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00:05:22.060 --> 00:05:25.090
umi umi: I see you, homie. Yeah.

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00:05:29.020 --> 00:05:30.090
umi umi: Okay.

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00:06:26.380 --> 00:06:36.339
Vince Micone: Good evening, everyone. We'll wait a few more minutes. I see that we have Commissioners Gordon and Gonen on the line. We do have quorum, I believe.

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00:06:36.470 --> 00:06:38.589
Vince Micone: Or no, we need one more for Quorum.

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00:06:42.890 --> 00:06:44.419
Hal Gordon 4E04: Well, it sure is raining.

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00:06:48.160 --> 00:06:51.070
Vince Micone: Yeah, I'm glad this is not an in-person meeting tonight.

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00:06:51.070 --> 00:06:51.760
Hal Gordon 4E04: Yeah.

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00:06:56.820 --> 00:06:57.570
umi umi: Okay.

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00:07:03.230 --> 00:07:17.630
Vince Micone: So, Commissioners, before we begin, if everyone could just make sure we receive the third quarter financial report and the minutes, as we begin the meeting, I'll just allow us a few minutes to take a quick look at those.

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00:07:17.730 --> 00:07:26.960
Vince Micone: And I believe we have Commissioner McAdams here, so… and Commissioner, JONES. So, we have quorum.

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00:07:28.200 --> 00:07:29.010
umi umi: I'm…

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Vince Micone: going to call the meeting to order. I would ask members of the community, if you are not speaking, please go to mute, and I want to thank everyone for joining on this, very, stormy evening.

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00:07:43.800 --> 00:07:56.459
Vince Micone: We have a, full agenda for this evening. I will begin by noting that the call is being recorded, and the recording will be posted on our website. So, we'll begin with roll call of commissioners.

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Vince Micone: Commissioner, JONES.

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00:08:02.280 --> 00:08:07.850
NIKKI JONES: I am here. I'm gonna have to sign off and come back on. For some reason, my video's not showing up, but I am here. I'll come right back.

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00:08:08.180 --> 00:08:17.450
Vince Micone: Thank you, Commissioner Jones. 4E01 of Vince Miconey, Commissioner 4EO2. Is Commissioner Barry on the line?

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00:08:19.450 --> 00:08:21.399
Camsie McAdams: I think she just joined.

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00:08:21.780 --> 00:08:28.629
Vince Micone: Okay, great. I did see her a moment ago, too, so we assume she'll come back. Commissioner Gordon?

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00:08:30.950 --> 00:08:31.750
Hal Gordon 4E04: Here…

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00:08:32.409 --> 00:08:33.759
Vince Micone: Commissioner McAdams?

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00:08:34.030 --> 00:08:38.349
Camsie McAdams: I'm here, but I have a flooding basement, so I'm gonna go off camera for a second.

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00:08:38.350 --> 00:08:39.510

Vince Micone: Okay, Commissioner Gonen?

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00:08:39.510 --> 00:08:40.589
Hal Gordon 4E04: Oh, dear!

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00:08:40.590 --> 00:08:41.360
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): roots.

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00:08:42.549 --> 00:08:43.949
Vince Micone: It's not serious.

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00:08:45.999 --> 00:08:48.849
Vince Micone: Okay, so our first item on the agenda.

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Maria Barry: Could you mark me as present?

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00:08:50.900 --> 00:09:01.189
Vince Micone: Yes, I did, Commissioner Berry, thank you. Our first item is consideration of the agenda, which was shared and posted publicly. Are there any additional, items to add to the agenda today?

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00:09:02.080 --> 00:09:05.129
umi umi: Is this by only the commissioners or the public?

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Vince Micone: This is only commissioners, thank you.

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00:09:11.330 --> 00:09:19.580
Vince Micone: Great! If there are no further items, the chair would entertain a motion to adopt the agenda.

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NIKKI JONES: I put forward a motion to adopt the agenda.

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00:09:26.280 --> 00:09:30.240
Vince Micone: Okay, Commissioner Jones, thank you. Commissioner Gonen, will you second the motion?

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00:09:32.620 --> 00:09:41.429
Vince Micone: Without objection, it's approved. We'll now move to the minutes, and I will reserve a few moments for Commissioners to take a look at the minutes.

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00:10:47.670 --> 00:10:49.419
Vince Micone: Commissioner Gonen, the floor is yours.

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00:10:51.750 --> 00:11:06.189
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): Great. I apologize for circulating the minutes a little bit later than I normally try to, but hopefully folks had a chance to take a look. I didn't receive any corrections or additions by email. Does anybody have any corrections or additions now?

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00:11:08.770 --> 00:11:09.719
NIKKI JONES: I don't have any.

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Maria Barry: Nope.

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00:11:11.500 --> 00:11:12.650
Camsie McAdams: Nope, everything's good with me.

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00:11:13.080 --> 00:11:17.589
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): Nailed it. Okay. Then, can I go ahead and move that we approve them?

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00:11:17.710 --> 00:11:19.619
Vince Micone: You've heard the motion, is there a second?

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00:11:20.970 --> 00:11:33.500
Vince Micone: I've heard the motion and the second by Commissioner Barry. Any discussion on the motion? Without objection, the minute shall be considered unanimously approved. I'll turn the floor to our Treasurer, Commissioner Jones, who has a third quarter financial update.

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00:11:33.500 --> 00:11:57.989
NIKKI JONES: Good evening, everybody. As the chair noted, we are in our… we just completed our third quarter financial, which runs from April through the end of April… sorry, beginning of April through the end of June. We started, April with a balance of $40,856.71. We recently received our allotment, our Q3 allotment for OANC

for $39.3574. Our only expenditure during the

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NIKKI JONES: order was for our post office box we have at the Georgia Avenue United States Postal Service of $258, which brings our current balance we have of $44,534.45. Does anybody has any questions about any of our expenditures or our current funding?

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Camsie McAdams: I have a question, Commissioner Jones.

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00:12:20.330 --> 00:12:21.090
NIKKI JONES: Sure.

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00:12:21.090 --> 00:12:34.550
Camsie McAdams: Has… have any community members, submitted grants through the grant, process? I'm just curious, I know you put a lot of effort into, like, getting that together and getting it… I just wonder whether anybody's taken advantage of the.

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00:12:34.550 --> 00:12:44.350
NIKKI JONES: Not at this time. A couple people have asked for applications, and I've given those out, but no one's actually submitted anything, and I have followed up and asked if people needed assistance, and no one's gotten back to me as of yet.

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00:12:46.330 --> 00:12:48.479
NIKKI JONES: So, we still have all of our funds.

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00:12:48.620 --> 00:12:56.630
Camsie McAdams: Yeah, so I'd say, you know, the message to me, from me is, you know, if you've got something that you've been…

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00:12:56.970 --> 00:13:01.639
Camsie McAdams: Trying to figure out how to get funding for. Maybe… maybe this is the time.

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NIKKI JONES: Yeah. Oh, no, Mr. Uqta, it's $258 a year.

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00:13:07.370 --> 00:13:07.950
Camsie McAdams: Yeah.

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NIKKI JONES: For the post office box.

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Vince Micone: So, for the grants, just, I see Uptown Main Streets is here. I know some of our civic associations are here. Those grant requests, even if they elevate from neighbors, need to come through one of those organizations or another organization. So, you know, I think there have been some thoughts about trying to do things that the city may not have the funding or do around

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Vince Micone: some of the parks, or for cleanups, or for Halloween. Now is the time to get those grants in by our September meeting, so we could consider those. There is a bit of work to document how they've been spent, but it's not a terribly onerous project, so I see some of our leaders of some of our neighborhood associations here, so please know you can work

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Vince Micone: with community members, and you can submit, grants. We would very much like to see some of these dollars go to some projects in our neighborhood, but we need your help, and we can't do that ourself. All we can do is consider the grants and make sure they're approved.

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00:14:12.150 --> 00:14:19.100
Vince Micone: Should we decide to approve them, and then do the follow-up. And I do want to thank Commissioner JONES. We definitely want to help in this area.

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00:14:19.270 --> 00:14:27.719
NIKKI JONES: Sure, thank you, Mr. Chair. And the primary reason why you have to go through an organization is that the OANC requires the, the…

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NIKKI JONES: the grantee to have a treasurer, so that's why it has to be part of an organization. So either your own organization you have, or one of the established organizations that we currently have in the neighborhood, so that's the reason why. So, if there are no questions regarding the third quarter financial, disclosure, I move that it be adopted. And I think because it's a financial, we have to do,

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00:14:48.610 --> 00:14:50.020
NIKKI JONES: Tally vote permission?

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Vince Micone: We do… yes, we do, Commissioner. Is there a second to the motion?

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00:14:53.780 --> 00:14:54.359
Camsie McAdams: I'll second.

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00:14:54.360 --> 00:15:00.080
Vince Micone: Commissioner McAdams seconded. All those in favor indicate by saying aye.

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00:15:00.480 --> 00:15:02.060
Vince Micone: Aye. Aye.

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00:15:02.470 --> 00:15:03.650
Vince Micone: Opposed?

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Vince Micone: Nay?

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00:15:06.580 --> 00:15:08.670
Vince Micone: Or, absention, excuse me?

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00:15:08.850 --> 00:15:11.329
Vince Micone: The motion is unanimously approved.

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Vince Micone: Did we lose, Commissioner Gonen?

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00:15:18.010 --> 00:15:18.770
Camsie McAdams: No, she's there.

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00:15:19.310 --> 00:15:19.700
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): I'm here.

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00:15:19.700 --> 00:15:30.229
Vince Micone: Okay, okay, fantastic. Now, I see I was, lost you there on, on the popcorn on the screen here. So, are there any other financial issues or grant issues?

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00:15:33.010 --> 00:15:35.260
Vince Micone: Commissioner JONES, or is that everything?

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00:15:37.280 --> 00:15:39.929
Vince Micone: You're on mute, but I think that's everything, right?

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00:15:39.930 --> 00:16:04.849
NIKKI JONES: for now. Mr. Uqta asked a question about, can ANC 4E hold a public space permit to beautify the newly installed grassy area in 4E01? So, Mr. Uqta, I have inquired about that. If we're just doing just general planting in the area, like planting, like, pansies or, like, begonias or seasonal plant, we don't necessarily need a permit for that, but if we're thinking about, you know, doing, like.

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00:16:04.850 --> 00:16:29.699
NIKKI JONES: wholesale, like, planting in the tree box or their grassy area that's currently there, we would need a permit for that. And I do recall you had… you and I had talked offline before, and a few other people in the community asked about, you know, ANC4E, like, establishing maybe, like, a beautification committee. I have not brought that forth before the Commission, but I think that may be something we're interested in doing. As some of you may recall, you know.

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NIKKI JONES: the grass that was planted in the plaza area. It has died a most dreadful death due to the heat. It's under warranty, so they will be coming back in the fall to replant the grass. However, I know some of us with green thumbs know they probably didn't do it the correct way, so I am currently in conversations with Peyton before the fall months come to us to, you know, hopefully get the ANC together with the community and also get together with them to figure out what

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NIKKI JONES: What plans we can have to, you know, make sure it's done in a better, a more efficient way, and make sure we actually get grass and plants that actually can survive through the winter and through the summer months.

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00:17:03.470 --> 00:17:04.910
NIKKI JONES: But that's out of habit nature.

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00:17:05.210 --> 00:17:06.920
Vince Micone: Thank you, Commissioner Jones.

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00:17:07.020 --> 00:17:18.509
Vince Micone: Well now, so, so the community knows, we, during public comment, have an opportunity for neighborhood feedback on items that are not on the agenda. When we go through the agenda.

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00:17:18.510 --> 00:17:43.080
Vince Micone: with the items. First, we'll have sometimes a presentation or an update, Commissioner questions, and then we will open it up to community questions, and comments. We have a two-minute limit per comment on those as we go through the agenda tonight. First is a general, community matter point, just an update on where we are with the DC Open Coordination.

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00:17:43.080 --> 00:18:02.079
Vince Micone: process, and I would like to first invite Leticia Acosta, and I think, Zoey is on the call as well, just to share an update on how things are going logistically, with… I know you distribute all the parking passes, but any issues, please, come on screen if you could.

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00:18:07.750 --> 00:18:08.730
Zoey Lewis: Hello!

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00:18:09.080 --> 00:18:18.770
Zoey Lewis: I… I will be presenting tonight. Just… sorry, I can't turn my camera on. I'm currently in the car, and it's connected to my CarPlay.

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00:18:18.770 --> 00:18:19.230
Vince Micone: Okay.

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00:18:19.230 --> 00:18:19.710
Zoey Lewis: Long story.

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00:18:19.710 --> 00:18:20.290
Vince Micone: Understood.

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00:18:20.970 --> 00:18:40.410
Zoey Lewis: So, we are currently monitoring traffic, the flow of traffic, illegally parked cars, or cars without placards. If there's anyone who needs additional parking passes, we are still passing out additional parking passes, and you can still go to MPD.

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00:18:40.690 --> 00:18:52.659
Zoey Lewis: And we will, if you see anything that is out of order, you can always flag it to me or Leticia, and we will flag it to the appropriate agencies.

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00:18:54.420 --> 00:18:55.840
Zoey Lewis: That's all I have to do.

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00:18:56.310 --> 00:19:00.349
Vince Micone: Thank you. And the, open goes through…

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Vince Micone: this Sunday night, is that correct?

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00:19:05.870 --> 00:19:10.119
Zoey Lewis: Yes, August 2nd, I think that is once.

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00:19:11.020 --> 00:19:12.240
Zoey Lewis: Yes, this Sunday.

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00:19:12.240 --> 00:19:12.850
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Yeah, it's good.

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00:19:12.850 --> 00:19:13.859
Vince Micone: Thank you, Zoey.

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00:19:14.270 --> 00:19:20.579
Vince Micone: And thank you, Leticia. Let me ask, are there any Commissioner questions, regarding this year's Open?

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Vince Micone: And I'm being very specific, it's about this year's Open. Commissioner, questions, comments?

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00:19:26.410 --> 00:19:42.370
Maria Barry: I just want to make a comment. I was really impressed with, the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services. The map, everything looked really professional this year. It was really easy to read, so thank you, for raising the bar on that communication.

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00:19:43.220 --> 00:19:44.100
Vince Micone: Thank you, Commissioner Barry.

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00:19:45.020 --> 00:19:55.219
Vince Micone: And I would agree, so Leticia and Zoey, just so the community and the ANC knows, they're involved in delivering a lot of those door-to-door to all of our neighbors.

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00:19:55.220 --> 00:20:09.179
Vince Micone: They do a lot of work and coordination that's behind the scenes, to make sure that everything goes smoothly, working with, the National Park Service, with DPW, with DDOT, and really, they…

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00:20:09.180 --> 00:20:20.459
Vince Micone: play a very, unsung hero role, and Commissioner Berry is exactly correct to acknowledge their efforts. Is there anything else from Commissioners? Commissioner McAdams? Please, go ahead.

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Camsie McAdams: I would echo the smooth communication. One question that I did get from my, area, which I think this is the first…

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00:20:31.000 --> 00:20:50.210
Camsie McAdams: I'm… I won't… don't quote me on this, but this is the first time that it's… that the parking has dipped down into E05, so if you look at the map, it used to stop at, I think, Crittenden, and now it's, like, dipped down along Piney Branch and along 15th Street on the, like, north-south routes.

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00:20:50.430 --> 00:20:52.289
Camsie McAdams: I would say that…

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00:20:52.850 --> 00:21:10.990
Camsie McAdams: I didn't hear anything from any neighbors saying that they… that they… that they, you know, didn't get the pass, or whatever, the parking passes, but I would say on the coordinating… the, like, cross blocks, like the Crittenden block, the Buchanan block, and then all the way down to, Allison.

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00:21:11.340 --> 00:21:23.720
Camsie McAdams: folks are used to using 15th Street as, like, overflow parking when, like, Buchanan… especially Buchanan, because it drives right down into the retail corridor.

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00:21:23.770 --> 00:21:32.430
Camsie McAdams: And there was just a question about the signage, that it was, like, 11.30pm to 11.30pm, and there was…

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00:21:32.740 --> 00:21:33.830
Camsie McAdams: some…

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00:21:33.960 --> 00:21:44.839
Camsie McAdams: question that… that was a little confusing, that, like, is that an instantaneous amount of time? Is it, like, 11.30 to PM on the first day?

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00:21:44.840 --> 00:22:04.300
Camsie McAdams: till 11.30 p.m. on the last day. So, I would just say that that's just a comment back. I got it… I got a couple… like, I got about 3 questions from neighbors. So, overwhelmingly, I would agree with Commissioner Berry, super clear, especially for the people affected in the parking areas, but for those, like, sort of abutting folks who were just, like.

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Camsie McAdams: one day their parking space was filled on Buchanan, and they wanted to roll over to 15th Street or down below, I would just give a comment back. Either I don't have a solution, I think it's fine, everybody's figured it out, but, I would just give that feedback.

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00:22:21.180 --> 00:22:24.139
Vince Micone: Thank you, Commissioner McAdams. Any other Commissioner comments?

