

May 12, 2014

Dear Zoning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Vision McMillan Partner's consolidated PUD, masterplan and proposed rezoning of the Historic McMillan property to CR and C-3C Zone Districts.

I strongly endorse the concerns already expressed by members of Friends of McMillan Park concerning traffic impacts, high reduction of green space, disrespect for the historic significance of McMillan Park, and unwarranted giveaway of public land to corporate interests.

I am now Professor Emeritus, Department of Biology, Howard University, having retired at the end of June, 2012 after being on the faculty for 39 years. As an environmental scientist, who visited the McMillan Park site in apparently the last public tour on November 13, 2011, I am appalled at the lack of vision of Vision McMillan Partner, the lack of environmental consciousness and its disrespect for the surrounding community's clear opposition to this atrocious proposed project. As a geoscientist (PhD, Brown University) I note that the removal of open green space in this proposed project raises grave concerns regarding stormwater and floodrisk impacts, recognizing the overly dense development in a neighborhood already susceptible to flooding.

I was an active participant in the Green Economy Working Group of Sustainable DC. Vision McMillan Partner's proposed project is not only inconsistent with the objectives of Sustainable DC, but is a frontal attack on environmental justice, "green justice".

I have lived in Brightwood since 1977, and like all DC residents, look forward to truly green economic development of this site consistent with its historic legacy and preservation of green space for all our residents. Vision McMillan Partner fails these goals on all counts.

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