

Southwest / Navy Yard / Buzzard Point Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D

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Anthony Hood, Chairman Board of Zoning 441 4th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001

VIA E-MAIL: zcsubmissions@dc.gov

RE: ZC 16-02A, 1711 1st Street, SW, Sq. 665, Lot 27, 2100, Modification of Consequence for the Approved Public Unit Development for Audi Field

Dear Chairman Hood & Distinguished Members of the DC Zoning Commission:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public business meeting on October 15, 2018, with a quorum being present (a quorum being 4), Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 6-0-0 to withhold support of this application until the Applicant follows the ANC's normal procedures regarding a modification of consequence.

As with all requests for a modification of consequence, the ANC expects that the Applicant present the proposed modification to the ANC and include a discussion of the objective of the modification, the modification options that were considered, and the efforts to ensure that the modification enhances the overall design. The ANC expects that the Applicant would then consider the ANC's feedback on the proposed modification and request a vote of support for the modification.

In this case, however, the Applicant proceeded with the modification of consequence without formal discussion with the ANC. The ANC expects the Applicant to rectify this promptly.

Further, the ANC notes this is not merely a procedural matter. For example, the the Applicant states that the modification will improve Audi Field's aesthetics and be more effective at hiding the mechanical elements. The ANC is not so sure of either.

Specifically, the proposed change would replace perforated aluminum with what appears to be a rubber-like material that would be hung from a wire fence, part of which would be visible. This substitution would cover only 88% of the mechanical elements. (The ANC was not given the actual percentage of coverage that was afforded with the originally approved perforated aluminum.) The ANC believes the modification may be less expensive, less attractive, and possibly less effective than the original and that it may not add to the design appeal of the stadium.

The ANC is awaiting follow up from the Applicant and will update the Zoning Commission once the Applicant has given the ANC an opportunity to properly review, discuss, and vote on the proposed modification of consequence.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 6D07@anc.dc.gov or 202-750-0295.

Sincerely,

Meredith Fascett

Chair, ANC 6D

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