeDroit Park Civic Association voted to support Case 20-08 - Howard University's Central Campus Master Plan (CMP) with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

The LeDroit Park Civic Association supports Howard University's CMP and values its vital role to the preservation and development of the Central Campus and surrounding neighborhoods and supports Howard University's efforts to plan new capital projects as part of the CMP.

In particular, the Civic Association was concerned with the following aspects, which Howard University has addressed in its latest versions of the plan:

- **Maintenance of green space area.** The neighborhood is concerned that the existing green space between the Stokes library and College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences would be lost and converted to a vehicle turn-around. We appreciate the plan's commitment that "[g]reen space displaced by the new H1 will be replaced with enhancements to green space east of the Stokes Library, either prior to or concurrent with the development of H1. Should H2 move forward, this green space shall be replaced elsewhere in proximity to LeDroit Park."
- **Ambulance access from Georgia Ave.** The neighborhood seeks to ensure that ambulances have a direct access route to the ambulance entrance of the new hospital. Given the location of that entrance, it will be necessary to convert W St NW, which is currently one-way westbound, to two-way to allow ambulances speedy access from Georgia Ave NW. We appreciate Howard's coordination with DDOT on this effort and the plan's proposal in Figure 4.59 to perform that two-way conversion. We further recommend exploring limiting the new east-bound lane to



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emergency vehicles only to avoid broader disruptions of traffic patterns. Additionally, if DDOT does not approve the two-way conversion of W St, we recommend that Howard University reconfigure the ER access points to ensure the access is direct from Georgia Ave NW.

The LeDroit Park Civic Association requests that if during the planning and implementation of capital projects, any changes to the CMP are required, that all recognized parties be given great weight in considering those changes before any approval by the Zoning Commission.

Sincerely,

Elliot Seibert

President, LeDroit Park Civic Association