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00:22:25.110 --> 00:22:27.680
Vince Micone: Public comments. Umi?

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00:22:31.590 --> 00:22:39.909
umi umi: Thank you. I, for that area,

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00:22:40.490 --> 00:22:52.250
umi umi: by the bus barn, I was hoping… I know we're already supposed to be having enhanced, DDOT, but also because of Mubadala, I'm hoping it will finally get the message, because

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00:22:52.250 --> 00:23:16.450
umi umi: the… and I see Mr. Thompson on here. The construction workers are still

filling up the streets, and I… I was trying to, get the pictures to you, Commissioner JONES, so you could share it with the meeting, because I've taken pictures of the vehicles, I've taken pictures of them in their hard hats, I've taken pictures of them as they come out, and they're changing their clothes around 3.30, 4 o'clock, and when they come in at 6.30, and they're just filling up Crittson, Buchanan, Decatur.

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00:23:16.450 --> 00:23:20.980
umi umi: Della Field, and so I'm hoping with the enhanced parking enforcement, because of Mubadala.

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umi umi: it will get them to commute, or use the church parking lot that's being paid for, or park at DC USA, so the businesses can have places to park, because it's been a long process with the construction, and…

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00:23:35.190 --> 00:23:37.260
umi umi: They're really hurting.

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00:23:38.050 --> 00:23:39.270
Vince Micone: Thank you very much.

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00:23:40.060 --> 00:23:43.849
Vince Micone: And I do see, Dallas is,

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Vince Micone: on the line. I, I think Dallas, oh, here you came on. Any comment to that? Enhanced, request at this period?

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00:23:52.320 --> 00:24:11.830
Dallas Thompson: Yes, the thing I would ask, and I really want to be… I want to thank the community for sending pictures. You send them over to the project team. And what I want to do is just provide my direct information. So if you have pictures and you can send them directly to me, that would be probably the most expedient way to get this information to the project team. So I can put my

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00:24:12.020 --> 00:24:18.240
Dallas Thompson: Cell phone number again in the chat. So if you could text me any pictures that you have, that would be very helpful.

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00:24:18.850 --> 00:24:28.099

Vince Micone: Thank you, Dallas, very much. We appreciate it. And yes, do put your number into the text. And I agree, there's a lag sometime from commissioners to get things to Dallas.

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00:24:28.280 --> 00:24:38.280
Vince Micone: Because of work and everything, he's on 24-7 on this, so he'll get with the team right away when this is seen. Thank you, sir. Mr. Uqdah?

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00:24:38.760 --> 00:24:47.890
Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: Yes, thank you. And I can't believe I'm saying this, but, this year.

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Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: I have noticed… This has been one of the better years for enforcement.

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Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: You know, from the city.

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Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: I've also noticed that…

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Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: DDOT or DPW, whoever's responsible for putting out the barricades at each end of the street.

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00:25:10.350 --> 00:25:19.220
Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: Not only did they do that, but they made sure that each one had local traffic only attached to it.

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00:25:19.430 --> 00:25:23.169
Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: And what I've specifically noticed, other than enforcement.

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Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: Is that there are far less people just riding around looking for some place to park.

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00:25:32.020 --> 00:25:33.270
Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: Far less.

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Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: I mean, at one time, it was just a line of them that was constantly coming through the neighborhoods.

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Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: But… but since the city has apparently Plan for this better.

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Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: By having these barriers set up on each end of the street.

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Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: With the local traffic-only signs, I want to commend them.

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00:25:56.440 --> 00:25:58.659
Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: So, thank you for this opportunity.

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00:25:59.530 --> 00:26:17.249
Vince Micone: Thank you, sir. And I think certainly expanding the area as well made it more uncomfortable for people who wanted to walk, park in our neighborhood, so I think that's also something that's helped as well. And so thanks to the neighbors last year and working with us to expand the number of blocks. Ms. Thompson?

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00:26:23.940 --> 00:26:25.560
Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: Doreen, you're on mute.

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00:26:25.560 --> 00:26:26.549
Vince Micone: You're on mute, ma'am.

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00:26:29.970 --> 00:26:30.536
Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: Do they.

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00:26:31.200 --> 00:26:32.480
Doreen Thompson: Can you hear me now?

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00:26:32.690 --> 00:26:33.170

Vince Micone: Yes, ma'am.

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00:26:33.280 --> 00:26:38.630
Doreen Thompson: Yeah. You may have answered this, partially anyway.

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00:26:38.810 --> 00:26:50.600
Doreen Thompson: Was there a specific engagement with the construction workers about the restricted parking? This morning, I was a flood of construction workers.

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00:26:50.730 --> 00:27:01.520
Doreen Thompson: on Emerson and on the Piney Branch. And I had to point out to them, the ones who were close by where I was standing, that they were going to be ticketed.

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00:27:01.650 --> 00:27:06.120
Doreen Thompson: How, how is this being handled, Zoey, or whoever is responsible?

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00:27:06.870 --> 00:27:12.040
Doreen Thompson: What kind of notification was given to these, the construction workers?

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00:27:14.370 --> 00:27:15.450
Doreen Thompson: Is she gone?

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00:27:16.380 --> 00:27:18.019
Vince Micone: No, I'm sorry, Sam.

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00:27:19.200 --> 00:27:31.979
Zoey Lewis: I'm not sure how far the, messaging went to the construction workers, but those who have, construction going on at their home, we did offer additional passes. For the bus barn.

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00:27:32.180 --> 00:27:38.739
Zoey Lewis: I'm not sure if a team had went out and gave them passes, but I can look into that.

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00:27:40.420 --> 00:27:47.880
Dallas Thompson: Yeah, I can add to that. There should be no construction workers parking in that vicinity.

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00:27:48.110 --> 00:28:02.560
Dallas Thompson: And that's why I'd like for you to get… if there are people that are seeing, please send that to me. Each of the construction workers have parking off-site that they are, supposed to use. So if there is… is…

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00:28:02.560 --> 00:28:12.429
Dallas Thompson: people there who are… and I know there's a lot of construction in the area, but I know… I can only speak for the ones that are actually supporting the bus barn. Both the contractors and the subs have been given direction.

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00:28:12.440 --> 00:28:16.789
Dallas Thompson: They're told that on a regular basis, so there really are… there are no excuses.

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00:28:16.890 --> 00:28:27.770
Dallas Thompson: So, any information that you can share, I will share it with the project team. It is a bit of a challenge, but when we have license plates and pictures, those types of things are always very helpful.

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00:28:27.950 --> 00:28:34.929
Dallas Thompson: So, that's, what we're telling the instructor… instruct… instructing the construction workers there at the bus barn.

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00:28:35.350 --> 00:28:37.670
Dallas Thompson: It's actually part of the contract for the subcontractor.

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00:28:37.670 --> 00:28:38.200
Vince Micone: Thompson.

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00:28:38.560 --> 00:28:38.910
Dallas Thompson: Yes.

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00:28:38.910 --> 00:28:47.279
Doreen Thompson: So, is your information… who am I sending it to? To Leticia, or to you specifically?

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00:28:47.280 --> 00:28:48.450
Leticia Acosta: We both are…

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00:28:48.450 --> 00:28:50.869
Dallas Thompson: You can copy both of us, that would be fine.

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00:28:50.870 --> 00:28:52.090
Doreen Thompson: Okay, okay.

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00:28:52.720 --> 00:28:53.140
Vince Micone: Thank you.

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00:28:53.140 --> 00:28:53.750
Dallas Thompson: Thank you.

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00:28:54.010 --> 00:28:55.210
Vince Micone: Ms. Robinson?

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00:28:56.740 --> 00:28:58.260
Binta Robinson: Yes, can you hear me?

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00:28:58.260 --> 00:28:59.199
Vince Micone: Yes, we can.

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00:29:00.020 --> 00:29:03.770
Binta Robinson: I noticed after I criticized the city's response.

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00:29:04.110 --> 00:29:07.189
Binta Robinson: You specifically praised the city's response.

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00:29:07.540 --> 00:29:12.529
Binta Robinson: And my question is, are they even adhering to the record of decision? Because

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Binta Robinson: The 4,800 blocks of Colorado Avenue are filled with cars…

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00:29:18.420 --> 00:29:21.950
Binta Robinson: During the tournament, and it seems to me there's a lack of…

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00:29:22.320 --> 00:29:37.920

Binta Robinson: I mean, just speaking legally as a lawyer, but I'm not speaking in my capacity as a lawyer. How do we… how does the city even enforce whether or not these residential placards are being used by residents, or the residents, visitors, or families, if they're just…

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00:29:38.230 --> 00:29:58.229
Binta Robinson: you know, if there's a placard… if there's a pass in the car, they're not towing the car. That's what I was told, by a tow worker, and I didn't even know that. So if you have that loophole that a car has a residential pass, and the city's not verifying, well, this is from a resident that actually lives here.

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00:29:59.550 --> 00:30:06.529
Binta Robinson: That seems to be a loophole where people can have a pass and go to the tournament

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00:30:06.820 --> 00:30:18.530
Binta Robinson: And that's supposed to be a restriction. People are not supposed to have passes and use them to go to the tournament. I've seen lots of people park, get out of their cars, and go into the park in the direction of the tournament.

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00:30:18.860 --> 00:30:26.950
Binta Robinson: So, I mean, if the city is not… Willing to really, enforce this residential parking restriction.

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Binta Robinson: Is that a violation of the ROD?

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00:30:31.750 --> 00:30:34.730
Binta Robinson: It's burdening the residential neighborhoods.

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00:30:35.370 --> 00:30:39.080
Binta Robinson: And then another issue is that I witnessed a…

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00:30:39.580 --> 00:30:46.179
Vince Micone: Would… Leticia, I see you came on. If you want to answer that question, well, then we'll come back to you, Ms. Robinson.

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Leticia Acosta: So, unfortunately, I do know that residents that are local residents do go to the tournament, so we're not sure, and I know that

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00:30:54.040 --> 00:31:09.570
Leticia Acosta: We are paying attention to a lot to the 4800 block of Colorado, because we also know that Uber drivers go by there too, so we have sent out parking enforcement. Zoey and myself have been out there walking and calling

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00:31:09.570 --> 00:31:19.949
Leticia Acosta: DPW, when we do see yesterday, after you emailed me, I was actually out of office, but I've seen it because… I have seen it be a constant issue in that area.

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00:31:19.950 --> 00:31:24.249
Leticia Acosta: We actually called DPW, and they came out with the tow trucks.

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Leticia Acosta: to tow some cars and ticketed, so we have been paying extra attention. Unfortunately, DPW is not able to verify whether they have VA tags, Maryland tags, if they're local residents. That's unfortunate. We don't have

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00:31:39.200 --> 00:31:43.260
Leticia Acosta: We're not able to, because we do know that some of our local

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Leticia Acosta: residents that live in the community still do have different tags that are not DC, because they might have just moved it, in the community, or never switched their tags, so that's something that we cannot verify, unfortunately. But I know that DPW, anytime that we do get a complaint form of residents.

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00:32:00.720 --> 00:32:11.379
Leticia Acosta: They do come out, they either ticket or towed, and they have multiple towing trucks out just for the community, just to make sure that everybody is

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00:32:11.960 --> 00:32:14.769
Leticia Acosta: Respecting the residents,

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00:32:15.030 --> 00:32:30.470
Leticia Acosta: parking, so everybody could park and go into their own home. So we are trying our best, but unfortunately, we cannot verify if they are actually from the neighborhood, and so that's one thing that we cannot verify, unfortunately.

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00:32:30.820 --> 00:32:34.810
Vince Micone: Thank you. Ms. Robinson, I know you had a second comment or question.

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00:32:36.040 --> 00:32:42.420
Binta Robinson: Well, yeah, regarding that, these are cars that have out-of-state tags, and…

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00:32:43.260 --> 00:32:55.409
Binta Robinson: the blocks are filled with these cars when the tournament's not in session, normally the blocks are not that crowded. And the other thing is I saw a tour shuttle idling for more than, 3 minutes.

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Binta Robinson: On the tour, on 16th Street, and I reported that to DOEE, and I'm wondering, is this a frequent practice of, tour shuttle buses idling on 16th Street?

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00:33:12.830 --> 00:33:13.750
Binta Robinson: Thank you. Thank you.

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00:33:14.970 --> 00:33:22.380
Vince Micone: Mr. Fried, I saw your hand go up and come down, I just want to make sure that if you have a comment, that you have an opportunity to share it.

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00:33:22.650 --> 00:33:38.819
Richard Fried: Thank you, Vince. I couldn't get the hand raise thing working right, and I can't get my video working right, so I'm sorry. I wanted to say that I'm in a position where, for 2 days, a car without a state permits

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Richard Fried: With a parking pass,

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Richard Fried: has put his Maryland plates on the pass and the correct license plate, and he's been there for 2 straight days. I live on a street with 7 other houses. None of us have given a pass to

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00:34:01.600 --> 00:34:02.810
Richard Fried: that car.

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00:34:03.220 --> 00:34:08.010

Richard Fried: And I don't know what to do. He's been there two straight days.

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00:34:08.210 --> 00:34:15.519
Richard Fried: All day long. He came this morning around 7, and his car is out there right now.

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Richard Fried: So, am I being told that there's nothing I can do? Because He has a pass.

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Richard Fried: And evidently, it was… he filled it in. It was blank. Somebody gave him a blank pass.

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00:34:29.860 --> 00:34:32.469
Richard Fried: And what I'm hearing is it's legal.

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00:34:32.780 --> 00:34:38.219
Richard Fried: And there's nothing to be done about it. Or, well, no, not that it's legal, that there's nothing that can be done.

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00:34:39.310 --> 00:34:46.759
Vince Micone: So, Richard, could you, either fax or email Leticia with that photo of that car? Would that be possible?

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00:34:46.969 --> 00:34:47.689
Richard Fried: Sure.

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00:34:48.179 --> 00:35:03.679
Maria Barry: And I'm happy to chime in. I have… like, we have an Airbnb, we have house guests, like, we have people who come in, and they might have out-of-state plates, but they're staying at our house, and that is…

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00:35:03.779 --> 00:35:10.479
Maria Barry: if they're coming to a party, I just had a birthday party, people were coming, so there might be…

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Maria Barry: you know, legitimate reasons that somebody has the pass, so…

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Maria Barry: Just to put that out there.

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Vince Micone: Thank you, Commissioner Berry.

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Vince Micone: Oh yeah, this was a status update. Commissioner Gonen and I have requested that we have an after-action meeting with the National Park Service, as we did, last year. No date has been scheduled. We may just do that with our regular ANC meeting, but we have a commitment, to hold that after-action meeting for logistics from this year's, open. So, just, you know, after things are over this weekend.

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00:35:43.900 --> 00:35:53.389
Vince Micone: There will be an opportunity, again, to address anything that went well or didn't go well, for, the open from the logistical standpoint this year.

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00:35:53.570 --> 00:36:07.069
Vince Micone: Thank you. We'll now move on to our next agenda item today, which is a resolution and discussion around DC 2050's comprehensive plan. Commissioner Gonen, the floor is yours.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): Great. Thank you, Commissioner Miconey. Just checking, is my microphone working alright?

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Vince Micone: Yes, it is.

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00:36:12.670 --> 00:36:14.909
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): Sometimes it doesn't cooperate. Great.

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00:36:14.990 --> 00:36:24.199
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): Okay, I… I know a lot of people on the call are aware of this or familiar, but just for those who may not be, the comprehensive plan, the comp plan.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): is the long-term vision for the city, and it's a roadmap for growth and development, and it's a process that's actually laid out in

statute. It requires the mayor to submit proposed amendments every four years to the comp plan.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): full-on rewrites, like what's happening now, are far less frequent. The last one was about 20 years ago.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): So, we are currently in the middle of a major rewrite, and that's the DC 2050 process that you've probably heard about in these meetings and elsewhere. The Office of Planning, which is the city agency that oversees the project, is looking to have the new plan in place by 2050.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): And just for those who don't have it, I'm gonna put in the chat

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): sort of a one-stop shop where you can get information about the plan, the process, and also sign up for updates on it, which I think might be useful for some of you who are particularly, engaged on this.

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00:37:17.790 --> 00:37:19.070
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): Excuse me.

