



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C07

Government of the District of Columbia
P.O. Box 92352
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June 1, 2022

Letter of Support

To: Zoning Commission
Government of the District of Columbia
441 4th St NW, 2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20001

Re: ZC 21-14 – The New Macedonia Baptist Church, (Square 4220, Lot 801), Map Amendment
Address: 2026 Jackson Street, NE

The Applicant Mr. Ian Ruel, aka The New Macedonia Baptist Church, proposes the zoning commission consider and approve a map amendment converting the property at 2026 Jackson Street NE, currently a vacant church parking lot at Square 4220, Lot 801 from Zoning as R-1-B, to Zoning MU-4.

This is an official letter of support voicing ANC 5C considerations relating to the proposed change of use and redevelopment of the church property. The SMD 5C07 conducted several open, public, and properly noticed single member district meetings (ANC 5C07) to receive the applicants presentation, hear status and updates from attendees, and hear public comment. In the forum, there was the exercise of lively and passionate expressions of support and opposition to the proposed project.

On Wednesday, May 18, 2022, the full commission or Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C did hold in a properly noticed, public meeting with a quorum heard the applicants' presentation of its proposed project. The commission accepted the recommendation to support the revised zoning


The Commission acted to provide a letter of support for the project as presented, voting 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 4 (abstentions) in favor. The commission continued and continues to have questions concerning potential adverse impacts upon the community, and parking in particular. The commission did defer for a later time discussion of the proposed use, structure, and parking impacts for a presumed Board of Zoning Adjustment hearing later.

Thus, while not ideal, we hold that the project in its current form does warrant receiving the reliefs sought, and thus having the application approved.

Very respectfully,

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