

McMillan Coalition for Sustainable Agriculture
1231 Randolph Street, NE – Washington, DC 20017

To: Zoning Secretary Sharon Schellin
DC Office of Zoning, 441 4th Street NW, WDC 20001

April 30, 2014

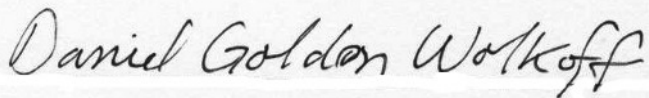
Dear Mrs. Schellin,

Following on from our conversation last week, please find attached the following documents with regard to Zoning Commission Case No. 13-14:

- **An Additional Letter Supplementing our April 22, 2014 Form 140 Party Status Request Form for Zoning Commission Review**
- **Appendix of Supporting Documentation, Including Letters of Authorization from MCSA members allowing Mr. Jerome Pelquin to represent MCSA interests before the Zoning Commission in this matter.**

Please contact us if we require any additional information for the record before the hearings and parties are determined in this case.

Regards,



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ZC Case No. 13-14 :: Form 140 Supplemental Information

On Tuesday, April 22, 2014, The McMillan Coalition for Sustainable Agriculture (MCSA) submitted Form 140 to the Office of Zoning (OZ) seeking to become a party to Zoning Commission Case No. 13-14 regarding a Planned Unit Development (PUD) application for the McMillan Park site.

On Wednesday, April 23, and Thursday, April 24, 2014, MCSA members had conversations with OZ staff, including Secretary Schellin and Mrs. Donna Hanousek. These conversations made us aware that the Zoning Commission is expecting party status requests for each of the upcoming hearings scheduled for ZC Case No. 13-14. We understand zoning hearings for ZC Case No. 13-14 will begin May 1st and continue on May 5th, 8th, and possibly the 13th.

We understand this to mean that MCSA did timely file our party status request for the May 8th and 13th hearings. However, MCSA continues to seek party status for each hearing in this case.

MCSA seeks to protect the twenty-five acres of green park space that acts as the neighborhood heat and carbon sink, keeping temperatures cooler in the summer heat, cleaning our air, and mitigating stormwater runoff. MCSA also seeks to retain the underground caverns for our neighborhood's water security now and into the future, as clearly they can be adaptively re-purposed and re-used for various water needs now* and in case of terrorist attack on DC's fragile water infrastructure.

* http://www.dcwater.com/workzones/projects/McMillan_Stormwater_Storage_Project.cfm

MCSA's interests will be concretely and adversely affected across all parcels and contested matters raised by the McMillan PUD proposal – a proposal that will destroy most of the underground historic caverns, and result in the construction of large buildings coupled with the installation of roads and concrete pavilions paving over most of the green parkland. None of this is acceptable or can be easily mitigated by Applicant.

These are concrete injuries in fact tied directly to the proposed McMillan PUD application, all of which can be redressed if the Zoning Commission denies the PUD application.

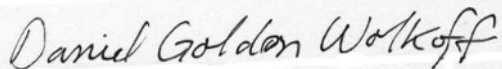
[The requirements of constitutional standing are: (1) injury in fact, (2) that is fairly traceable to the challenged action, and (3) that is likely to be redressed by a favorable decision. Lujan v. Defenders of Wildlife, 504 U.S. 555, 560 (1992)]

In addition to our April 22, 2014 party status request submission (Exhibit 42 on the public record) and for the reasons demonstrated above, MCSA also provides the following supporting documentation further demonstrating merit for party status for all upcoming hearings regarding Zoning Commission Case No. 13-14:

- **MCSA Mission and Governance Document (Appendix A)**
- **MCSA reference documents (Appendix B; B.1 Founders, B.2 Organizational Partners, B.3 Press Release, B.4 The Alternative McMillan Plan)**
- **Documents from MCSA participants authorizing Mr. Jerome Peloquin to represent MCSA before the Zoning Commission regarding ZC Case No. 13-14 (Appendix C)**

Please contact us with any additional questions or information that may be required for Zoning Commission review.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Golden Wolkoff". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

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APPENDIX A

MCSA Mission, Governance, and Partnerships

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Mission Statement:

The McMillan Coalition for Sustainable Agriculture (MCSA) is an unincorporated nonprofit citizens group formed to promote and support the conversion of the twenty acres of historic subterranean vaulted caverns immediately beneath The McMillan-Olmstead Park into a high-tech, high-efficiency urban aquaponic and agricultural farm, and simultaneously protect the open public space above the caverns by adapting the McMillan-Olmstead Park into a world-class public park along the lines of Central Park in NYC.