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00:37:19.420 --> 00:37:27.110
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): So one aspect of the comprehensive plan is something called the Future Land Use Map, or that we affectionately call the FLUM.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): One of our better acronyms.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): when the FLUM, the draft FLUM, was published a few months ago, that's when people started to really pay attention to the comp plan process, because they started to see their neighborhoods showing up on a map.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): So, as folks know, the one that was put out a few months ago was a draft, and Office of Planning had some workshops, I think some were in person, some were virtual, and they had a survey process on their website to get

feedback on that iteration of the

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): of the flum. I know that there has been a lot of… there have been a lot of questions about the relationship between the future land use map and existing zoning, because the Future Land Use Map kind of looks like it's zoning, but it's not actually zoning, and as we were told in a meeting a couple of months ago, and we had an OP rep here.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): The FLUM is not zoning, but it is very much related to zoning. It… the fact is that zoning can't be inconsistent with the comp plan, so it's sort of like an overlay. It is the first step to potentially change zoning in an area, but it doesn't itself change zoning by itself.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): the way the future land use map was put out, it's…

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): Neighborhoods are designated as something they're calling place types, and again, it wasn't really clear to a lot of folks how those place types sort of map onto existing zoning, which is what we're all a little bit more familiar with.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): In the fall, they're going to be coming out with a new version of the flum with more detailed policy guidance about what exactly those place types are, and hopefully.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): With more clarity about how it relates to actual zoning.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): So, the Office of Planning has come to two of our meetings. They were here last September, and then again more recently in May of this year. There are also going to be some upcoming workshops that they're holding specifically for ANC commissioners, for how we can get engaged more formally in the process in the next few months, and a number of us will be attending those.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): Now, I've heard from many residents in my SMD, and I

think there are others across the Commission who share these views, they have some concerns about possible increases in density if the map were adopted as it is today.

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00:39:33.780 --> 00:39:47.439
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): So, even though there isn't a new flum yet, it's only a draft at this point, and the full comp plan hasn't been released, I wanted to put this item on the agenda again tonight to allow for continued community input and to propose a resolution…

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Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: at the video, I love serial.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): Hello, all right, on mute. And that conveys some of the top questions that are on the minds of constituencies in our various SMDs.

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00:40:00.570 --> 00:40:11.139
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): So, I am not going to read the whole thing. Oh, and let me say, also, I'll put the link here, I put it… I put the draft resolution, it is a draft, because we're still discussing it here.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): It is on our website, if anybody wants to follow along at home, but I'll just…

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): summarize it, as… if any of you have looked at our resolutions before, they're kind of a funky format. They use a lot of, kind of, legalese language. They're… the first section is a bunch of whereas clauses, where we basically say, hey, here's… here's the state of affairs, here's what's going on, here's the thing we want to

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): talk about, and then there are the actual requests, because usually when we're passing a resolution, we're asking a city agency to do or not do a thing.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): So, in the draft resolution that we're going to chat about tonight.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): The whereas clauses, basically say that our Commission for E recognizes the importance of the comp plan. We know that it's ongoing, but we want to state our views now, before the process gets too far down the road.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): We have heard from the Office of Planning themselves that Wards 3 and 4 are bearing a disproportionate share of potential allowable density changes, and residents have expressed some confusion as to how these place types in the flum relate to zoning designation. We also recognize the need in the district for additional housing supply.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): And…

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): We state in the whereas clause that we value transit-oriented design that focuses density and development adjacent to metro stations or within easy walking distance of those stations. So those are the whereas clauses. The request…

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): in the resolution are that the Office of Planning take another look at its job and population forecast for DC, because it's not super clear whether they've taken into account loss of federal workers and other things that have happened in the last 5 to 6 years.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): We want them to conduct a traffic study, because we know that if there's increased density, a number of our streets will see those impacts.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): We're asking them to consider Metro's Joint Development Program for real estate development adjacent to Metro properties.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): We're asking for continued robust community engagement, including both in-person and virtual neighborhood workshops, and we're asking them to share with us the data for Ward 4 that they did gather in their prior survey process.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): So that's the resolution that we are going to discuss.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): Thank you.

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Vince Micone: Thank you, Commissioner Gonen, for the overview. Again, just to set the table with the community.

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Vince Micone: This is not the last time that we'll be discussing this. The, process all the way through Council will likely not occur until the next calendar year. So, we are at the beginning stages still of a very long process, and we have tried to,

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Vince Micone: share updates of the information that we have had. Also, we have gotten a commitment, a firm commitment, not just our ANC, all ANCs.

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Vince Micone: On a firm date, which resolutions will be due on

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Vince Micone: the final proposed land use maps and the final proposed FLUM, which is probably the worst acronym in DC, and there's a heavy competition for that. And all of that will come later in the year. So, I don't want people to think that we're done now. This is part of an ongoing process. And we will understand from the Office of Zoning and the Office of Planning what the expectation is, what those

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Vince Micone: resolution should look like so that we can gather the right sort of information from the community and get that formally transmitted. It would not even be as simple as the resolution that is being done tonight, which is a resolution that says, hey, we need to understand more of what you're doing in the process. There's also the Office of Planning will be coming back to all ANCs, and I'm working to figure out what

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Vince Micone: and then they'll be coming to us. It will either be the September or October meeting. As soon as we know that, we'll let folks know, and that will likely

be an extended meeting that we'll do that evening, and hopefully not have other

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Vince Micone: topics that we'll deal with, or at least could expedite consideration of that. So with that, I…

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Vince Micone: I think, we need to put this on the floor to continue conversation, so I heard a motion from Commissioner Gonen. I'll second the motion to get it on the floor, and we'll go to Commissioner McAdams.

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Camsie McAdams: Thank you so much, Commissioner Gonen and Commissioner Miconey. I have two questions. One is, do we know if any other ANCs that are in areas that are

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Camsie McAdams: similarly effective… affected have put forth any sort of similar type of resolutions for this process? That's the first question.

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Camsie McAdams: And then the second question is.

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Camsie McAdams: Do we know if the Office of Planning

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Camsie McAdams: Is already planning to do a traffic study and or a…

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Camsie McAdams: job study, because I totally agree with you, Commissioner Gonen, that…

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Camsie McAdams: Specifically, in my little tiny SMD, there has been a large proportion of folks who were affected by the closing of the USAID efforts, and I would say that that's

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Camsie McAdams: I don't know if that's just, like, happenstance, like, chance that a bunch of folks who worked for USAID live in this neighborhood. I don't know if

there's, like, a pattern, I don't know anything about that, but I… so my first question is, like, what are we in relationship to other ANCs? And then the second question is.

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Camsie McAdams: were… was the Office of Planning already going to be doing a traffic study and a job study and, like, looking at the metro stations, and are we just kind of telling them to do their job more thoroughly? I don't… I guess those are the two questions.

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00:45:53.940 --> 00:46:17.430
Vince Micone: So, Commissioner McAdams, since I was one of the ANC chairs that was in the meeting with OP, let me address that. They're fully aware of concerns about the future land use map, not only in our area, but other areas of DC. And they suggested that it would certainly be appropriate for us to flag issues at this point, as well as later in the process.

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00:46:17.510 --> 00:46:32.250
Vince Micone: I cannot speak to… so I can't say with veracity as to whether others have done that, but an issue came up about, we'd like to say, hey, you need to look at this better, and they said, yeah, definitely, we understand that.

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Vince Micone: And we appreciate that. We've heard in…

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00:46:34.800 --> 00:46:53.130
Vince Micone: the various forms where they've received feedback about that. I think that one of the purposes of the NANC at times is to flag, hey, I don't know if you were planning to do a traffic study, but we think you ought to, and put that on the record. And so, I think that that would be definitely within our jurisdiction.

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Vince Micone: They typically do for these matters, they do consider traffic studies, but sometimes I personally would wonder when those traffic studies were done. So, for example, any traffic study that was done during COVID, to my… to my belief, is completely flawed. And the district, we do know, was affected by the loss of 40,000 jobs, through, all of the

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Vince Micone: everything that happened last year, with the administration. Where those people are, what agencies they're from, how that impacted the district, have they left, are they still here?

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00:47:26.750 --> 00:47:39.660
Vince Micone: I don't know if that information really has been gathered yet. Maybe there's been some survey work on that, but I don't think we know, and certainly wouldn't have that answer to your satisfaction at this time.

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00:47:39.660 --> 00:47:47.240
Vince Micone: I'll con… I'll go back to Commissioner Gonen, but I just wanted to share that, because I literally heard those things from the Office of Planning, so I wanted to put those on the record.

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00:47:51.900 --> 00:47:55.619
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): I'm good. Do we have… are there other Commissioner comments or questions?

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00:47:56.850 --> 00:47:58.870
Maria Barry: Well, I was just… sorry.

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00:47:59.320 --> 00:48:00.360
Hal Gordon 4E04: Go ahead, Murray.

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00:48:00.520 --> 00:48:09.479
Maria Barry: Well, I was just gonna say, this… the ANC meeting that I'm signed up for, which is on July 30th, I believe, which is about this.

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Maria Barry: it specifically said it was to prepare ANC commissions on how

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Maria Barry: and what kind of feedback we could be giving. So I just didn't… I just was just wondering…

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Maria Barry: This seems like it's just, like, a few days before when we're gonna learn about

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Maria Barry: the best use. Like, when we have the most information about what kinds of stuff we should be putting forward, because as I understand the process, I mean, it started…

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Maria Barry: A while ago, and there were…

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Maria Barry: a lot of community input sessions and all sorts of things throughout 2025, and even possibly starting before then. So, I was just curious…

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Maria Barry: If that… if we stop.

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Vince Micone: I think what you should be hearing at the meeting that they'll be having is that OP is going to let us know that they'll be coming back with the next iteration of the plan, and the deadline this year, like the specific date and format of the information for

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00:49:14.260 --> 00:49:30.009
Vince Micone: the great weight on the final one before they make the revisions and send it to the City Council. So they should be briefing us on that part of the process, but certainly we can provide feedback requesting additional information be done before then.

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00:49:30.820 --> 00:49:31.210
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): Yeah, I think.

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Maria Barry: But I didn't.

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00:49:31.780 --> 00:49:47.330
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): And, Maria, I think part of the concern was that they're working on the new flum now. We don't meet again in August, so if we wait until a couple of months from now, if we want them to do some things to inform that process, it would be too late. So we're doing this now.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): But we are, of course, going to engage in the chan… through the channels that… that the Commissioner, the chairman's been talking about.

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00:49:55.800 --> 00:50:09.950
Vince Micone: Commissioner Gordon, and thank you, Commissioner Berry, and for

flagging that. This is… it's a long process. Anyone who's been through a comprehensive plan process before knows it's like this, and it's frankly not fun, and it takes a long time. Commissioner Gordon?

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00:50:10.450 --> 00:50:22.090
Hal Gordon 4E04: Yeah, I'll try and keep my… Thoughts brief here. I… I… I work in government.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: One of the things that I try and…

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Hal Gordon 4E04: you know, make sure happens is I'm not assigning

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Hal Gordon 4E04: You know, people who work with me.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: busy work. You know, I… I really think…

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Hal Gordon 4E04: I think that this looks innocuous.

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00:50:42.520 --> 00:50:46.869
Hal Gordon 4E04: But I've got a number of really concerns with this.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: You know, it goes all the way back to, I think, you know, why I work in government.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: you know, why I'm on the ANC,

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Hal Gordon 4E04: you know, part of, like, why I consider myself to be a liberal, in that I think, like.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: Government is here to solve people's problems.

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00:51:06.530 --> 00:51:20.580
Hal Gordon 4E04: it is extremely clear to me that the big thing locally, nationally… I mean, you just talked… you just listened to what all the mayor… the people who are running for mayor said, you know, all the three people who had a chance.

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00:51:20.790 --> 00:51:32.439
Hal Gordon 4E04: Locally, nationally, internationally, like, people really care about affordability right now. And for me, for my family, and especially for people my age and younger, it's housing affordability.

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00:51:32.930 --> 00:51:38.030
Hal Gordon 4E04: It's really clear that the… that the… that the reason why

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Hal Gordon 4E04: housing prices have… you know, Petworth's a great place, I love Petworth. I love living here, it's great.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: The price of housing has more than doubled here in the last 10 years, because we're not building any new housing.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: Demand keeps increasing because the neighborhood and the city is a great place to live. Supply isn't moving.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: We need to find places to build new housing.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: Government needs to be, you know, something that is receptive to solving people's issues.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: It's not… it shouldn't be a machine that just puts out endless, amazing,

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Hal Gordon 4E04: studies. You know, they've been working on the flum for longer than my son is alive.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: He's about to turn 2. They've been working on this thing for 2 years, and they're almost… they got more than a year, a year and a half more on their calendar, and they always keep pushing it back. They're gonna be working on it for another 2 years.

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00:52:42.190 --> 00:52:49.309
Hal Gordon 4E04: I… I just don't think that assigning Office of Planning more homework

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Hal Gordon 4E04: Is… is the right thing to do.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: I also don't really

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Hal Gordon 4E04: agree with a lot of the where's statements. One of the reasons why I love this neighborhood, is because it has such awesome transit.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: The, the where statements…

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00:53:09.670 --> 00:53:21.510
Hal Gordon 4E04: are predicated on this notion, I think, that, like, there's only… the only place to build new housing is on top of metro stations. We should be building on top of metro stations, and, like, to be clear, we have been.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: But… you know, all these… all these studies that I've read.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: You know, say that we need tens of thousands of more housing units in order to just keep the price of housing

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Hal Gordon 4E04: Level?

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Hal Gordon 4E04: You know, I fear for people younger than me, 5 years, 10 years younger than me, they're not going to be able to afford to raise a family here if we're not building tens of thousands of units, and that can't just happen on top of a metro station.

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00:53:50.830 --> 00:54:03.650
Hal Gordon 4E04: We are blessed with two of the best bus lines on Georgia Avenue and on 16th Street, and a really good one on 14th Street. And frankly, those bus stations can get you to the metro.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: I take the bus really quite often.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: And I take… I walk to the 16th Street bus, because it takes me downtown, where my office is. It's a great bus.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: These where statements, you know, imply that, no, we don't… we should only be building housing on top of metro stations, and that's just not going…

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00:54:23.790 --> 00:54:27.420
Hal Gordon 4E04: To solve the issues that face

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Hal Gordon 4E04: you know, the people of DC.

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00:54:31.740 --> 00:54:37.529
Hal Gordon 4E04: And so, you know, I think the where statements are just… They just don't cut it.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: And I… I think this, you know, this need to… to constantly come up with more and more…

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Hal Gordon 4E04: Studies is just going to continue to push, you know, just take up time of the city, waste more money, waste more people's time.

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00:54:55.350 --> 00:55:08.639
Hal Gordon 4E04: in the city, they were very clear in the reasons why they considered places like Crestwood and, you know, places like my own SMD, which is, they said, we want to

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Hal Gordon 4E04: go from the lowest level to the second lowest level in places that have the best buses. And these are the best buses.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: in the city. You know, they run really fast, there's lots of capacity, I'm not really… like, I don't even understand what the transit…

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00:55:26.460 --> 00:55:35.440
Hal Gordon 4E04: Like, what more we need to know than that. So, you know, I also agree with Maria, like, we're gonna learn about how to communicate

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00:55:35.970 --> 00:55:42.590
Hal Gordon 4E04: with the ANC, or with Office of Planning this week, I…

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Hal Gordon 4E04: you know, in talking to some of the people at the last meeting, after our meeting, who, I think, you know, provided this

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Hal Gordon 4E04: A lot of the verbiage that was eventually used for this resolution

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Hal Gordon 4E04: You know, they said, oh, you know, we can't do this until we have Until we build,

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Hal Gordon 4E04: a bus rapid transit. Now, that's not in this resolution, fortunately, but it just sounded like to me that people are just making demands and demands.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: In order to just not have the potential up zone.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: I just really believe a government should be flexible in order to solve

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Hal Gordon 4E04: the problems of its people. The flum is just raising the flexibility of the government.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: It's… it just…

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Hal Gordon 4E04: it feels… it's disheartening to hear that we want to keep assigning this homework. I… I think…

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Hal Gordon 4E04: if… if the ANC eventually decides in its wisdom that places like Crestwood don't want this upzoning.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: you know, I think, fine, let's find more… you know, like, let's find and share with Office of Planning more places

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Hal Gordon 4E04: In our ANC that can be even more Uptown to make up for that.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: You know, let's put our heads together and figure that out.

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00:57:05.620 --> 00:57:12.070
Hal Gordon 4E04: But I… I… I just can't… I can't support… Adding more bureaucratic

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Hal Gordon 4E04: record and record keeping to something I think is an emergency here for… for so many people.

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00:57:21.570 --> 00:57:41.959
Vince Micone: Thank you, Commissioner Gordon. Are there other Commissioner comments? Now, we're gonna have limited time for public comments on this, so that we can go to our other items of business. But the floor is open for neighborhood comments. Again, 2-minute limit, and by 7.30 or so, we're either going to move to a vote or not a

vote on this.

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00:57:44.230 --> 00:57:45.230
Vince Micone: Anybody?

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00:57:45.510 --> 00:57:51.239
stella dawson: Yeah, if I… I'm sorry, I'm not able to raise my hand, but if I could speak…

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Vince Micone: We'll go to Ms. Donson and Mr. Uqta and Mr. Gonzalez.

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stella dawson: Thanks very much. Yeah, I'm a member of the Concerned Citizens of Crestwood, who were the group who did bring a letter of opposition we sent to you, that I think Commissioner Gordon was referring to.

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00:58:10.650 --> 00:58:11.290
Binta Robinson: Meeting.

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stella dawson: I'd like to answer one of your questions with regard to why have them do more traffic studies. We're very fortunate in that we have a member of our group who is a professional urban planner, and she ran some figures based on the traffic numbers that we currently have.

