

Dear Zoning Office,

I am asking for a competitive re-bid of the McMillan project, like the DC Auditor has asked for.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/local/wp/2015/10/26/the-process-to-choose-the-developer-for-mcmillan-was-flawed-d-c-auditor-says/>

Why? Poor planning makes a mockery of DC's aspirations to be a green and sustainable city, a livable and walkable city.

The suburban town-center project as currently proposed to be dropped heavily onto our historic McMillan Park represents civic planning at its nadir, largely due to a lack of creative competition to give our City a project to be proud of instead of a project to pay off developer cronies.

Plus, there is a significant conflict of interest with regards to the PUD balancing because the Deputy Mayor's Office of Planning & Economic Development (the co-Applicant), is the agency with authority over the Office of Planning. OP is the key District agency that is supposed to be providing a comprehensive impact analysis to assist the Zoning Commission per the DC Zoning Regulations.

As a result of this inherent conflict of interest, the planning around the project is severely lacking and is being pushed forward at our peril.

For example, there is no metro stop within a mile of McMillan, and none planned. In 2002, the intersection at Michigan and North Capitol received DDOT's worst rating: 'failed.' Since then traffic has only increased, creating daily havoc for emergency vehicles that must regularly cross into oncoming traffic lanes to reach the Washington Hospital Center located across from McMillan.

Destruction of green space and a working water filtration plant in an era of childhood obesity, pollinator colony collapse and climate change represents extremely naive planning and ignorance.

And the failure to seek the goals developed with public input, such as with Sustainable DC and the Parks Master Plan, is a blatant breach of public trust.

As such, this 'planning' must be determined as unacceptable, and thus the Zoning Commission must vote down case 13-14A until at least the DC Auditor's letter is responded to by the Mayor in a specific and meaningful way.

Respectfully,
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