

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Zoning Commission**



October 6, 2020

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Commissioner Cortney Segman  
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**Re: Z.C. Case No. 20-23 (LDP Acquisitions, LLC and 525 Rhode Island Avenue, LP – Zoning Map Amendment @ Square 3623, Lots 1 and 2 and Parcels 131/94, 131/146, 131/147, 131/155, 131/161, 131/162, and 131/217)**

Dear ANC Chair & ANC/SMD Commissioner:

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-309.10(b), the Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia hereby gives you notice of the receipt of an application from LDP Acquisitions, LLC and 525 Rhode Island Avenue, LP the “Applicant”) for approval of a map amendment from PDR-2 to MU-10 for property located in the northeast quadrant of the District on a site that is bound by Rhode Island Avenue, N.E. (north), W Street, N.E. (south), the Metrorail tracks and Rhode Island Avenue Metrorail Station (east), and 5<sup>th</sup> Street, N.E. (west), and also known as Square 3623, Lots 1 and 2 and Parcels 131/94, 131/146, 131/147, 131/155, 131/161, 131/162, and 131/217. Please note that this case was filed electronically through the Interactive Zoning Information System (“IZIS”). You can access and file your report for this case through IZIS at <https://app.dcoz.dc.gov>.

Pursuant to Subtitle Z § 400.7, the ANC has the opportunity to file the attached Form 130 – ANC Setdown Report to provide feedback on whether or not the Zoning Commission should set down the case for public hearing. You have 30 days to file the ANC Setdown Form from the date the application was referred (Subtitle Z § 400.8).

Further, you will also receive notice of the hearing date at least 40 calendar days in advance. Pursuant to Subtitle Z § 406.3, if your ANC wishes to participate in the hearing, then its written report must be received at least seven days in advance of the public hearing. The report must contain the information required by Subtitle Z § 406.2, which is included at the bottom of this letter. That information is also included in Form 129 – Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) Report, which is attached for your convenience and is the preferred mechanism to complete your report. Any written report received prior to the date of a Commission meeting to consider final action will be given “great weight.”

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-309.10(d)(2), the Zoning Commission must wait 30 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays before it can make its decision on this application. However, as a practical matter, the Commission cannot make a decision that soon, because it must first hold a public hearing and, for those cases that require proposed action to be taken, the National Capitol Planning Commission is thereafter given thirty days to review the application.

Great weight does not mean that the Zoning Commission must defer to an ANC’s view, but instead requires acknowledgement of the ANC as the source of the recommendations and explicit reference to each of the ANC’s issues and concerns. It is therefore important that the written report not only indicate whether the

ANC supports or opposes the application, but that it also identify each issue and concern that led to the recommendation made.

If your ANC has not received a courtesy copy of the application from the Applicant, please notify us so we can assist you in obtaining a copy. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 727-6311.

Sincerely,



Sharon S. Schellin  
Secretary to the Zoning Commission  
Attachment

\*See the Notice Filing for a complete list of the properties.

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**Subtitle Z § 406.2**

- 406.2      The Commission shall give "great weight" to the written report of the ANC(s), pursuant to § 3 of the Comprehensive Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Reform Amendment Act of 2000, as amended, that is received at any time prior to the date of a Commission meeting to consider final action including any continuation thereof on the application. All written reports shall contain the following:
- (a) The case name and number;
  - (b) The date the public meeting of the ANC to consider the application occurred;
  - (c) A statement that proper notice of that public meeting was given by the ANC;
  - (d) The number of members of the ANC that constitute a quorum and the number of members present at the public meeting;
  - (e) The issues and concerns of the ANC about the application, as related to the standards against which the application shall be judged;
  - (f) The recommendation, if any, of the ANC as to the disposition of the application;
  - (g) The outcome of the vote on the motion to adopt the report to the Commission;
  - (h) The name of the person who is authorized by the ANC to present the report; and
  - (i) The signature of the ANC Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.

**ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**NOTICE OF FILING**  
**Z.C. Case No. 20-23**  
**LDP Acquisitions, LLC and 525 Rhode Island Avenue., LP**  
**Map Amendment @ Square 3623, Lots 1 and 2 &**  
**Parcels 131/94, 131/146, 131/147, 131/155. 131/161, 131/162, and 131/ 217**  
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**THIS CASE IS OF INTEREST TO ANC 5E**

On September 30, 2020, the Office of Zoning received an application from LDP Acquisitions, LLC and 525 Rhode Island Avenue, LP (together, the “Applicant”) for approval of a map amendment for the above-referenced property.