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00:58:28.120 --> 00:58:38.870
stella dawson: And very, very quickly, you lead to gridlock on 16th Street. So even if we have a very good bus route now, the kind of density that we're looking to put into

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00:58:38.870 --> 00:58:59.140
stella dawson: the Ward 4 area more broadly, and more specifically in Crestwood and the neighboring areas, is going to lead to gridlock. I don't think that that's good planning to put housing in place when you're not thoroughly thinking through what the wider implications are going to be. Where you locate it, vis-a-vis

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stella dawson: what transit's available to it. So that is one of the issues that we really want to have

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stella dawson: to dig into much more deeply, so we can understand. We all know what happened when Piney Branch alone was closed. We had a major spillover onto other neighbourhood streets. Secondly, perhaps I can just share with you, yes, you are correct,

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00:59:20.480 --> 00:59:41.430
stella dawson: There is a high degree of concern about adding density to a very low density neighborhood of Crestwood, which we as residents do highly value. We have been going door-to-door to talk to residents in the Crestwood neighborhood to find out exactly what the viewpoint is. We haven't, due to the weather, been able to get through to everybody yet.

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stella dawson: We've been to about 15-20% of the neighbourhoods.

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stella dawson: 92% of the people we've spoken to want… do not want to have apartment buildings in Crestwood. We do support

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stella dawson: having, more affordable housing. We already have, ADUs.

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stella dawson: We would like to see basement units more readily available. We would like to be flexible and work with people on this, but 92% of residents so far have said they do not support it. Only 3 people so far have said that they support DC 2050, it is currently written.

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01:00:19.530 --> 01:00:38.650
stella dawson: And, only 3 say that they would like 16th Street apartments only. So, I'd just like to share that information with you, that there is a high degree of opposition within Crestwood, and we do want to see this done in a way that does not negatively impact the broader area.

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01:00:39.500 --> 01:00:42.059
Vince Micone: Thank you, Ms. Johnson. Mr. Uqta?

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01:00:46.620 --> 01:00:55.139
Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: Real quick, commissioner Gonen, did you receive the, message that I sent you about,

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01:00:56.160 --> 01:00:59.260
Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: Bullet number 3 on page 2.

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): I, am taking the minutes for the meeting, as well as trying to

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01:01:04.510 --> 01:01:08.100
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): So I can't see the chat as… I can't focus on it as much as I would like.

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01:01:08.100 --> 01:01:23.569
Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: Okay, all right, don't, don't worry about it. I will send it to you privately. I just, as one of the authors of the change in zoning along 14th Street between Buchanan and Decatur.

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Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: All the commercial properties on the west side of the street are now zoned MU5A.

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01:01:33.380 --> 01:01:41.330
Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: Okay, so… You mentioned the bus bond, you mentioned one other, change in,

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01:01:41.490 --> 01:01:49.639
Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: the zoning, in that third bullet, I wanted to make sure that the… that, it also included

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01:01:49.690 --> 01:02:01.509
Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: the change that was made along 14th Street between Buchanan and Decatur. And if memory serves me correctly, that is an inclusionary zone.

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01:02:04.880 --> 01:02:05.570
Vince Micone: Thank you, sir.

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01:02:05.840 --> 01:02:06.950
Taalib-Din Uqdah obo/NBN / 1-4 UBA: Okay, thank you.

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01:02:08.860 --> 01:02:09.669
Vince Micone: free to tell us.

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Joseph Gonzalez: Alright, thanks for recognizing me. I'll be brief in my comments.

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Joseph Gonzalez: Can you hear me?

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Vince Micone: Yes, we can.

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01:02:20.610 --> 01:02:24.520
Joseph Gonzalez: Okay, great. So, I…

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Joseph Gonzalez: Two things. The traffic. You know, I've heard the characterization that this is busy work.

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01:02:31.030 --> 01:02:48.889
Joseph Gonzalez: It's not. I think anybody that lives around who knows 16th Street is already overstressed. We've already had someone with a neighborhood planning background essentially come to that conclusion, and at any given time, you can be going down 16th Street and it's backed up past Upshur.

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01:02:48.890 --> 01:03:05.639
Joseph Gonzalez: the adding of more density along 16th Street is gonna be a problem. It's gonna be a problem, and I think it's critical that at a bare minimum, we understand how much of a problem it's gonna be, and if it is going… and if it is going to be a big problem, what are we gonna do in response to that?

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01:03:05.640 --> 01:03:21.800
Joseph Gonzalez: And I realize there's, you know, broader global concerns, about, you know, this generation or younger people, but at a bare minimum, we need to make sure 16th Street runs. It's, you know, it's a main thoroughfare into the city, and I don't see anything like that now. That's number one.

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Joseph Gonzalez: The second thing, and why I support this resolution, I hope that it does get passed, is, you know, part of my understanding of what these ANC meetings

are is, you know, try to recognize what individual neighborhoods want.

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01:03:35.950 --> 01:03:42.240
Joseph Gonzalez: And try to come to some consensus, so that their voice can be recognized. I'm just…

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01:03:42.240 --> 01:04:05.240
Joseph Gonzalez: you know, if 90% of Crestwood has problems with this, or at least some hesitancy at this juncture with it, I think that matters. And I think that that's a big deal when you have a neighborhood like Crestwood, that's saying, we don't want this. And just to kind of cast that aside and say, well, look, society says otherwise.

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01:04:05.240 --> 01:04:08.650
Joseph Gonzalez: That's… that's concerning, because I don't really see that…

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01:04:08.650 --> 01:04:27.960
Joseph Gonzalez: as the, you know, I don't really see that as validating the viewpoint of the residents this is actually going to affect. And these ANCs, they operate at a local level, and so what Crestwood thinks about what's going to happen in Crestwood matters. It matters a lot, and I think that we need to keep that in mind as we move forward with this process.

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01:04:29.090 --> 01:04:33.029
Vince Micone: Thank you, Mr. Gonzalez, and we'll go to our final comment from Ms. Robinson.

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Binta Robinson: Hello, yes, can you hear me?

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01:04:37.170 --> 01:04:38.020
Vince Micone: We can.

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01:04:38.700 --> 01:04:43.210
Binta Robinson: Yes, I don't really support the resolution, because it…

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01:04:43.340 --> 01:05:02.340
Binta Robinson: Seems to lay the premise, to support this Flum Amendment down the line, mentioning affordability, and it's not clear to me that these proposals are going to lead to more affordability. It's enabling the developers to get wealthier and richer, and that's not gonna… most of the units are not gonna lead to more

affordable units.

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01:05:02.430 --> 01:05:05.980
Binta Robinson: And, I differ with, you know, it's gonna…

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Binta Robinson: Of course, we need the studies in terms of displacement, the effects on the watershed. Ward 3 had many, studies through an SAP for Chevy Chase, so why is Hal Gordon

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Binta Robinson: acting like we should be treated differently. I mean, what about the effects on African American and Hispanic and…

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Binta Robinson: other, homeowners. The displacement model for the city doesn't even consider the effects of displacement

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Binta Robinson: on homeowners. What about the effects on the watershed?

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01:05:41.580 --> 01:05:49.530
Binta Robinson: Hal just wants to skip all of that because he's talking about what he needs. Well, what about the children of,

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Binta Robinson: African American homeowners, they're going to lose out on wealth if they're displaced. We're not going to have studies on that. There have been economists who've done studies showing that this model does not lead to affordability.

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01:06:02.670 --> 01:06:09.740
Binta Robinson: Just deregulating the land uses does not lead to more affordability.

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Binta Robinson: But we're just accepting Hal… we're supposed to accept his premise that it does.

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Binta Robinson: I'm wondering if the city is just using this as an excuse as in the

guise, to help…

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Binta Robinson: the sportsplex when it's built, and then we… I'm wondering what… how is that going to affect the federal environmental EIS? Are neighborhoods going to be commercialized, it's not going to be residential anymore.

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01:06:35.250 --> 01:06:41.920
Vince Micone: Thank you, Ms. Robinson. We'll now go to Commissioner, discussion on the resolution itself. Commissioner McAdams.

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Camsie McAdams: Let me put my hand back down.

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Camsie McAdams: I… I specifically think, and I'm… I know I asked the question about whether the Office of Planning was just going to do this study anyways, but…

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Camsie McAdams: While folks have been talking, I've been poking around in the metro bus ridership. I know that, Commissioner Gordon, you talked about the bus lines being

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01:07:04.630 --> 01:07:08.759
Camsie McAdams: You know, efficient and fast, and that you take them regularly.

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01:07:08.870 --> 01:07:12.479
Camsie McAdams: There's just a couple of things I just want to mention that…

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01:07:12.850 --> 01:07:20.940
Camsie McAdams: for… according to Metro WMATA, they have all this data online. I am not… I've… this is… I did not…

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01:07:21.480 --> 01:07:31.530
Camsie McAdams: I'm not a data analyst, but on the D50, which is the 9th most popular bus route in the city.

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01:07:31.780 --> 01:07:50.390
Camsie McAdams: over half the rides on a monthly basis are unpaid. I don't know what that has… I don't know whether that's important or not, but, like, over half the

people are riding and not paying. The D50 and the D5X are

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Camsie McAdams: far more popular than the 60 and the 6X, so, like, 14th Street is getting more…

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Camsie McAdams: at least bus ridership than 16th Street. This is all, like, freely available data. I used to take both of those buses myself. I used to commute to Silver Spring before the pandemic.

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01:08:11.280 --> 01:08:19.250
Camsie McAdams: I… I think asking for more information and more study is warranted. I think that…

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01:08:19.420 --> 01:08:38.529
Camsie McAdams: ridership on our bus routes is… has changed since the onset of more virtual options for work. I don't know, what the effect of the change in the federal workforce has had in the,

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01:08:38.800 --> 01:08:52.899
Camsie McAdams: overall landscape of, like, who's living where and how they're getting to where they're going. I think that asking for more information about transit and traffic is fair.

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01:08:53.010 --> 01:09:00.629
Camsie McAdams: I would say… Ms. Robinson is probably accurate, that there's an implied

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01:09:01.340 --> 01:09:18.180
Camsie McAdams: not support of the overall plan itself, but a recognition that housing is a critical issue. That's kind of what you were saying, Commissioner Gordon, that, like, it's… we need… we… the city needs more housing. So, the way that I read it is…

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01:09:18.250 --> 01:09:25.920
Camsie McAdams: It's a little bit of both. So, the way that I read the… The, the resolution is that

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01:09:26.479 --> 01:09:33.450
Camsie McAdams: There's a recognition that we need to have more tran- more housing.

There's a recognition that transit is important to that calculus.

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01:09:33.990 --> 01:09:42.550
Camsie McAdams: There's also a recognition that engaging the community has been sort of… Insufficient to this point.

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01:09:42.689 --> 01:09:54.139
Camsie McAdams: And that we are asking for more. I am also attending the meeting that Commissioner Barry is attending tomorrow, so maybe my answer would be different?

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01:09:54.410 --> 01:10:01.419
Camsie McAdams: Based on what they tell us at this ANC preview of, like, how to engage.

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01:10:01.530 --> 01:10:11.779
Camsie McAdams: But, at this point, I would say asking for more information about transit, traffic, etc, to me, feels like the right thing to ask for.

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01:10:12.870 --> 01:10:16.499
Vince Micone: Thank you, Commissioner McAdams. Other Commissioner comments?

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01:10:16.740 --> 01:10:17.060
Maria Barry: Yeah.

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01:10:17.060 --> 01:10:18.069
Vince Micone: Barry? Go ahead.

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01:10:18.070 --> 01:10:23.440
Maria Barry: Sorry, yeah, I want to chime in again. So, I mean, I worked on…

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01:10:23.590 --> 01:10:36.290
Maria Barry: another comprehensive plan leading up, to this, and I've also, just in my professional life, led a campus plan, for American University, which is a 10-year plan that has to get

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01:10:36.470 --> 01:10:41.480
Maria Barry: done. And I just, at this stage, and according to the website, and I get the emails.

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01:10:41.640 --> 01:10:52.010
Maria Barry: There's even August 13th, there's a community word for meeting at Tacoma Park Library that's on their website. They're…

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01:10:52.650 --> 01:10:59.970
Maria Barry: there's so much information about this, and I would just say, from my previous professional work, things like

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Maria Barry: transit studies, traffic, all that stuff is absolutely in good hands. It has to happen by matter of law.

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01:11:09.770 --> 01:11:13.670
Maria Barry: one DC agency is not gonna, you know.

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01:11:14.540 --> 01:11:24.990
Maria Barry: go sideways compared to a different agency, so there are roles, but it just seems like, at this point, we are so early in the process. Like, if you…

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01:11:25.010 --> 01:11:40.939
Maria Barry: the path to the public draft, right now, through August, they're assessing feedback, revising, and reviewing to understand impacts, different scenarios, and then they're going to be tabling. Then in mid-September, they're going to publish the draft

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01:11:41.070 --> 01:11:49.370
Maria Barry: and open their public comment tool. So, it's just like you said, like, it's a very long process, And…

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01:11:49.470 --> 01:11:56.570
Maria Barry: I'm somewhere between, you know, what Commissioner Gordon was saying and what others have said. It's kind of like…

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01:11:56.880 --> 01:11:57.800
Maria Barry: I…

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01:11:58.580 --> 01:12:08.499
Maria Barry: there are some things that also they've already put forward and told us, like, there is an equity lens, there is… I mean, they are very deep in…

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01:12:08.820 --> 01:12:14.180
Maria Barry: in doing this, in… about equity and access.

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01:12:14.620 --> 01:12:22.759
Maria Barry: And the other thing is, it… as I understand this, it doesn't just work like a neighborhood by neighborhood. I mean, this is about…

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01:12:23.170 --> 01:12:37.779
Maria Barry: they do it by words, but, you know, like anything as a commission, like, nobody in my part of 16th Street Heights has been reaching out to me, saying, oh my god, oh my god, you know, we can't do this. So it's just, it seems awkward.

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01:12:38.030 --> 01:12:40.679
Maria Barry: To have a full commission vote on

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01:12:41.280 --> 01:12:46.380
Maria Barry: Something that… it just seems like there's a, like, a survey being done just in a very specific

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01:12:46.540 --> 01:12:49.810
Maria Barry: you know, part of Crestwood. I don't know, like…

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01:12:50.610 --> 01:13:07.680
Maria Barry: I don't know, I'm just confused. I just wanted to state that, because there's a lot of great information, and there's even access to the actual Office of Planning and specific people that you can talk to. So, like, I don't know if the Crestwood Concern Group, if you've…

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01:13:07.680 --> 01:13:11.110
Maria Barry: reached out directly to the Office of Planning, because, I mean.

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01:13:12.240 --> 01:13:15.109
Maria Barry: There are definitely avenues to do so.

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01:13:16.160 --> 01:13:18.649
Vince Micone: Commissioner Gonen, I see you came off mute.

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01:13:18.840 --> 01:13:30.890
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): Actually, I think I've been off, but no, I

appreciate it, Maria, and like I said before, this is not an either-or. By doing a resolution tonight, we're not foreclosing all the future opportunities for the ANC's input that are

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01:13:31.110 --> 01:13:47.990
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): coming our way. If I'm not mistaken, I think it was conveyed to our chairman that they're fine with resolutions coming in now, and as I also mentioned earlier, part of the point is that as they continue to finalize drafts of things, we want them to bear these things in mind now and not wait until it's too late.

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01:13:48.150 --> 01:14:03.760
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): Also, I mean, we pass resolutions all the time that only affect certain parts of the commission. You know, I've voted for every resolution about suspending street sweeping and things like that that have no impact on Crestwood, so I don't think that should necessarily be what drives how we approach things.

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01:14:04.230 --> 01:14:13.899
Maria Barry: Yeah, except in this particular case, this has to do with… I would just say, that it's not… it's more than just, like, a specific street, because it's, like.

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01:14:14.130 --> 01:14:29.339
Maria Barry: this is how a comprehensive plan… it's comprehensive, right? It has to do it throughout an area. It's not, like, you can skip over one place. And again, like, the notion that it's not going to be residential, like, those kinds of things

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01:14:30.360 --> 01:14:37.530
Maria Barry: concern me, because it's very much specific that it actually is residential. That's kind of what's behind this, is to…

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01:14:37.870 --> 01:14:42.279
Maria Barry: to have… more residential opportunities,

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01:14:42.730 --> 01:14:45.030
Maria Barry: And what that looks like, and stuff that…

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01:14:45.250 --> 01:14:54.609
Maria Barry: that becomes different, but it's back to the flexibility. So, I'm gonna look at this letter again, that you… the resolution, because

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01:14:56.060 --> 01:15:12.009
Maria Barry: for me, things about, like, transit and, you know, saying we need traffic studies and these kinds of things, I'm… that doesn't really sway me, because I know deeply that that is part of the process. We're just not there yet.

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01:15:12.430 --> 01:15:16.870
Maria Barry: So I don't want to, like, muddy it up with… So… That's your concern.

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Vince Micone: I just need to step in and say, in asking for things to be done, by the city.

