

**BLOOMINGDALE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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TO: ANC 5E01; ANC 5E02; ANC 5E03; ANC 5E04; ANC 5E05; ANC 5E06; ANC 5E07; ANC 5E08; ANC 5E09; ANC 5E10

FROM: Bloomingdale Civic Association

CC: Kenyan McDuffie; Zoning Commission; Mayor's Agent; DC Council Representatives

**SUBJECT: Objections to and request to rescind the November 19, 2013 ANC 5E Letter of Support - Stage One of VMP P.U.D. Application of HPRB Submission Subject to Certain Specific Conditions and Modifications**

Dear Chairwoman Barnes (info all other ANC 5E Commissioners),

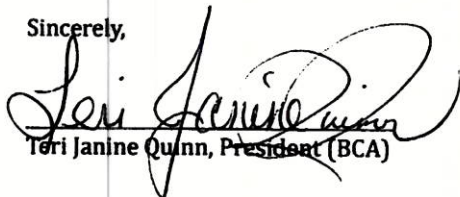
On Tuesday, November 19, 2013, the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 5E passed, by a vote of 6-2, a resolution to send a letter of support for Stage One of the VMP P.U.D. Application of HPRB Submission Subject to Certain Specific Conditions and Modifications (signed letter attached). To this end, the PUD statement of support, filed on November 22, 2013, states on page 22 that "On November 19, 2013, ANC 5E voted 5-2 to support the PUD redevelopment." To our knowledge, there was no discussion of the PUD application during the ANC 5E debate on this issue.


This ANC 5E action was taken without the matter being brought before the Bloomingdale Civic Association (BCA). The expectation is that civic associations be afforded an opportunity to hear an issue and take a position prior to the Commission voting on the same issue. Further, this vote took place despite the above concern being raised by two ANC Commissioners: Commissioner Mueller (ANC 5E08), who represents a section of Bloomingdale significantly impacted by the proposed redevelopment, and Commissioner Quinn (ANC 5E06), who serves as President of the BCA; both of whom voted against the letter of support.

The BCA objects to the denial of an opportunity for Bloomingdale to see and discuss the contents of the letter and review the version of the development plan that the ANC voted to support. The BCA further objects to the denial of an opportunity to review and discuss the submitted PUD application, which contains more detailed information than the drawings publicized thus far, prior to a vote of support being taken.

It has been the practice of ANC 5E, prior to this vote, to receive and consider input from affected civic association(s) on any matter seeking ANC 5E support. The Bloomingdale Civic Association strongly objects to the denial to hear and take a position on this matter and thus requests that ANC 5E rescind the letter of support.

Sincerely,

  
Teri Janine Quinn, President (BCA)

  
Mathew Bader, Recording Secretary (BCA)



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19<sup>th</sup> November 2013

TO: The Mayor's Agent

SUBJECT: Letter of Support - Stage One of VMP P.U.D. Application of HPRB Submission Subject to Certain Specific Conditions and Modifications

ANC5E, at a properly noticed public meeting on 19 November, 2013, by a vote of 6 in favor, 2 opposed, and with 8 members present but 0 abstaining, voted to support Vision McMillan Partner's - Stage One of VMP P.U.D. Application of HPRB Submission to Certain Specific Conditions and Modifications for the McMillan Sand Filtration Site, located at North Capitol Street and Michigan Avenue, NW as presented to the Historic Preservation Review Board on October 31, 2013. The Commission's support of the project is predicated on working with the development team on the following issues:

- Continued development of a community benefits agreement that will be attached to the final Planned Unit Development application, and will include programming, funding and amenities that will benefit the community that surrounds the site;
- Ongoing work to resolve the traffic and transit issues that are a part of the growth of the neighborhood. VMP has pledged to continue to advocate for premium transit solutions to serve surrounding neighborhoods, provide a transit hub onsite, and relieve the traffic congestion on First Street and Channing Street creating an alternative route through the site and traffic relief lanes.
- Continued solicitation of input from the surrounding community. VMP has now met with the community over 180 times plus, soliciting input that was included in each refinement submitted to the Historic Preservation Review Board. The Commission expects for this community outreach to continue as the project moves forward to the Mayor's Agent and Zoning Commission.

In addition to the ongoing negotiation with VMP, the Commission is aware of HPRB's recent vote to accept the project's Master Plan. The ANC is cognizant of the HPO staff report, which the Board accepted, praised the plan as containing "concept designs represent an architecturally coordinated and cohesive approach that specifically relates to the character of the McMillan site."

Finally, the plan will preserve every silo, washer, sand bin, and change house while also preserving Cell 14, a portion of Cell 28, fully restore and amplify the Olmstead Walk, and provide a 6.25 acre park with a community center and pool that will be available for the use of all neighborhood residents. In light of all of this information, with the above listed caveats, the Commission supports the forward movement of the project to the Mayor's Agent and Zoning Commission.

Respectfully Submitted By

E. Dianne Barnes, Chair (5E09)

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