

**ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**TIME AND PLACE:**     **February 24, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.**  
Via WebEx: <https://dcoz.dc.gov/ZC24-23> (to participate & watch)  
Via Telephone: 1-650-479-3208 Access code: 2312 809 9899 (audio participation & listen)  
Via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/DCOfficeofZoning> (to watch)  
Instructions: <https://dcoz.dc.gov/release/virtual-public-hearings>  
Witness Sign Up: <https://dcoz.dc.gov/service/sign-testify>

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING:**

**CASE NO. 24-23 (Cedar Tree Academy Public Charter School – Mandatory Design Review in the NHR Zone District @ Square 5861, Lot 89)**

**THIS CASE IS OF INTEREST TO ANC 8A**

On December 10, 2024, Cedar Tree Academy Public Charter School (the “Applicant”) filed an application (the “Application”) with the Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia (“Commission”) for mandatory design review and approval in the Northern Howard Road (NHR) zone for the property known as Lot 89 in Square 5861 with a street address of 701 Howard Road, S.E. (the “Property”). The Applicant is requesting approval by the Commission pursuant to Subtitle K, Chapter 10, Subtitle X, Chapter 6 and Subtitle Z, Chapter 3 of the Zoning Regulations (Title 11, Zoning Regulations of 2016 in the D.C. Municipal Regulations).

The Property is located on Howard Road, N.E. and has approximately 77,530 sq. ft. of land area. The Property is improved with a three-story building that has housed the Applicant’s school since 2013. The Property is three blocks from the Anacostia Metrorail Station and adjacent to Anacostia Park and Poplar Point. The Property is in the NHR zone, which was created in 2018 to support new mixed-use development in the neighborhood.

The Applicant proposes to construct a new four-story school building that will provide expanded and upgraded programming and resources for the Applicant’s Pre-K and Elementary public charter school students. The new school building will have a gymnasium, cafeteria, library, office space, and 32 classrooms. The Project will have approximately 77,329 sq. ft. of gross floor area and will incorporate 33 parking spaces and a loading berth. The Project is designed to achieve LEED-Gold certification and will incorporate a solar panel array on the roof.

Pursuant to Subtitle K § 1006.1, the Commission may concurrently hear and decide any additional requests for special exception or variance relief needed for the Property. As such, the Applicant seeks special exception relief from the minimum residential floor-area-ratio requirements in the NHR zone under Subtitle K § 1001.3.

This public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the contested case provisions of Subtitle Z, Chapter 4 of the Zoning Regulations, which includes the text provided in the Notice

of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking adopted by the Zoning Commission on May 11, 2020, in Z.C. Case No. 20-11.

### **How to participate as a witness – oral presentation**

Interested persons or representatives of organizations may be heard at the virtual public hearing. All individuals, organizations, or associations wishing to testify in this case are strongly encouraged to sign up to testify at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing on OZ's website at <https://dcoz.dc.gov/> or by calling Ella Ackerman at (202) 727-0789 in order to ensure the success of the new virtual public hearing procedures.

The Commission also requests that all witnesses prepare their testimony in writing, submit the written testimony prior to giving statements, and limit oral presentations to summaries of the most important points. The Commission must base its decision on the record before them. Therefore, **all written comments and/or testimony must be submitted to the record at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing.** The following maximum time limits for oral testimony shall be adhered to and no time may be ceded:

1. Applicant and parties in support 60 minutes collectively
2. Parties in opposition 60 minutes collectively
3. Organizations 5 minutes each
4. Individuals 3 minutes each

Pursuant to Subtitle Z § 408.4, the Commission may increase or decrease the time allowed above, in which case, the presiding officer shall ensure reasonable balance in the allocation of time between proponents and opponents.

### **How to participate as a witness – written statements**

Written statements, in lieu of personal appearances or oral presentation, may be submitted for inclusion in the record. The public is encouraged to submit written testimony through the Interactive Zoning Information System (IZIS) at <https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Login.aspx>; however, written statements may also be submitted by e-mail to [zcsubmissions@dc.gov](mailto:zcsubmissions@dc.gov). Please include the case number on your submission. If you are unable to use either of these means of submission, please contact Ella Ackerman at (202) 727-0789 for further assistance.

### **How to participate as a party.**

Any person who desires to participate as a party in this case must so request and must comply with the provisions of Subtitle Z § 404.1.

A party has the right to cross-examine witnesses, to submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, to receive a copy of the written decision of the Commission, and to exercise the other rights of parties as specified in the Zoning Regulations. If you are still unsure of what it means to participate as a party and would like more information on this, please contact OZ at [dcoz@dc.gov](mailto:dcoz@dc.gov) or at (202) 727-6311.

Except for an affected ANC, any person who desires to participate as a party in this case must clearly demonstrate that the person's interests would likely be more significantly, distinctly, or

uniquely affected by the proposed zoning action than other persons in the general public. Persons seeking party status shall file with the Commission, not less than 14 days prior to the date set for the hearing, or 14 days prior to a scheduled public meeting if seeking advanced party status consideration, a Form 140 – Party Status Application, a copy of which may be downloaded from OZ’s website at: <https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Help/Forms.html>. This form may also be obtained from OZ at the address stated below.

**“Great weight” to written report of ANC**

Subtitle Z § 406.2 provides that the written report of an affected ANC shall be given great weight if received at any time prior to the date of a Commission meeting to consider final action, including any continuation thereof on the application, and sets forth the information that the report must contain. Pursuant to Subtitle Z § 406.3, an ANC that wishes to participate in the hearing must file a written report at least seven days in advance of the public hearing

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, YOU MAY CONTACT THE OFFICE OF ZONING AT (202) 727-6311.**

**ANTHONY J. HOOD, ROBERT E. MILLER, GWEN MARCUS WRIGHT, TAMMY STIDHAM, AND JOSEPH IMAMURA ----- ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, BY SARA A. BARDIN, DIRECTOR, AND BY SHARON S. SCHELLIN, SECRETARY TO THE ZONING COMMISSION.**

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