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Vince Micone: When they're making recommendations on things that could have impacts.

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Vince Micone: If our role isn't to say, look at these things, and if you already have, share what you found, then I don't know what use we are. I'm not necessarily opposed to additional density in parts of our neighborhood, including parts of Crestwood.

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01:15:43.310 --> 01:15:53.890
Vince Micone: But that should be informed in a way that we can understand what they've done, if they've already done it, very specifically, because those flum changes are specific that will impact our community.

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Vince Micone: And I also agree with more inclusive zoning that will create opportunities for more housing development within existing homes.

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Vince Micone: And I know that that's been a hot matter as well, so asking for this information doesn't even say that we are going to be opposed to something in the future, it just says, here's what we've heard from our neighbors, we want you to take a look at it, and when you come back in September or October, we want to hear what your thinking is about this stuff.

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01:16:18.840 --> 01:16:29.010
Maria Barry: Right. I guess the reason why I brought that up, I hear you on all that, and I thank you for stating that. It's just that they're not… they don't have the answers to this yet, because they…

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01:16:29.260 --> 01:16:35.250
Maria Barry: they don't have it. Like, they're just, like, at a different point in the process, so they can't answer

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01:16:35.560 --> 01:16:42.419
Maria Barry: I mean, to my understanding, they can't answer it, and things like WMATA and stuff, that is not even under…

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01:16:42.780 --> 01:16:44.919
Maria Barry: You know, district agency, so…

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01:16:44.920 --> 01:17:06.099
Vince Micone: But the comprehensive plan will apply to all of that land, including those WMATA land. That's part of the comprehensive plan. The other thing they have done this time… so the last comprehensive plan was, like, 1,200 pages. This is going to be about 200 pages, and there's many things that the Office of Planning has done in terms of simplifying how the maps work and how they're used, I think, are

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01:17:06.100 --> 01:17:30.529
Vince Micone: very beneficial. And when I spoke with the folks from the Office of Planning, they were very encouraging to get the questions down, because they'd rather have the questions now, see if they can answer those when they come back, instead of having us come up at the end of the process before it goes to the Council. And the other thing, honestly, we're going to have a new mayor on January 3rd or 4th, whatever day the swearing-in is.

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Vince Micone: And I would think that that future mayor, who may very well be from our ward, will want to weigh in on some of these issues as well with the new administration. And so I think, you know, I kind of wish that this process also wasn't happening in the middle of that time frame, but, you know, that's above our pay grade. But I don't think it hurts to ask questions.

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01:17:52.580 --> 01:18:02.929
Hal Gordon 4E04: I… I guess, you know, maybe the where statements don't matter, but I… I feel that they… they do, and they… that they… they set the tone.

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01:18:03.050 --> 01:18:08.960
Hal Gordon 4E04: You know, that these WHERE statements Specifically mentioning…

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Hal Gordon 4E04: You know, that we… we want to focus density and development adjacent to metro transit stations.

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01:18:17.120 --> 01:18:23.319
Hal Gordon 4E04: You know, it's a glaring omission that we say that, but not on high-frequency bus lines.

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01:18:23.770 --> 01:18:24.969
Hal Gordon 4E04: You know, it…

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01:18:25.770 --> 01:18:31.879
Hal Gordon 4E04: I… you know, I don't have a lot of experience with this, maybe just tell me the where statements don't matter at all.

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01:18:31.990 --> 01:18:36.569
Hal Gordon 4E04: But when I read that, I just feel like we're saying…

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01:18:36.780 --> 01:18:48.119
Hal Gordon 4E04: yeah, housing, but not here. Like, you know, I would love to add a where statement that, you know, says we really support new housing along high-frequency bus lines.

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01:18:48.520 --> 01:19:00.939
Vince Micone: Well, I think, you know, one, if there's an objection to a particular whereas, you can also make a motion that it be removed, and that the rest of this moves forward. I mean, that's all fair in the process.

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01:19:12.780 --> 01:19:23.630
Vince Micone: And I do hear what you're saying, that, you know, bus lines are, you know, a consideration, as are metro stations. I mean, that's a fact, they're looking at that, I'm sure.

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01:19:24.960 --> 01:19:35.979
Vince Micone: So I think if there's something that you could propose to Commissioner Gonen as a friendly amendment that could come out, if it could support, the rest of this, she may be very willing to consider that.

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01:19:37.860 --> 01:19:44.700
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): I'm certainly open to friendly amendments. I think, you know, at a high level, what we're really trying to do here is say.

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01:19:44.910 --> 01:20:01.629
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): we're paying attention, we have some areas of concern that we want you to look at. I think this resolution is actually pretty modest. It doesn't oppose anything. It says, these are things that we want to be considered because of the potential significant impact, and yes, it's going to hit different SMDs in this commission differently.

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01:20:02.940 --> 01:20:03.530
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): I mean, they're…

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Hal Gordon 4E04: I mean…

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Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): There's probably a reason why I'm hearing from a lot of people, and Maria isn't.

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01:20:10.780 --> 01:20:17.910
Hal Gordon 4E04: Yeah, and… I… I definitely understand that, and… and I respect that.

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01:20:18.380 --> 01:20:24.910
Hal Gordon 4E04: you know, I think… it's… you know, Request conduct.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: Alright.

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01:20:29.150 --> 01:20:34.229
Hal Gordon 4E04: Why don't… Why don't we…

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01:20:34.630 --> 01:20:42.549
Hal Gordon 4E04: I think probably there's gonna be less… less excitement of adding a WHERES statement that also values

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01:20:42.870 --> 01:20:49.080
Hal Gordon 4E04: Density along high, high-density bus lanes.

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01:20:49.080 --> 01:20:49.690

Camsie McAdams: Modify.

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01:20:49.690 --> 01:20:51.999
Hal Gordon 4E04: Don't want to add that, or you just…

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01:20:52.000 --> 01:20:56.859
Camsie McAdams: Commissioner Gordon, can you just modify that first whereas on the top of page 2?

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01:20:58.600 --> 01:21:06.549
Maria Barry: it's repeated throughout. There's a lot here about transit in multiple ones. I would feel more comfortable if we were able

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01:21:08.710 --> 01:21:09.670
Maria Barry: I mean…

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01:21:11.760 --> 01:21:18.920
Maria Barry: I mean, adjacent to a metro, we don't have a metro here, so it just… like, that seems awkward to me, right? Like…

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01:21:19.240 --> 01:21:23.910
Maria Barry: Like, that's… by using that language, it just feels like… the ANC.

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01:21:23.910 --> 01:21:25.380
Hal Gordon 4E04: It feels not here.

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01:21:26.400 --> 01:21:27.129
Maria Barry: you know.

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01:21:27.130 --> 01:21:30.549
Camsie McAdams: Do you recommend just striking that whereas?

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01:21:31.870 --> 01:21:35.510
Maria Barry: I would feel more comfortable not tying it to it.

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01:21:35.770 --> 01:21:44.430
Maria Barry: you know, that we are in favor of transit-oriented… I mean, we're in favor… I mean, I value transit-oriented development. It doesn't mean adjacent to a metro.

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01:21:44.820 --> 01:21:48.290
Vince Micone: We could strike that,

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01:21:49.030 --> 01:21:59.520
Vince Micone: and just say that we value transit-oriented design, because that would cover bus routes if Commissioner Gonen would be comfortable with that.

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01:21:59.770 --> 01:22:05.080
Maria Barry: Yeah, so it's in 2 bullets that I see… oh, actually, 3.

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01:22:05.930 --> 01:22:06.849
Maria Barry: So the first…

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01:22:06.850 --> 01:22:18.839
Camsie McAdams: bullet on the top of page 2 talks about the metro stations, so I think if you got rid of that part, and then the second one says, how TOD leverages public investments. I think that's fair.

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01:22:19.100 --> 01:22:23.140
Camsie McAdams: And then the other place where it talks about pa- transit.

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01:22:23.140 --> 01:22:25.720
Maria Barry: He says Metro-owned properties…

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01:22:26.210 --> 01:22:32.510
Vince Micone: Because they… well, Metro, like, the Metro-owned properties, that could actually play to our advantage, because they own the bus barn.

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01:22:32.510 --> 01:22:37.679
Maria Barry: Exactly, but they… we already went through that whole process, and they're not going to build housing.

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01:22:37.680 --> 01:22:38.050
Hal Gordon 4E04: Yeah.

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01:22:38.470 --> 01:22:39.460
Hal Gordon 4E04: They're like, yeah.

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01:22:39.710 --> 01:22:42.379
Hal Gordon 4E04: That's… that ship has long sailed.

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01:22:42.380 --> 01:22:46.299
Vince Micone: Well, but my whole point is we also don't know what else they own, though, around here.

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01:22:46.300 --> 01:22:52.070
Camsie McAdams: They also own the, Bus Turnaround on Colorado and 14th.

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01:22:53.240 --> 01:23:01.970
Camsie McAdams: So, I mean, I think metro-owned properties, like, it's innocuous enough for… I mean, we have the bus barn, but we also have the bus turnaround, right, by… Right.

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01:23:01.970 --> 01:23:04.219
Maria Barry: Which is necessary to have.

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01:23:04.220 --> 01:23:05.479
Camsie McAdams: Which they have to have.

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01:23:05.480 --> 01:23:11.439
Maria Barry: the bus route. So, I… I just… there's… what I see also is on page 1, it says…

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01:23:12.390 --> 01:23:31.470
Maria Barry: There's also… it says… the second-to-last bullet, transportation. There's also high-quality transit access and infrastructure. Like, infrastructure to me is transit, so there just… there seems to just be a lot of focus on transit in multiple bullets.

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01:23:31.690 --> 01:23:38.940
Vince Micone: So, would we be amenable to… there's been discussion about concern with the Metro Station 1.

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01:23:39.030 --> 01:23:56.839
Vince Micone: we could conceivably remove that whereas and go to the whereas ANC4E values how successful transit-oriented design leverages public investments in transit, and partners with developers, mixed-use, transit-oriented communities. I mean, it sort of covers the whole thing on the next bullet.

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01:23:57.330 --> 01:24:05.459
Vince Micone: If we remove that one to the metro stations, would that address some of the concerns, that Commissioners Barry and Gordon has?

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01:24:06.150 --> 01:24:09.699
Hal Gordon 4E04: Yeah, I think… I think that would be helpful. Yeah. Yeah.

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01:24:09.700 --> 01:24:17.450
Maria Barry: It also says, though, ANC requests consider Metro's Joint Development Program for adjacent to Metro properties.

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01:24:18.460 --> 01:24:19.410
Hal Gordon 4E04: I, I think…

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01:24:19.640 --> 01:24:29.550
Hal Gordon 4E04: I'll say this, I think that the one that made me the least comfortable was that one on the top of page 2. So I think if we strike that, that makes me feel better. Also.

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01:24:30.020 --> 01:24:31.119
Hal Gordon 4E04: Can we… Suggest…

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01:24:31.120 --> 01:24:33.219
Vince Micone: Can we, Commissioner Gordon, before we go.

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01:24:33.220 --> 01:24:34.740
Hal Gordon 4E04: Sure, sure, sure, sure, yeah.

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01:24:34.740 --> 01:24:38.569
Vince Micone: Commissioner Gonen, do you consider that friendly… will you accept that friendly amendment?

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01:24:38.570 --> 01:24:44.940
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): I was just waiting for the dust to settle, so are we settling on just the TOD bullet on the top of page 2?

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01:24:44.940 --> 01:24:45.610
Vince Micone: Yes.

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01:24:45.610 --> 01:24:46.440
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): Right?

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01:24:46.440 --> 01:25:00.369
Vince Micone: and adding in parentheses, or defining transit-oriented design in the next bullet. We would just lift that language so it would… it would just say that, since we have the TOD there.

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01:25:01.750 --> 01:25:05.680
Vince Micone: That's the first thing. Are you comfortable with that friendly amendment removing the bullet?

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01:25:07.110 --> 01:25:08.029
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): I can… yeah.

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01:25:08.210 --> 01:25:14.139
Vince Micone: Okay, as a seconder, I am too, so I'm deleting it. It's gone from the copy, the working copy.

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01:25:14.760 --> 01:25:15.440
Camsie McAdams: I would also just.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: Let me…

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01:25:15.780 --> 01:25:34.030
Camsie McAdams: Like, in poking around on the DC2050 site, they do mention transportation as a considerable, like, as a cons… as a consideration, Maria, on, like, four different places, so I think us talking about it is fair, because it's one of the things they're thinking about.

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01:25:34.190 --> 01:25:37.499
Maria Barry: I was just specifically talking about a metro station when we.

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01:25:37.500 --> 01:25:54.099
Camsie McAdams: Yeah, I think the one… the metro station being gone is fine. I think the following thing, then, I would just say… make a tiny little amendment, that if we're getting rid of that bullet, that whereas, Commissioner Miconey, then we just need to put, before we use the acronym TOJ.

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01:25:54.100 --> 01:25:56.150
Vince Micone: That's, that's what…

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01:25:56.150 --> 01:25:58.179
Camsie McAdams: Put in transit-oriented design, just so that.

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01:25:58.180 --> 01:26:00.429
Vince Micone: I, I did that implicit with remove.

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01:26:00.430 --> 01:26:00.780
Camsie McAdams: Right.

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01:26:00.780 --> 01:26:02.859
Vince Micone: That would be defined. Yeah, it…

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01:26:02.860 --> 01:26:07.550
Hal Gordon 4E04: Camsie, I 100% agree. In fact, they, they,

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01:26:07.780 --> 01:26:16.640
Hal Gordon 4E04: They… I think they… they said that the reason why they included some of these upzonings was because, you know, it's along a bus corridor.

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01:26:16.640 --> 01:26:17.700
Camsie McAdams: Corridor, yeah.

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01:26:17.700 --> 01:26:22.699
Hal Gordon 4E04: Right, yeah, yeah. But it's just a bus. I think I just felt…

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01:26:22.910 --> 01:26:25.719
Hal Gordon 4E04: Uncomfortable with mentioning Metro and not bus.

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01:26:25.910 --> 01:26:31.339
Hal Gordon 4E04: I'll say one more thing, that, you know,

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01:26:31.520 --> 01:26:43.429
Hal Gordon 4E04: you could maybe not like, or in the… be it further resolve that. I don't have exactly what it should say, but, you know, it says, request that OP

conduct

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01:26:44.290 --> 01:26:54.500
Hal Gordon 4E04: a corridor scale? Like, could we… could we say, like, conduct or share an existing corridor scale cumulative traffic? Like, I… like, if it already exists.

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01:26:55.130 --> 01:27:00.109
Hal Gordon 4E04: you know, I mean, I guess… I guess if it already exists, they're not gonna do it again, right? They're just gonna

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01:27:00.460 --> 01:27:01.550
Hal Gordon 4E04: So, okay.

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01:27:01.550 --> 01:27:05.379
Camsie McAdams: But also, we're not their boss, so, like, we're just… we're encouraging.

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01:27:06.070 --> 01:27:16.560
Vince Micone: If they've already done it, Commissioner Gordon, they'll just say, we did that on this date, this is what we found, here you go, done. And that's… and they'll say, we met the great weight, standard by that.

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01:27:17.250 --> 01:27:18.000
Hal Gordon 4E04: Super.

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01:27:18.820 --> 01:27:30.490
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): Although, we do want to make sure that if there's been a study and it was, like, 15 years ago, that that's not what they're going to rely on. I mean, I would like there to be something saying that it's at least within a timeframe that is relevant to today.

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01:27:34.760 --> 01:27:37.330
Vince Micone: How about… this language.

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01:27:37.690 --> 01:27:48.190
Vince Micone: And folks, this is Democracy at Work. ANC4A requests that OP conduct or share a recent corridor-scale cumulative traffic impact study and parking study, blah blah blah blah blah blah blah.

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01:27:48.750 --> 01:27:49.350
Hal Gordon 4E04: Great.

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01:27:50.760 --> 01:27:51.350
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): Huh?

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01:27:52.170 --> 01:27:54.000
Vince Micone: Commissioner Gonen, are you okay with that?

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01:27:54.810 --> 01:28:05.830
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): I am, and I feel like I have the… I don't know if it's a dubious honor of introducing the only resolution we've actually wordsmithed during a meeting. Usually we're just like, boom, 6-0, because

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01:28:06.060 --> 01:28:14.979
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): and in all seriousness, I mean, these are, of course, super important issues that impact our SMDs differently. People have a range of opinions on what's going to happen.

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01:28:14.980 --> 01:28:32.880
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): So, I think this is a good compromise, because I… I can just tell from the chat, we're not gonna… we're not gonna please everybody at all, and this probably won't be the perfect resolution in anybody's mind, but I think it will accomplish letting them know that this area really is paying attention to this, and has some things they want OP to really continue to look at.

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01:28:33.930 --> 01:28:50.129
Hal Gordon 4E04: And, and can I… can I just say, too, that, like, I really appreciate, the, the entertaining of the wordsmithing. And, thank, thanks, you know, I, I think about the Camsie said a few meetings ago.