Objectives:

In support of the above Mission Statement, MCSA has the following strategic objectives:

1. Work collaboratively with like-minded individuals, organizations, and stake-holders to stop the preemptive destruction of the historic McMillan vaulted underground caverns.
2. Provide testimony and advocacy to inform city council on the manifest benefits to the City and the community to be derived from a McMillan-Olmstead park and urban farm on North Capitol Street, in the heart of the Nation's Capital.
3. Educate the public on the significant benefits, job opportunities, and community improvement that would result from community and employee ownership of The McMillan-Olmstead urban farm.
4. Reach out to both the private sector and civil society to bring the resources and political will to necessary to achieve our mission.
5. Create a destination for what will be a modern-day urban technological marvel to attract tourists and international guests garnering more popularity and income for the City.

Governance:

The McMillan Coalition for Sustainable Agriculture is a relatively small, but quite active citizens group formed as an unincorporated non profit association in the District of Columbia pursuant to D.C. Code § 29-1101.

MCSA was founded in 2013 by two key participating members, Mr. Daniel Wolkoff and Mr. Jerome Pelouin, residents of Ward 5 living close by the McMillan-Olmstead Park. Both of these participating members have a long

history of civic engagement and advocacy in the District of Columbia (see Appendix B.1).

MCSA's purposes and activities are guided by participating members using a non-hierarchical consensus based decision making process implemented at in-person meetings and through phone surveys and email polling.

In the lead-up to the proposed McMillan PUD hearings, MCSA has held three public meetings, many informal discussions and conducted telephone calls and email distributions to determine MCSA positions on the contested matters associated with the PUD application and zoning hearings. Most recently, we held a meeting and conducted email and phone polling to determine authorization from our members for Mr. Peloquin to represent MCSA before the Zoning Commission in ZC Case No. 13-14.

MCSA also recently published a press release dated April 24, 2014, depicting our issues and concrete injuries if the proposed McMillan PUD moves forward (See Appendix B.3)

Partnerships:

The McMillan Coalition for Sustainable Agriculture is soundly basing our vision for a sustainable McMillan-Olmstead Park on the initiatives and models being explored and implemented by MCSA's organizational partners, Microventures Support, Inc., as well as The Family Fish Farms Network, Inc. which has started the Green Ivy City Alliance. (See Appendix B.2)

Both of these partnerships allow MCSA to leverage financial and in-kind resources, recruit interested participants, and most importantly to help guide MCSA on best practices to implement sustainable urban agriculture models and technology at the McMillan-Olmstead Park site.

If the proposed McMillan PUD were to be approved by the Zoning Commission, MCSA's efforts and civic interest to preserve open space and the underground historic caverns will be lost.

With the help of our organizational partners and the efforts of our members, MCSA is providing the City and the Zoning Commission an alternative to the proposed McMillan PUD project, one that can be as equally economical but far less environmentally- and community-adverse. (See Appendix B.4)

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APPENDIX B

MCSA reference documents

Appendix B.1 - Founders

Appendix B.2 - Organizational Partners

Appendix B.3 - Press Release

Appendix B.4 - MCSA Alternative McMillan Plan

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APPENDIX B.1

Appendix B.1 – Founders

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MCSA Founders & History

Daniel Wolkoff, and Jerome Peloquin, have been working on sustainable development within the District of Columbia for five years. In 2007 we formed the Better Brookland Group to mitigate the potential effects of rampant development along the Monroe Street corridor. We have been working to help convert the Crummel School in Ward 5's Ivy City community to a food production and distribution hub as a solution to the food deserts in DC.

Mr. Peloquin is a manufacturing and technical training expert, a former Director at Sylvan Learning in Baltimore and Technical Training Manager for Honda America Manufacturing in Columbus, Ohio. who is president of a social business called The Family Fish Farms Network, Inc <http://www.thefamilyfishfarmsnetwork.com> A green tech start-up located in Ward 5. The company has letters of support from both Deputy Mayor Hoskins and Ward 5 Councilman, Kenyan McDuffie. Mr. Peloquin's business is also part of a National Science Foundation Grant team that includes that includes: *University of Maryland, Howard University, The Catholic University, Morgan State University, and Cheyney University*, and several other HBCU's. The team is bidding on a \$12 Million National Science Foundation Grant to create Sustainable Urban Communities. Mr. Peloquin is, Lead Investigator on the Aquaponics project.

Daniel Gordon Wolkoff is a noted national expert on historical renovation of valuable stained glass windows. He is the historic window 'conservator,' on the historic U.S. Capitol Dome renovation. Daniel has also worked on significant projects such as the Catholic University chapel and many DC Churches and private homes. His website can be found at: <http://www.adamsmorganstainedglass.com/> Mr. Wolkoff's home and studio is located on Randolph Street in Ward 5.

For the last year Messrs Wolkoff and Peloquin have been meeting to discuss the McMillan Park issue. Recently members of the community have joined our efforts. We all came to realize that the subterranean caverns beneath the existing park formerly used as water storage and purification cisterns would make an ideal growing environment for a modern application of both aquaponics and hydroponics called Aquaponics. It is our firm belief that this technology is appropriate and seminal as it offers great opportunity for urban sustainability in water, food, and socio economic domains.