

To City Officials,

I pass McMillan Park every day on my way to work. I recently had the opportunity to visit the park and was captivated with its beauty and historical significance. It is a true DC landmark.

The Office of Planning is DC's critical planning agency that is supposed to provide the Zoning Commission a meaningful review and analysis of any given planned unit development in DC.

OP's analysis in the inter-related cases with regards to McMillan Park has failed to highlight the fact that the processing of the RFP by the Deputy Mayor's Office of Planning and Economic Development has been severely flawed. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/local/wp/2015/10/26/the-process-to-choose-the-developer-for-mcmillan-was-flawed-d-c-auditor-says/>

These planning flaws extend to OP's analysis of traffic and environmental impacts, economic and land stabilization impacts, and lack of examination of the increasing local displacement pressures that will be brought on by a project of this magnitude.

The flaws in planning oversight by OP exist because there is an inherent conflict of interest. The Deputy Mayor's Office of Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) has signed onto 13-14 as a co-Applicant. OP is under DMPED on the DC agency organizational charts. OP's director reports to the director of DMPED.

This conflict of interest can no longer be ignored as it is depriving DC residents from an honest, transparent planning review critical to the PUD balancing act. This conflict cannot be tolerated by the Zoning Commission during these fundamental planning reviews and decision-making, especially for a project of of this size and sprawl.

Further, there are other concurrent investigations and court cases which seek remedies to the proposed destruction of McMillan Park. There is quite the controversy around this project and its public review because it represents a wanton disregard of the public interest.

So, until at which time the Mayor responds to the Auditor's letter meaningfully, and by which the other judicial and administrative reviews are exhausted, the Zoning Commission should really vote no, or simply not take pre-maturely vote in ZC Case 13-14A.

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