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01:28:50.280 --> 01:29:03.220
Hal Gordon 4E04: thank God we're not on a commission that hates each other, and that we can still work together. So, thank you so much for suffering through my rant, and then wordsmithing.

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01:29:03.220 --> 01:29:06.849
Camsie McAdams: Maybe not my exact quote, but I'll take it, I'll take it.

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01:29:07.280 --> 01:29:08.070
Vince Micone: So…

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01:29:08.400 --> 01:29:21.540
Vince Micone: I'll just add, before we go to a vote, that professionally, I'm working on a lot of issues of civility at the local level and political discourse. And I think it's great for people to be able to come to consensus where we can.

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01:29:21.540 --> 01:29:35.250
Vince Micone: and to disagree agreeably. And I appreciate the Commission's work together. We've always worked very well together, and even if we don't agree on all the votes for everything.

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01:29:35.250 --> 01:29:42.179
Vince Micone: I think that's what, we need more of in our country today. So, with that, are there any further amendments.

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01:29:42.180 --> 01:29:48.860
Camsie McAdams: I just want to say one final thing that this is, like… I'm tri- I'm trying to, like, play…

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01:29:49.010 --> 01:29:54.500
Camsie McAdams: The… we all get along, you know, role here.

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01:29:55.240 --> 01:30:09.550
Camsie McAdams: If y'all look at the flum, and you look at that line that goes down 16th Street, and I know, Commissioner Gonen, you've heard, like, a lot from the folks on the Crestwood side, which explains why, like, Commissioner Gordon hasn't heard as much.

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01:30:09.550 --> 01:30:19.619
Camsie McAdams: The other side of the 16th Street corridor, a lot of it is in my SMD, and I have not heard a lot of, opposition.

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01:30:19.850 --> 01:30:21.350
Camsie McAdams: Maybe…

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01:30:21.480 --> 01:30:39.299
Camsie McAdams: maybe folks are just not as engaged, maybe they're not as organized. I would say that the folks in Crestwood got this, like, organization going door-to-door and stuff. There has been some concern about the churches, you know, like, what's the status for the churches? We've heard that from a couple of, constituents.

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01:30:39.420 --> 01:30:43.180
Camsie McAdams: But I would just say, I would really…

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01:30:43.260 --> 01:31:01.010
Camsie McAdams: appreciate, like, knowing more about that corridor, because 16th… 16th Street is a very different beast than 14th Street, and both of which are in, are, like, to Mr. Upta's, comments.

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01:31:01.060 --> 01:31:05.620
Camsie McAdams: the change in zoning along the 14th Street corridor was not without

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01:31:05.710 --> 01:31:12.540
Camsie McAdams: complications. So, I think that the change in zoning on the 16th Street Quarter deserves

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01:31:12.690 --> 01:31:30.370
Camsie McAdams: both are, you know, conditional support, like, yeah, we'd like to be able to see something, you know, see opportunities for the city to grow, but I do think that asking for these additional things, because it's on both sides, like, this is not just a Crestwood problem.

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01:31:30.370 --> 01:31:36.440
Camsie McAdams: This is the other side of 16th as well, and so I think that the… the idea that

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01:31:36.630 --> 01:31:43.719
Camsie McAdams: you know, how, you know, Commissioner Gordon supports this, and he's not hearing from his constituents that it's not a great idea.

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01:31:44.400 --> 01:31:59.819
Camsie McAdams: I support the resolution, and my little yellow-orange squares are still… are solidly drawn in on that side, and I'm just not hearing it from my… the folks on the… on this side of 16th Street that they're super stressed out about this.

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01:31:59.820 --> 01:32:09.779
Camsie McAdams: So, I am appreciative of the resolution, and I think it covers the intention behind this commission to say, hey, look.

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01:32:09.780 --> 01:32:13.600
Camsie McAdams: We understand there's a process. Give us a little bit more information.

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01:32:13.920 --> 01:32:14.700
Camsie McAdams: So…

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01:32:15.100 --> 01:32:31.130
Maria Barry: Yeah, I… I agree. I mean, I'm… I'm gonna vote in support of this resolution with the changes, and I appreciated the opportunity, you know, to share my feedback. I do want to say it, just because I say this at every opportunity I can, because there's a lot of

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01:32:31.230 --> 01:32:34.350
Maria Barry: I feel like sometimes misunderstanding about

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01:32:34.350 --> 01:32:52.659
Maria Barry: what our role is, and as everyone remembers in January, we take an oath to the Constitution, the U.S. Constitution, and to serve the District of Columbia, the best interest of the District of Columbia. So, even though we represent

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01:32:52.760 --> 01:32:55.989
Maria Barry: 2,000 residents in our little squares.

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01:32:56.200 --> 01:33:01.700
Maria Barry: The concept of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions is to be doing things that are in the best

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01:33:01.910 --> 01:33:04.600
Maria Barry: interest. And this is…

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01:33:04.820 --> 01:33:13.789
Maria Barry: something that is in the best interest in terms of, you know, tax base and affordability and all sorts of other stuff. So I just wanted to share that.

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01:33:14.410 --> 01:33:17.440
Maria Barry: Because… I appreciate that.

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01:33:18.550 --> 01:33:19.730
Maria Barry: That concept.

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01:33:20.600 --> 01:33:29.499
Vince Micone: Thank you, Commissioner Berry and everyone. I'm going to move us to a vote. All those in favor of the resolution as amended, indicate by saying aye.

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01:33:29.830 --> 01:33:30.530
Maria Barry: Aye.

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01:33:30.530 --> 01:33:30.860
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): Right?

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01:33:30.860 --> 01:33:31.590
Hal Gordon 4E04: Bye.

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01:33:32.490 --> 01:33:33.350
Vince Micone: Opposed?

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01:33:35.210 --> 01:33:36.590
Vince Micone: abstentions?

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01:33:38.230 --> 01:33:39.939
Vince Micone: Passes unanimously.

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01:33:40.170 --> 01:34:03.819
Vince Micone: I will, given the nature of the discussion, I will keep the vote recorded on the resolution, as well. Thank you all very much. Let's move to our next item of business. We've got two regulatory matters on our agenda today. Thank you, to those individuals representing who stayed through. Obviously, things lasted a little

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01:34:03.820 --> 01:34:09.549
Vince Micone: a little bit longer. The first is a Board of Zoning Adjustment Application, number 21476.

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01:34:09.550 --> 01:34:26.849
Vince Micone: Which would, ironically, result in an exception to construct 10 additional dwelling units and increase the number of units in the buildings from 14 to 16 in 5, detached apartment houses in our A1 zone.

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01:34:26.850 --> 01:34:51.769
Vince Micone: that are immediately adjacent to 4E01, my district, and NIKKI's district, 4E02, Commissioner JONES District. It's actually in 4A, so we can provide comment on it. Their application is going to be considered in September, so I wanted to provide an opportunity for the applicant to speak to us today. We, just so the public knows, when they're adjacent.

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01:34:51.770 --> 01:35:06.139
Vince Micone: We may not take action unless we oppose the application, but wanted to make sure that we had that opportunity. I see the applicant on the line. If you could, please introduce yourself, and are there materials that you would like to show?

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01:35:06.140 --> 01:35:06.790
Vince Micone: Sir?

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01:35:07.660 --> 01:35:08.650
Vince Micone: Mr. Bello?

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01:35:09.370 --> 01:35:10.960
Vince Micone: I think this is you, correct?

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01:35:18.340 --> 01:35:21.130
Vince Micone: Mr. Bello, I think you're on mute.

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01:35:28.240 --> 01:35:29.519
Vince Micone: Still on mute, sir.

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01:35:45.880 --> 01:35:52.340
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): Fortunately, I don't think I can unmute him. I can only ask him to unmute. I can mute people, but it doesn't look like I can unmute him.

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01:35:53.430 --> 01:35:54.110
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Sweet mode.

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01:35:55.050 --> 01:35:56.630
Camsie McAdams: He's getting a little bit of help.

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01:35:58.540 --> 01:35:59.889

Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Alright, thank you.

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01:36:00.100 --> 01:36:01.719
Vince Micone: Great, we got you.

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01:36:02.460 --> 01:36:05.059
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Good evening, Commissioners.

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01:36:05.440 --> 01:36:07.960
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: My name is Toya Bello.

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01:36:08.170 --> 01:36:11.230
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: And I'm, representing the applicants.

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01:36:11.710 --> 01:36:13.540
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: And the owner of this property.

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01:36:14.370 --> 01:36:19.969
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: I sent, a PowerPoint presentation earlier.

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01:36:20.280 --> 01:36:23.879
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Either you can view me the,

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01:36:24.350 --> 01:36:27.059
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Permission to share, or if you want to share it.

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01:36:27.350 --> 01:36:31.990
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: I think it summarizes the application pretty, pretty quickly.

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01:36:34.240 --> 01:36:36.560
Vince Micone: Commissioner Gonen, can you provide those…

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01:36:36.690 --> 01:36:41.559
Vince Micone: Mr. Bello, you now have the opportunity, and I hope I pronounced your name correctly.

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01:36:41.990 --> 01:36:43.059

Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: That's correct, sir.

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01:36:43.360 --> 01:36:48.489
Vince Micone: You should be able to now, show the, presentation.

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01:37:14.570 --> 01:37:20.200
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: It says the host isn't allowing showing for this meeting. I think I still need to be…

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01:37:21.660 --> 01:37:23.450
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Permitted to share.

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01:37:35.420 --> 01:37:36.470
Vince Micone: Try now, sir.

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01:37:40.450 --> 01:37:44.390
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): You're on here twice, so I gave you co-host permission

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01:37:45.140 --> 01:37:48.890
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): I gave co-host permission to both of your personas on the screen.

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01:37:49.050 --> 01:37:55.880
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Okay. One seems to be showing the video, one is not.

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01:37:56.220 --> 01:37:59.600
Vince Micone: So, Commissioner Gonen, why don't you try me and see if I can do it.

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01:38:01.530 --> 01:38:03.050
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: No, I can share now.

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01:38:03.050 --> 01:38:03.500
Vince Micone: Okay.

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01:38:03.500 --> 01:38:05.639
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: I think, too. Yeah.

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01:38:13.440 --> 01:38:14.470
Vince Micone: Great, okay.

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01:38:14.470 --> 01:38:15.920
Julie Gonen (4E06 / Crestwood): That was promising.

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01:38:15.920 --> 01:38:16.560
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Alright.

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01:38:16.560 --> 01:38:17.920
Vince Micone: There we go. Great tip.

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01:38:17.920 --> 01:38:18.240
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Okay.

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01:38:18.240 --> 01:38:18.990
Vince Micone: Thank you.

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01:38:20.110 --> 01:38:29.119
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Alright, so the… the address… this property, comprises five, buildings sitting on one lot.

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01:38:29.780 --> 01:38:33.479
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: And each, each building, is a standalone.

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01:38:33.870 --> 01:38:37.369
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: It's an existing, condition.

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01:38:38.370 --> 01:38:42.409
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Those addresses are reflected on this slide.

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01:38:46.740 --> 01:38:50.649
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: What do we need from the BZA?

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01:38:50.920 --> 01:38:58.380
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Anytime you're increasing the aggregate number of dwelling units within an existing apartment house,

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01:38:58.830 --> 01:39:01.580
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Special exceptional relief is required.

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01:39:01.910 --> 01:39:07.620
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Even if you're not constructing an addition outside the existing envelope of the building.

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01:39:08.410 --> 01:39:13.969
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: So the relief that we need is from Subtitle IIU, which is the use provisions.

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01:39:14.530 --> 01:39:19.249
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: And the section is, 42… 421.1.

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01:39:23.410 --> 01:39:27.860
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: So we're not building anything new. All five buildings are existing.

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01:39:28.420 --> 01:39:35.649
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: The increase in the aggregate number of, dwelling units will be accomplished, through

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01:39:35.790 --> 01:39:40.119
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Interior reconfiguration of the existing building.

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01:39:40.790 --> 01:39:54.709
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Each building would increase by 2 units, so each would be going from 14 units to 16 units. And aggregate total, the increase is from 70 units existing.

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01:39:55.100 --> 01:40:01.700
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: to… 80 units, so aggregate increase of 10 dwelling units.

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01:40:04.900 --> 01:40:11.829
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: The applicant is going to, be adding parking space where none exists at this point.

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01:40:12.350 --> 01:40:19.529
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Even though the requirement is just for 2 parking

spaces, we'll be providing 34 parking spaces.

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01:40:21.520 --> 01:40:24.559
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: These are photographs just to,

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01:40:24.790 --> 01:40:30.489
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: you know, identify this building. The name of the complex is called the Concord.

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01:40:36.490 --> 01:40:39.690
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Just another aerial, photograph.

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01:40:39.850 --> 01:40:44.949
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Properties, in square 2792.804.

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01:40:45.550 --> 01:40:50.319
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: The size of the lot is 40,600 square feet.

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01:40:51.060 --> 01:40:53.929
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: It is located in the RA1 zone.

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01:40:54.520 --> 01:40:58.410
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: It is a corner lot straddled by 3.

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01:40:58.570 --> 01:41:07.049
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: streets. 13th Street, Missouri Avenue, to the south, and Rock Creek, Ford Road.

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01:41:07.510 --> 01:41:09.390
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: To the north.

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01:41:10.920 --> 01:41:16.379
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: There are only two properties that adjoin the subject property, both to the west.

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01:41:16.950 --> 01:41:21.859
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: One is a detached house at 1329 Missouri Avenue.

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01:41:22.530 --> 01:41:28.120
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: And a 32,000 square foot, Federal Green Reservation area.

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01:41:31.160 --> 01:41:40.170
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: So, it's like, captures the changes, in summary, going from 70 to 80 units.

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01:41:40.620 --> 01:41:43.190
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: A zero parking to 34.

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01:41:43.790 --> 01:41:47.450
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Zero bicycle racks to seven.

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01:41:48.230 --> 01:41:51.919
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: And then there's a modest increase in the,

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01:41:52.240 --> 01:41:54.889
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: And then a purview of the surface.

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01:41:55.130 --> 01:41:56.820
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Requirement.

725
01:41:59.590 --> 01:42:06.500
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: So what remains unchanged? Building footprint at 32,000… 32%, which is a lot of occupancy.

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01:42:06.670 --> 01:42:09.959
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Height does not change 3 stories over a cellar.

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01:42:10.600 --> 01:42:14.620
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Floor area does not change, since the,

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01:42:15.060 --> 01:42:20.279
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: The reconfigured space is all part of the FAR as it is.

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01:42:20.870 --> 01:42:25.880
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: and gross floor area, It's not changed either.

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01:42:26.120 --> 01:42:30.239
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Every exterior wall, roofline, and entrance would not change.

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01:42:30.600 --> 01:42:35.189
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: The improvements here, 80 apartments, fully renovated.

732
01:42:35.830 --> 01:42:38.869
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Every window replacing this existing opening.

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01:42:38.990 --> 01:42:42.530
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: In-unit laundry and water heater in each home.

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01:42:42.910 --> 01:42:47.690
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: New accessible area waves, chairlifts, to the cellar level.

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01:42:48.170 --> 01:42:53.880
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Solar path lighting, benches, walking paths, and landscaping.

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01:42:55.560 --> 01:43:06.899
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: This slide basically shows the floor plan, including the new areaway, into the cellar space, which are located at the rear of the buildings.

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01:43:09.250 --> 01:43:11.690
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Building elevation, unchanged.

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01:43:15.610 --> 01:43:21.059
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: A site plan, which gives an idea of the location of the five buildings on the lot.

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01:43:23.120 --> 01:43:28.880
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Trash and recycling enclosure would be close to the Rock Creek, port edge.

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01:43:32.650 --> 01:43:35.490
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Existing mailboxes will remain where they are.

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01:43:36.610 --> 01:43:40.630
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Again, existing no off-street parking.

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01:43:40.960 --> 01:43:44.640
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: There'll be 34 new spaces.

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01:43:45.420 --> 01:43:48.990
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Where only two places… spaces are required.

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01:43:49.460 --> 01:43:55.040
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: There's a single driveway that would access the new parking spaces on Rock Creek Ford Road.

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01:43:55.380 --> 01:44:00.320
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: So cars are kept off of Missouri Avenue and 13th Street for altogether.

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01:44:02.560 --> 01:44:08.710
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: The site is, served by, A significant bus route.

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01:44:09.160 --> 01:44:14.109
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: And the Red Line Metro is, one and a half miles away, 1.2 miles away.

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01:44:14.390 --> 01:44:19.610
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: And the neighborhood is served with the ZIPCA and all of the car share.

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01:44:19.830 --> 01:44:21.100
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: operations.

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01:44:23.590 --> 01:44:26.000
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: This is the Neighborhood Walk Store.

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01:44:26.270 --> 01:44:35.979
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Which basically… Implies that the neighborhood can absorb an additional 10 dwelling units without substantial impact.

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01:44:37.420 --> 01:44:42.550
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: And the neighborhood is well served with parks and open spaces, and a school that's listed.