The property that is the subject of this application consists of Lots 1 and 2 in Square 3623 and Parcels 131/94, 131/146, 131/147, 131/155. 131/161, 131/162, and 131/217 in northeast Washington, D.C. (Ward 5), on property that is bound by Rhode Island Avenue, N.E. (north), W Street, N.E. (south), the Metrorail tracks and Rhode Island Avenue Metrorail Station (east), and 5<sup>th</sup> Street, N.E. (west). The property is currently zoned PDR-2. The Applicant is proposing a map amendment to rezone the property to the MU-10 zone.

The PDR-2 zone is intended to permit medium-density commercial and PDR activities employing a large workforce and requiring some heavy machinery under controls that minimize any adverse impacts on adjacent, more restrictive zones. The PDR zone allows for a maximum height of 60 feet (up to 90 feet with required setbacks – see Subtitle J, Chapter 2) and maximum density of 4.5 floor area ratio (“FAR”) (3.0 FAR for restricted uses) – see Subtitle U, Chapter 8).

The MU-10 zone is intended to: permit medium to high-density mixed-use development with a balance of uses conducive to a higher quality of life and environment for residents, business, employees, and institutions and that carry out elements of the Comprehensive Plan, small area plans, or framework plans, including goals in employment, population transportation, housing, public facilities, and environmental quality. The MU-10 zone allows a maximum height of 90 feet (100 feet for Inclusionary Zoning (IZ)); maximum lot occupancy of 75% (100% with IZ); and maximum density of 6.0 FAR (7.2 FAR with IZ and 3.0 FAR for non-residential uses).

This case was filed electronically through the Interactive Zoning Information System (“IZIS”), which can be accessed through <http://dcoz.dc.gov>. For additional information, please contact Sharon S. Schellin, Secretary to the Zoning Commission at (202) 727-6311.



**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. The ANC Setdown Form shall be made pursuant to this form. If additional space is necessary, use separate sheets of 8½" x 11" paper to complete the form.
2. ANC reports and any accompanying documents must be submitted to the record by using:
  - a. The Interactive Zoning Information System (IZIS) at [www.dcoz.dc.gov](http://www.dcoz.dc.gov);
  - b. By email to [zcsubmissions@dc.gov](mailto:zcsubmissions@dc.gov) for the ZC; or
  - c. In person or by U.S. mail addressed to 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200-S, Washington, DC 20001.
3. Submission deadline is as follows; the ANC must file the ANC Setdown form no later than thirty (30 days) after the date the application is referred. No late filings or waivers requesting acceptance of late filings of this form will be accepted.

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**BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSION AND  
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**



**FORM 129 – ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION (ANC) REPORT**

Before completing this form, please review the instructions on the reverse side.

Pursuant to Subtitle Z § 406.2 and Subtitle Y § 406.2 of Title 11 DCMR Zoning Regulations, the written report of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) shall contain the following information:

**IDENTIFICATION OF APPEAL, PETITION, OR APPLICATION:**

Case No.:		Case Name:	
Address or Square/Lot(s) of Property:			
Relief Requested:			

**ANC MEETING INFORMATION**

Date of ANC Public Meeting:	D	D	/	M	M	/	Y	Y	Was proper notice given?:	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Description of how notice was given:													
Number of members that constitutes a quorum:		Number of members present at the meeting:											

**MATERIAL SUBSTANCE**

The issues and concerns of the ANC about the appeal, petition, or application as related to the standards of the Zoning Regulations against which the appeal, petition, or application must be judged (*a separate sheet of paper may be used*):


The recommendation, if any, of the ANC as to the disposition of the appeal, petition, or application (*a separate sheet of paper may be used*):


**AUTHORIZATION**

ANC		Recorded vote on the motion to adopt the report (i.e. 4-1-1):	
Name of the person authorized by the ANC to present the report:			
Name of the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson authorized to sign the report:			
Signature of Chairperson/ Vice-Chairperson:		Date:	

**ANY APPLICATION THAT IS FOUND TO BE INCOMPLETE MAY NOT BE ACCORDED "GREAT WEIGHT" PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR SUBTITLE Z § 406 AND SUBTITLE Y § 406.**

## INSTRUCTIONS

Pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle Z § 406.2 and Subtitle Y § 406.2, the Zoning Commission (ZC) and Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) shall give “*great weight*” to the written report of the affected Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC), as required by the Comprehensive Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Reform Amendment Act of 2000.

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  - c. In person or by U.S. mail addressed to 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200-S, Washington, DC 20001.
3. Submission deadlines are as follows:
  - a. ANCs must file this form at least seven (7) calendar days in advance of the hearing, if they wish to participate in a public hearing under Subtitle Z § 406.3 and Subtitle Y § 406.3.
  - b. In all cases before the ZC or BZA, ANCs must file this form before the ZC or BZA makes a decision in order to receive great weight.

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