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#1E-2025-0201: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOWARD UNIVERSITY’S APPLICATION FOR FURTHER PROCESSING RELATED TO WONDER PLAZA (CASE NUMBER 20-08D)

WHEREAS, Howard University has proposed the redevelopment of the Wonder Plaza site at 2301 Georgia Ave NW into the Fusion Building, a mixed-use facility encompassing approximately 315,040 square feet, which includes:

- 267,110 square feet dedicated to student housing, providing approximately 280 units to accommodate nearly 600 beds;
- 28,370 square feet allocated for health and wellness facilities, featuring weight training areas, basketball courts, and an indoor track;
- 11,159 square feet designated for retail space; and
- 8,401 square feet for dining facilities, including a student dining hall;

WHEREAS, The project includes the preservation of significant historic façades along Georgia Avenue and Bryant Street, maintaining the architectural heritage of the area while integrating new construction to meet contemporary academic and residential needs; and

WHEREAS, Howard University is seeking special exceptions and zoning relief to allow for increased building height and reduced bike parking requirements, facilitating the development’s mixed-use nature and alignment with urban planning objectives; and

WHEREAS, The proposed development plans for 106 long-term and 32 short-term bicycle parking spaces, promoting alternative transportation modes and reducing reliance on vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed public meeting held on February 12, 2025 with a quorum present, the ANC 1E’s Zoning and Economic Development Committee reviewed Howard University’s application and unanimously decided to recommend the following key points to ANC 1E:

- Outdoor Plaza Relief: The Committee supports the requested zoning relief for the outdoor plaza. This support is based on the project’s design, which preserves the historic building façade along Georgia Avenue, thereby limiting available space for the plaza but maintaining the area’s historical integrity.
- Short-Term Bicycle Parking Relief: The Committee supports the requested zoning relief for short-term bicycle parking. This support is based on the project increasing the long-term bicycle parking spaces, exceeding the required amount.
- Collaboration on Bryant Street Bike Lane: The Committee encourages Howard University to work with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and ANC 1E to explore opportunities for implementing a bike lane on Bryant Street, enhancing cyclist safety and connectivity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ANC 1E supports Howard University’s application for the Wonder Plaza project, including the requested zoning reliefs, and recommends approval by the relevant District agencies; further

BE IT RESOLVED, ANC 1E encourages Howard University to collaborate with DDOT and the Commission to research and potentially implement a bike lane on Bryant Street to improve transportation infrastructure for the community; further

BE IT RESOLVED, ANC 1E designates Commissioner Brian Footer and Philip Newland to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution. In the event the designated representative is unable to fulfill their duties, the Chair is authorized to appoint another Commissioner as a substitute.

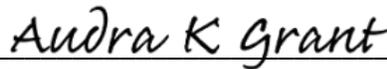
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Certification:

At a regularly scheduled and publicly noticed meeting held on February 26, 2025, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1E considered the above resolution. With a quorum of 7 Commissioners present, the Commission voted with 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions, to adopt the above resolution.



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