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01:44:46.270 --> 01:44:49.660
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Every other development standard is met.

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01:44:49.800 --> 01:44:50.770
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Boom.

755
01:44:52.460 --> 01:44:54.239
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: With room to spare.

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01:44:54.420 --> 01:44:59.710
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: The only relief here is, the increase in the number of dwelling units.

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01:45:02.670 --> 01:45:06.199
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: So the three findings for granting a special exception.

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01:45:06.530 --> 01:45:10.049
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Is that the project be in harmony with the zoning regulations?

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01:45:10.540 --> 01:45:16.439
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: The Area 1 exists to permit low and moderate density housing, detached homes, row houses.

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01:45:16.590 --> 01:45:26.160
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: and low-rise apartment. This property is a low-rise apartment. It's in existence, and it's not undertaking any kind of significant change to the exterior.

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01:45:26.860 --> 01:45:29.080
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: No adverse impact.

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01:45:29.360 --> 01:45:36.940
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: The five buildings are freestanding and share no party wall with any other adjoining property, nor with themselves.

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01:45:37.430 --> 01:45:41.050
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Surrounding blocks are already 3- and 4-storey walk-ups.

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01:45:41.380 --> 01:45:46.010
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Of the same scale. Only two properties are joined the site.

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01:45:46.360 --> 01:45:51.580
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: One of them a federal green reservation. Parking goes from, 234.

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01:45:52.360 --> 01:45:57.639
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: meets the special exception, the applicant is working with the Office of Planning.

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01:45:57.910 --> 01:46:04.510
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: And is amenable to any recommendation that the ANC deems fits.

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01:46:08.530 --> 01:46:15.190
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: So the application, as the Commissioner rightly pointed out, is scheduled for September 30.

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01:46:15.710 --> 01:46:18.780
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: We're here to present to,

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01:46:19.590 --> 01:46:29.920
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: ANC4A, because the property, although it's located in ANC 4A, adjoins this property, so… We're, here appropriately.

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01:46:31.130 --> 01:46:40.670
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: So we hope, that the board, the ANC considers, this application, and would ask for your support, and…

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01:46:40.820 --> 01:46:46.740
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: I'll be willing to take any questions that the board members, the ANC members might have. Thank you very much.

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01:46:46.740 --> 01:46:53.769
Vince Micone: Mr. Bello, thank you. So, I see that there's an increase in the number of

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01:46:54.040 --> 01:47:10.660
Vince Micone: units, what will the increased number of residents be? I mean, obviously, you know, there's not exact, because some of these units now may be bigger and could have a family, but just generally for planning purposes, what are you thinking there?

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01:47:11.780 --> 01:47:15.720
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: So the… the increase… well, first of all, the…

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01:47:15.920 --> 01:47:26.089
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: The existing units on the upper floors are also being reconfigured, so you're going to have a mix of one-bedroom dwelling units and two-bedroom dwelling units.

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01:47:27.700 --> 01:47:37.149
Vince Micone: Okay, thank you. Let me ask, since this also is across the street from Commissioner JONES, do you have any questions, Commissioner Jones?

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01:47:37.420 --> 01:47:39.929
NIKKI JONES: I don't have any of it this time. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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01:47:40.660 --> 01:47:44.520
Vince Micone: Are there other Commissioner questions before we go to community comment?

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01:47:46.180 --> 01:47:55.690
Hal Gordon 4E04: You had a question about the, the surface parking? So you don't currently have surface parking, but you're building surface parking, is that right?

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01:47:56.950 --> 01:47:58.050
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: That's correct, sir.

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01:47:58.290 --> 01:48:01.590
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: There's zero parking spaces for this development.

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01:48:04.090 --> 01:48:14.039
Hal Gordon 4E04: But, but I… it also said that you have more permeable space? I guess, like, how is it possible… like, how is it that you're having more permeable…

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01:48:15.010 --> 01:48:18.539
Hal Gordon 4E04: Land cover, and… but also building service parking.

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01:48:19.870 --> 01:48:23.660
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: I think the term is, pervious.

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01:48:25.530 --> 01:48:29.710
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: So, we're saying we're increasing pervious suffers from

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01:48:30.140 --> 01:48:33.390
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: I think 30% to 40%.

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01:48:34.510 --> 01:48:35.859
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: not permeable.

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01:48:36.710 --> 01:48:38.090
Hal Gordon 4E04: Oh, sorry, yes.

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01:48:39.620 --> 01:48:45.120
Hal Gordon 4E04: Maybe I don't understand what the pervious… Means…

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01:48:52.910 --> 01:48:58.360
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Well, those two terms are interchangeable, I believe.

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01:48:58.630 --> 01:49:06.640
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Unfortunately, the architect is not here with me tonight, but that's a question that I can look into. It's a legitimate question.

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01:49:09.110 --> 01:49:12.410
Vince Micone: And you're using the existing,

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01:49:12.630 --> 01:49:22.320
Vince Micone: non-green space, and you have the ability to create additional parking, either for residents or for public use, if people pay, or whatever. Is that…

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01:49:23.430 --> 01:49:30.909
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Well, the apartment spaces would actually be, would require the, removal of some trees.

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01:49:31.100 --> 01:49:37.730
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: But those trees, for those that are regulated, will be removed by, tree permits.

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01:49:38.040 --> 01:49:38.750
Vince Micone: Okay.

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01:49:39.580 --> 01:49:40.350
Vince Micone: Okay.

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01:49:42.310 --> 01:49:46.269
Vince Micone: Are there any other Commissioner questions before I go to Mizumi?

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01:49:50.030 --> 01:49:52.099
Vince Micone: Umi, please, go ahead.

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01:50:00.390 --> 01:50:03.300
Vince Micone: Hello? Hello?

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01:50:03.560 --> 01:50:04.410
Vince Micone: We can…

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01:50:04.630 --> 01:50:05.790
umi umi: Thank you.

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01:50:05.890 --> 01:50:10.589
umi umi: Yes, I have many questions. I'm familiar with this complex, and I…

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01:50:11.870 --> 01:50:26.920
umi umi: This is a naturally affordable complex, so I'm already hearing you saying you're not gonna change the structure, so you're gonna make the apartments, and it's a lot of families who live here, a lot of Ethiopian families, a lot of Latino families, a lot of African American families.

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01:50:26.920 --> 01:50:44.930
umi umi: So you're gonna make the apartment smaller, so people are gonna be displaced, and when they come back, you're saying you're gonna have in-unit laundry, and you're taking the laundry room out of the basement. So that means this right now, it's naturally occurring affordable, and it's all utilities included. When people come back, they're gonna have rent and utilities.

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01:50:44.930 --> 01:50:49.480
umi umi: And then I'm familiar… Rock Creek Ford Road is a one-way street.

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01:50:49.520 --> 01:50:54.699
umi umi: you're adding parking by cutting down the trees. Our area is already a heat…

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01:50:54.890 --> 01:50:57.400
umi umi: desert, and so you're cutting down the trees.

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01:50:57.690 --> 01:51:05.149
umi umi: I don't like any of this, sir, and I… I think you should go back to the drawing board. This does not fit well with me at all.

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01:51:07.910 --> 01:51:08.340
Vince Micone: Thank you.

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01:51:08.340 --> 01:51:12.260
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: I'm… If I may respond to that,

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01:51:12.980 --> 01:51:22.829
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: This application, as a special exception, weighs the potential adverse impact on On, on, neighborhood, right?

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01:51:23.530 --> 01:51:30.949
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: So I think that providing parking is actually relieving the burden on street parking.

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01:51:31.360 --> 01:51:33.790
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: And the trees to be removed are…

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01:51:33.970 --> 01:51:42.480

Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Or, on private property, in exchange for a green space, will be part of, the landscape.

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01:51:43.040 --> 01:51:44.460
umi umi: What green space?

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01:51:44.940 --> 01:51:47.300
umi umi: I didn't see that in your, presentation.

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01:51:54.560 --> 01:52:13.439
umi umi: Because, as I said, I'm familiar with this, and I live over here, and I know, I don't know if you've visited the site, the… like you said, it's next to the Federal Reserve. A lot of children play in that area, where I'm assuming is you're gonna cut down those trees along Rock Creek Fork Road, and where 13th Place curves. A lot of people play there.

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01:52:14.100 --> 01:52:20.399
umi umi: So, you're gonna take away a green space, but add a green space, and you're gonna add parking, and you're cutting down the trees.

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01:52:22.840 --> 01:52:28.889
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Well, I think if you look at the site plan, you'll see that,

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01:52:29.250 --> 01:52:35.719
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: The perimeter of the buildings will be… will be landscaped with some greenery.

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01:52:36.280 --> 01:52:37.399
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: So the engineer…

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01:52:37.400 --> 01:52:39.590
umi umi: Okay, go ahead, I'm sorry.

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01:52:39.590 --> 01:52:40.280
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Boom.

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01:52:40.640 --> 01:52:56.580
umi umi: No, I'm saying? Right now, it's an open field. There are soccer games, they play volleyball, you're saying you're gonna have landscaped area. Right now, it's a

beautiful, natural, open field where the children are playing, where we have barbecues on Sundays. You're gonna cut that down.

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01:52:56.720 --> 01:52:59.110
umi umi: And take it away for cars.

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01:53:00.170 --> 01:53:07.099
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: No, no, no, we're not… we're not cutting anything in public space or the federal reservation area. We're not touching them.

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01:53:07.390 --> 01:53:11.219
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: The trees that will be removed will be totally on private property.

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01:53:11.220 --> 01:53:17.090
umi umi: Yeah, that's what I'm saying, that's where we play and have the barbecues, along Rock Creek Ford Road, where those big trees are.

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01:53:17.450 --> 01:53:18.740
Maria Barry: Rat Creek Farm.

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01:53:19.680 --> 01:53:26.529
umi umi: Listen, I know this complex, I've gone to barbecues here, I've played football here, I don't like this planet at all.

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01:53:27.120 --> 01:53:34.159
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Okay, I'm just confused because, are you saying that those activities are on this private property?

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01:53:34.160 --> 01:53:40.410
umi umi: Yes, because this is my neighborhood, this is my community. So yes, this is what's happening there, sir. Maybe you should visit.

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01:53:41.300 --> 01:53:42.229
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Oh, I, I, I did.

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01:53:42.230 --> 01:53:43.049
Maria Barry: Yeah, I…

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01:53:44.000 --> 01:53:44.420
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Okay.

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01:53:44.420 --> 01:53:45.000
Vince Micone: So…

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01:53:45.000 --> 01:53:45.640
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: problem.

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01:53:45.810 --> 01:53:50.069
Vince Micone: Thank you. Concerns are noted. Thank you, very much.

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01:53:50.710 --> 01:53:52.760
Vince Micone: Are there other questions or comments?

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01:53:54.130 --> 01:54:11.370
Vince Micone: So, this is not within ANC 4E, but we appreciate you joining us to share the plans, and certainly, I know this will come up at ANC 4A, because I'm certainly you're in touch with them to get on their meeting agenda.

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01:54:12.000 --> 01:54:17.419
Vince Micone: Are there… do commissioners have any positions they'd like to take on the application?

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Vince Micone: Alright.

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01:54:23.000 --> 01:54:37.770
Vince Micone: Thank you very much, Mr. Bello, for the presentation and for coming, and let me know, if, you have any issues getting to the Commissioner in 4A, and Commissioner JONES and I will try and make those connections.

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01:54:37.970 --> 01:54:39.440
Olutoye Bello Olutoye Bello: Appreciate the opportunity.

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01:54:40.320 --> 01:54:41.260
Vince Micone: Thank you, sir.

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01:54:41.260 --> 01:54:42.000

Maria Barry: Thank you.

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01:54:42.810 --> 01:55:02.799
Vince Micone: The next item of business is a zoning Commission case, 2516, by McDonald's to amend the zoning regulations to permit fast food establishments with existing drive-throughs, to have additional development there. I see, the applicant's representative is online, Christopher Cohen.

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Vince Micone: if you could, Commissioner Gonen provide,

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01:55:07.970 --> 01:55:12.750
Vince Micone: Mr. Cronin the ability to, show, his presentation.

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01:55:17.330 --> 01:55:21.739
Christopher Cohen: Good evening, Commissioners. I might be able to…

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01:55:21.870 --> 01:55:25.469
Christopher Cohen: If you bear with me one sec, I just want to make sure I can pull it up.

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01:55:30.410 --> 01:55:32.459
Christopher Cohen: Let's see…

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01:55:36.560 --> 01:55:38.209
Christopher Cohen: Sorry, we're just loading up here.

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01:55:38.620 --> 01:55:56.360
Christopher Cohen: In the meantime, good evening to all. My name is Christopher Cohen, I am Land Use and Zoning Council with Holland & Knight, representing McDonald's, and I'm gonna ask the proverbial question, confirming that everybody can see my screen.

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01:55:56.970 --> 01:56:08.740
Christopher Cohen: Yes, we can. We can? Okay, alright. So good evening again. So, this… we are before the ANC today, because my understanding is that my colleague, Lila Batiste.

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Christopher Cohen: had sent out letters to those ANCs within… that had fast food

establishments that would be affected by this text amendment petition.

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Christopher Cohen: So, this petition, at a very high level.

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Christopher Cohen: seeks to, kind of tweak, or I don't want to use the word tweak, but would change the use permissions for certain mixed-use zones throughout the district to allow fast food establishments with drive-through components to continue, subject to special exception approval from the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

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01:56:40.680 --> 01:56:51.060
Christopher Cohen: I will share the sample language, but here is essentially the rationale for the petition. There are…

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Christopher Cohen: let's roughly… roughly 8 or 9 drive-throughs currently that, or excuse me, fast food establishments with drive-throughs, that in the past were not able to continue for a variety of reasons. Mainly, they didn't have the zoning that would allow for

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01:57:09.710 --> 01:57:29.239
Christopher Cohen: modernization, some sort of renovation, because drive-throughs are non-conforming use in several mixed-use zones throughout the city. So what would end up happening is there would be this onerous and long-winded process to either get the property upzoned, or to go through some sort of special exception approval.

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01:57:29.490 --> 01:57:35.620
Christopher Cohen: Which, for a number of reasons, communities across the city weren't really fond of,

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01:57:36.050 --> 01:57:46.270
Christopher Cohen: and we kind of touched on it, I've been sitting on the call most of this evening, doing an upzoning on a property comes with other implications, right? I'm fully aware of that.

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01:57:46.570 --> 01:58:04.180
Christopher Cohen: And sometimes that's not really appropriate when all McDonald's, in this case, or another fast food establishment, is looking to just modernize, right, and to upgrade its existing facilities. So again, what the proposed text amendment does is it affords these fast food establishments an opportunity to do those renovations

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01:58:04.180 --> 01:58:06.910
Christopher Cohen: Subject to special exception approval.

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01:58:08.520 --> 01:58:24.369
Christopher Cohen: I guess I touched on these three approach, justifications at the bottom, so I'll move to the next page. Why we're coming before the ANC4E tonight is there is an existing establishment that's actually a Popeyes, at 5200 Georgia Avenue.

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Christopher Cohen: which is zoned MU4. And currently, as it stands, the drive-through component is not permitted

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Christopher Cohen: in the MU4 zone, not as a matter of right, not as a special exception. So in order for this fast food establishment to do any sort of modernization, i.e. expand or alter the existing use, it would have to go through a use variance. It can't essentially use or leverage,

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01:58:47.450 --> 01:58:53.560
Christopher Cohen: the non-conforming provisions in the zoning regulations that allow for immaterial modifications.

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01:58:53.560 --> 01:59:01.840
Christopher Cohen: So, this is probably the meat of the presentation. This language you're seeing here circled in red, and I'll zoom in a little bit.

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Christopher Cohen: has been… or the petition proposes to add this language to a variety of provisions throughout the zoning regulations. So you'll see here that

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01:59:11.980 --> 01:59:20.770
Christopher Cohen: what it's trying to do is permit drive-throughs subject to special exception approval, and if I can go on a tangent for a second.

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Christopher Cohen: Special exception approval goes before the BZA, requires at a high level, one, harmony with the intent and purpose of the zoning regulations.

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Christopher Cohen: And secondly, not 10… wouldn't adversely affect any neighboring properties. So that right there, subjects a level of discretionary review.

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01:59:38.870 --> 01:59:54.450
Christopher Cohen: The other condition here that the petition proposes is that if the drive-through has been discontinued for more than one year, then it couldn't even… it couldn't go before the BZA. That special exception approval couldn't be applied for, right? So, the idea is that

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01:59:54.560 --> 02:00:05.240
Christopher Cohen: These establishments with drive-throughs, they're operating, they're ongoing, there's this need to renovate, to modernize, and they're actually being used, right, by…

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02:00:05.400 --> 02:00:08.490
Christopher Cohen: by the public, by consumers, what have you. So that's…

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02:00:08.910 --> 02:00:19.039
Christopher Cohen: this is sample language, this is actually applicable to the MU4 zone, right? Which is what that Popeyes establishment is zoned, which lies within the ANC.

