

Cochran, Patricia (DCOZ)

From: e powell <powelle4@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 4, 2021 11:01 AM
To: DCOZ - ZC Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: 4-5-2021 Hearing Case No. 20-08 sent 11:00 AM 4-4-21

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the DC Government. Do not click on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know that the content is safe. If you believe that this email is suspicious, please forward to phishing@dc.gov for additional analysis by OCTO Security Operations Center (SOC).

Before the
DC Zoning Commission's Virtual Hearing
For The
Howard University 2020-2030 Central Campus Plan, Case No. 20-08
April 5, 2021

Good evening Ms. Schellin and thank you for allowing me to testify regarding this matter.

I am Evanna Powell a double alumna of Howard University and am a member of the Greater Washington DC Howard University Alumni Club that is the largest Howard Alumni Club with 429 members. I am here to oppose the Howard University 2020-2030 Central Campus Plan deemed to be a land use plan.

I oppose this Plan during this hearing because 1) I have not seen, heard of, or read an "Academic Plan" for the 2020-2030 time period when academics are *the* integral part of Howard and are interrelated with land use. The lack of such Plan is problematic because academics were and are the reasons for Howard's creation and for Howard's existence, but no "Academic Plan" is included in the Plan before the Zoning Commission today.

Because Howard's creation and existence are academics, the needs and requirements of Howard's academics should be determined prior to determining how Howard's land will be used. In the absence of Howard's academics being described for the 2020-2030 time period, academics are in a second place in terms of access to Howard's land and funds derived from land to which academics would have been entitled. Addressing land use prior to determining the needs and requirements of academics can result in resources required for academics to no longer exist. To date, no Academic Plan for 2020-2030 has been created and presented to the Greater Washington Alumni Club during any of its monthly meetings I attended in person or virtually. Today, I request that a 2020-2030 Central Campus Academic Plan be created and that the Plan before the Commission today be postponed until the Academic Plan has been created by curriculum specialists and accepted by, among other entities, the Greater Washington Alumni Club.

Lastly, I oppose that part of the 2020-2030 Central Campus Plan that proposes razing the Cathy Hughes School of Communications, the buildings that house WHUT (the television station) and WHUR (the radio station) and squeeze them in a building on the parking lot behind Cramton. To my recollection of being in that area, that parking lot is very small and placing the three (3) at that location is an insult, a move and a place for communicators to not be seen or heard.

I respectfully request a better location and better accommodations so that Howard can continue to be heard and seen.

Thank you again.