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Christopher Cohen: This final slide here, just giving an overview of where we are in the process. So this petition was actually filed last September, and in May, the Zoning Commission

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Christopher Cohen: voted to set it down for a public hearing, which will be in September of this year.

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Christopher Cohen: in June, I believe we had sent out correspondence to all the ANCs that would have been, I don't want to say affected, but have establishments that would be,

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Christopher Cohen: impacted by this petition. So, again, that's why we're here tonight. It's, it's to share… share this petition with the ANC and to receive any questions, so…

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02:00:55.930 --> 02:01:02.219
Christopher Cohen: That about concludes my presentation, and I'm happy to answer any questions from the community or the commissioners. Thank you very much.

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02:01:03.300 --> 02:01:09.450
Vince Micone: Thank you. Commissioner Barry, believe it or not, this McDonald's is in your single-member district, and I've been there before and eaten.

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02:01:10.810 --> 02:01:16.239
Maria Barry: It is on… sorry, on George Avenue by the Walmart?

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02:01:16.670 --> 02:01:17.400
Vince Micone: Yup.

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02:01:19.340 --> 02:01:21.810
Vince Micone: Because there's an existing drive-thru there.

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Camsie McAdams: There sure is.

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02:01:24.500 --> 02:01:27.919
Maria Barry: No, I know that, I just, like, I have my map for…

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02:01:28.880 --> 02:01:31.229
Camsie McAdams: So, I just want to point out, while you're looking at that.

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02:01:31.230 --> 02:01:32.329
Maria Barry: I mean, that's bad.

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02:01:32.330 --> 02:01:39.750
Camsie McAdams: I just want to point out that in the letter that we received, Mr. Cohen, it lists

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Camsie McAdams: it doesn't list the McDonald's at 5948 Georgia. It lists 5200 Georgia, which is Popeyes, so I think there's just, like, a little bit of confusion, because

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Camsie McAdams: The Georgia Avenue McDonald's is at $59.48, and the Popeyes is at $5,200. So, in that

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Camsie McAdams: of all the ones that are affected, it just doesn't have that same…

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02:02:05.710 --> 02:02:07.410
Vince Micone: So it… the…

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02:02:07.410 --> 02:02:26.150
Vince Micone: there may be a typo on the agenda, because I went through the thing, and I tried… I looked by, single-member districts to try and find it, so I apologize if it was there. This text amendment would affect not just McDonald's, it would, by de facto, I believe, affect all of them, including the Popeyes, right?

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02:02:26.150 --> 02:02:27.330
Christopher Cohen: Correct.

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02:02:27.330 --> 02:02:30.980
Camsie McAdams: I'm talking about you, Vince, I'm talking about the letter from Layla.

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Maria Barry: Georgia… my Georgia Avenue ends, like, up by where Longfellow Street is.

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02:02:36.560 --> 02:02:37.410
Maria Barry: like…

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02:02:39.580 --> 02:02:39.980
Vince Micone: Wow.

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Camsie McAdams: I think we're adjacent.

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02:02:41.820 --> 02:02:45.479
Christopher Cohen: So the… the… doing… I'm sorry, I did not mean to talk… talk over you.

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02:02:45.480 --> 02:02:45.959
Vince Micone: Go, go.

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02:02:46.530 --> 02:02:47.110
Vince Micone: Thanks.

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02:02:47.910 --> 02:02:53.459
Christopher Cohen: Just to clarify, the text amendment would indeed affect drive-throughs with

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Christopher Cohen: or, excuse me, fast food is housed with drive-thrus across town, right? The list that we received that I… or the…

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Christopher Cohen: our understanding of the establishments that would be impacted, we've received that list, actually, from the Office of Planning, who went across down and looked at certificates of occupancy. Along with that, I think that McDonald's is in 4A. Now, I could be… I mean, I'm basing this off of what I'm reading online.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: Yeah, it's not…

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02:03:21.340 --> 02:03:21.980
Maria Barry: Yeah, it's not…

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02:03:21.980 --> 02:03:24.900
Hal Gordon 4E04: The one by the Walmart is… is north of,

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02:03:24.900 --> 02:03:25.859
Vince Micone: One of the major…

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Hal Gordon 4E04: Missouri.

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02:03:26.360 --> 02:03:26.800
Vince Micone: sense.

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02:03:26.800 --> 02:03:27.120
Maria Barry: Yeah.

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Maria Barry: I go to Kennedy Street.

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Vince Micone: Yeah.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: I think it's only the Popeyes which is in her.

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Vince Micone: Yes.

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NIKKI JONES: I'm gonna pop up.

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Vince Micone: So we have jurisdiction because it's adjacent or in, either way.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: Can I ask what is being asked of us?

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Hal Gordon 4E04: Here, Vince?

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Vince Micone: So, with these, we can… we don't need to do anything, which would signal to the Zoning Commission that, that Mr. Cohen represented his client, before us, and we did not take a position of opposition. If we oppose it, we would need to come up with a case of why we oppose it, and on what, what grounds, so that the Zoning Commission could consider that.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: Yeah, okay.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: I… listen, I think I am… I'm, you know, I'm… Mr. Cohen, Is it…

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Hal Gordon 4E04: The problem here is that you can't…

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Hal Gordon 4E04: You can't refurbish the restaurant or something, and keep

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Hal Gordon 4E04: the drive-through, so… so, like, if the Popeyes… I mean, I guess you… you, you represent McDonald's, but if the Popeyes wanted to, you know, re… redo themselves, they would have to either get a change in zoning, or they would have to remove their drive-thru?

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Christopher Cohen: That's essentially correct. So, where these establishments are located, their zoning does not allow for the continuation, I guess, of a drive-through component

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Christopher Cohen: by right or by special exception. So, what happens is, and I may have not done a great job clarifying this, but what happens is when you have this establishment that has a drive-through, right, and wants to do some sort of expansion, whether it's to add seating, right, or…

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Christopher Cohen: add or remove part, what have you, right? To continue the use, that is, as of today, non-conforming within that zone. They can't do it, right? They have to go through some sort of, like, upzoning, to a higher MU zone, and that sort of thing. So that's the problem. So what this petition's trying to achieve

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Christopher Cohen: is some level of efficiency, right? And a more targeted path for these establishments to… to continue on, right? And they're being used. The one-year limitation was something that was thought through carefully, right? I mean, we don't want…

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Christopher Cohen: establishments with drive-throughs that haven't been operating for quite some time, right? To… I don't want to say take advantage, because they still have to go before the BZA, but, you know, the idea is that they would be permitted or afforded an opportunity to continue subject to certain reviews.

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Vince Micone: So, Mr. Cohen, to understand this, so the McDonald's on Connecticut Avenue in Van Ness, which is basically across from ours, or, I don't know, maybe it was a Burger King, I forget what it was. It closed, they tore it down, it's for sale, so they could not… under the current

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Vince Micone: zoning regulations. They could not build something with a drive-through there, even though it's right next door to a car wash, which is a drive-through, and all the backups on Connecticut Avenue are affected by that. They would need to go to the zoning commission and up-zone it to do what

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Vince Micone: to only use it the same way they used it before. Is that roughly what's generally what it is?

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Christopher Cohen: Yes, assuming those… and I'm familiar with that area, very familiar with that area. Assuming it's an NMU zone, Neighborhood Mixed Use Zone, right, that would preclude… I think the NMU zones outright preclude,

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Vince Micone: Right.

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Christopher Cohen: drive-through components.

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Christopher Cohen: So, and for added clarity, that car wash is probably a non… I would not be surprised.

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Vince Micone: I'm sure it's not conforming at this point. Right. Yeah. Well, so look, I don't have any skin in this game. People like drive-thrus, people like walk-ins, I like diversity of…

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Vince Micone: Of eating establishments that serve the public. But I also don't want to jump in, to support this. I think we can just say we had the presentation. They've done their due diligence with us, which they'll do with the other ANCs. We

really apparently only have one that actually may be within our zone, and that's the Popeyes, and the others are adjacent.

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Vince Micone: to SMDs. It was sort of fun when I was going through that list, trying to figure out, you know, in the tracker, looking for SMDs to figure out who it was nearest by. And Maria, you… you had the…

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Maria Barry: I have the Popeyes.

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Vince Micone: You had the Popeyes, you had the lowest straw on it.

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Maria Barry: But I don't have the McDonald's. The McDonald's is $2.40.

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Vince Micone: Yeah, I know. Yeah, I know, now that you bring it up. So, Commissioners, anything else on this?

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Hal Gordon 4E04: I'll share a,

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Hal Gordon 4E04: a counter opinion, but I'm also aware it's 8.30, and I'm happy to just probably let this go. I… I am a big fan of,

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Hal Gordon 4E04: of, you know… well, I'm not a huge fan, but I'm a fan of fast food places. I think it's… it's a cheap… it's a cheap third place. It's a great place, for people to,

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Hal Gordon 4E04: to, you know, for just the price of a cup of coffee to, you know, come and have community. I don't think that the drive-throughs are the thing that I'm a fan of. You know, there's, the, the, the Wendy's near the Safeway by the Metro, they just redid that.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: And now I'm seeing cars occasionally backed up onto the street. You know, so drive-throughs can create

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Hal Gordon 4E04: some traffic nuisances. I don't think it's a very good use of land. And, it's idling cars, which creates more,

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Hal Gordon 4E04: You know, more knocks and socks, local air pollution.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: I think, you know, if this was just what Hal Gordon thinks, yes or no, you know, I would say, actually, no, you know, I'm not a big fan of drive-throughs, but…

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Hal Gordon 4E04: I don't think… I don't think I'm a big enough fan of drive-thrus to, unless… unless everyone else just starts saying, yeah, Hal, that was a great point. I'm not a big enough anti-fan of drive-thrus to… to, to get us to sit and, and create a whole…

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Hal Gordon 4E04: No thing with a long background of why we think no, and this and that.

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Vince Micone: So, I'll smile, Commissioner Gordon, and say, when my vehicle, which is the Mach-E, is going in line, there are no emissions, because it's an e-vehicle.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: I love… I love that, Vince!

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Hal Gordon 4E04: That's great. Big fan.

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Christopher Cohen: If I… if I may just, respond to that, and this isn't coming from a point of advocacy, it's more of,

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Christopher Cohen: the… this… the text amendment, again, if these drive-throughs are going to continue, it's going before the BZA. That traffic analysis is going to happen, right? Like.

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Christopher Cohen: They… it's not just this blanket, like, okay, you can continue on. So, just wanted to be clear for the commissioners in the community, there is going to be, even if the text amendment gets approved, there is that added layer of, well, hold on a second, there's idle… there's all those issues you just raised, right, Commissioner? So.

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Christopher Cohen: then it's up to the BZA to make that determination, right? There'd have to be traffic analysis, that sort of thing. So, just wanted to throw that out there.

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Vince Micone: Thank you, everybody. If there's nothing else, we'll… I see, Mizumi has raised her hand. Go ahead, please.

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umi umi: Oh, hello, I was writing in the chat. I was asking to the attorney, Mr. Cohen, so all the restaurants in DC with drive-throughs wouldn't be able to renovate because their grandfathered status…

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umi umi: of the drive-throughs would be lost, and that… and so you're… and that's what this law is trying to… not circa, but update, I guess?

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Christopher Cohen: Well, yeah, that… I mean, that's essentially correct. So where those drive-thrus have zoning.

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Christopher Cohen: there's a handful of them, right? There's… I mean, there's probably, like, 8 to 10, and again, that's a list that's coming from the Office of Planning.

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umi umi: Okay.

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Christopher Cohen: potentially captured the idea, right? Like, the zoning regulations would be updated or amended to give them a pathway to continue forward.

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Christopher Cohen: Where they are today, non-conforming uses.

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umi umi: Okay.

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Vince Micone: Thank you.

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umi umi: Thank you.

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Vince Micone: Mr. Cordero, I see your hand is raised. Please come on screen.

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Jorge Cordero: Yes, how you doing? Good evening. Sorry for the timing. We were just, the reason of why I'm approaching you guys is because I'm representing Catricito's restaurant that is.

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Vince Micone: No, no, no, no, no, that's… that is not what we're talking about. You need to work with Commissioner McAdams. We need to get that scheduled. We're on a whole different item right now, sir, so you need to work with Commissioner McAdams on, that. Mr. Cordero…

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Jorge Cordero: Excuse me.

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Camsie McAdams: I emailed you today, and I will, be back in touch now that I know the process, so…

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Jorge Cordero: Okay, I'll send you an email, because we need to put the application on the 5th of August. Okay, that'll take more of your time. And then, now that we're

here, sorry about that, Mr. Christopher Cohen, I want to send you an email. I do restaurants in Washington, D.C, been doing that for 12 years. I think that we can figure out a way of doing that.

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Jorge Cordero: I will try to get your connection and send you that, because it happened as to us in PG County and Montgomery County, and we resolved the situation.

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Vince Micone: And Mr. Cordero, we will schedule your… we're aware of the request, we'll schedule it as soon as we get through.

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Jorge Cordero: I really appreciate your time.

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Vince Micone: Thank you, sir.

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Jorge Cordero: Thank you.

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Vince Micone: Okay, we're gonna wrap up on this item, so, good luck with, going before the Zoning Commission on that, and, thank you very much for coming. I know you've got a bunch of ANCs to go to, so we appreciate you staying through, today, for this part of the agenda.

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Christopher Cohen: Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner. Have a good evening, everyone. Appreciate it.

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Vince Micone: Next, we had received a request from our Ward 4 MPD Citizens Advisory Council, chair to come to our meeting. I don't know if she's here, but, Nina Murphy Martin, are you with us today?

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Vince Micone: Okay, thank you. We'll go on to, to our moakers again, for anything from, the Mayor's office that you haven't covered.

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Vince Micone: If they're on.

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Vince Micone: They are not on. Okay, so now we will go, to our council member's office. Is… I see Barbara? Hi, Barbara! You're on.

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Barbara Rogers: Can you all hear me?

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Vince Micone: Yes, we can.

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Barbara Rogers: Okay… I,

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Barbara Rogers: There I am. I actually just have… I know we're well over time, so I just have just a couple of updates. Just wanted to mention that…

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Barbara Rogers: Last week, the Council passed the final version of the FY2027 Budget Support Act.

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Barbara Rogers: That is the final step in passing the budget.

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Barbara Rogers: Some of the wins that Councilmember Janice Lewis-Gorge and the Council was able to deliver for Ward 4. I'll just name a few. These were listed.

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Barbara Rogers: In our newsletter, but we were able to fully fund Tacoma Main Street and the Brightwood Family Success Center.

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Barbara Rogers: Get rodent-resistant litter cans.

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Barbara Rogers: At Upshur and Emery Heights Rec to start.

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Barbara Rogers: Building inspector at the Department of Buildings, HVAC, and Roof Replacement at Chevy Chase, HVAC Replacement at Riggs LaSalle, and a community garden replacement at Fort Stevens Rec Center.

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Barbara Rogers: And this is all in addition to the district-wide wins, just to name a few.

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Barbara Rogers: $39 million for child care subsidy program.

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Barbara Rogers: $2.4 million to expand hours at DPR.

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Barbara Rogers: 3.2 million for DCPS school readiness, and 8.7 for DCPS

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Barbara Rogers: HVAC repairs. There's a longer list, I'm happy to put that in the chat. And then, just in closing, I do want to mention that the Council is on recess until September 15th.

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Barbara Rogers: So, I want to let you all know what our recess office hours, will be. And we are in Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.

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Barbara Rogers: till 4 p.m, and our office will be closed on Fridays. Again, that is until September, 15th.

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Barbara Rogers: The legislative recess, doesn't mean that the work… we're on recess. It just means we change, our office hours. Award for constituent service hours, we continue to do every Wednesday at Fort Stevens.

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Barbara Rogers: From noon to 1.

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Barbara Rogers: Then we hand over to Hattie Holmes, Senior Wellness Center from 1.30 to 2.30, and we are putting together some, summer pop-ups in different neighborhoods, so please,

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Barbara Rogers: look forward to the details of those, pop-ups. And then, as I mentioned before, I hope that all of you all get our newsletter. You can go to www.wart4news.com to get our newsletter that comes out every Friday afternoon.

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Barbara Rogers: Thank you all so much for having me, and please enjoy

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Barbara Rogers: your… the month of August off, and we'll see you all back in September.

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Vince Micone: Thank you. Are there any questions for our Councilmember's office? I see, Commissioner JONES, your hand is raised.

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NIKKI JONES: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chair. Ms. Rogers, I know you and Chris have both been busy. I sent you an email a couple days ago about the PEPCO issue in Closet. I was wondering to make sure you got that, and you and I can touch base later.

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Barbara Rogers: Sure, we can.

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NIKKI JONES: Alright, thank you so much.

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Barbara Rogers: Sure.

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02:17:47.410 --> 02:17:52.660
Vince Micone: Thank you. Are there… I think we are at the point for public comment?

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Vince Micone: Seeing none, our meeting is adjourned. Thank you so very much.

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Hal Gordon 4E04: Thanks, everyone!

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Vince Micone: Bye.

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Maria Barry: Thanks.