

Ms. Schellin,

My name is Shonta' High, President of the Council @ Park Morton, Park Morton's Resident Council. I am writing concerning ZC Case 16-11 and the scheduled limited scope hearing for October 19th.

1. As a party to the case, the Council @ Park Morton is requesting an extension until 5:00 PM October 11th to submit our response to Office of Zoning (OZ) on the issues raised by the Remand Order. Given we were not provided notice by OZ until September 7th when other parties were notified August 13th.

This delay in notice was caused in part because OZ used an out of date email, tamikalwhite29@hotmail.com, for the former Resident Council President Tamika White. OZ was provided an updated contact before July 3, 2020, see case exhibit 255A. The result is the Council @ Park Morton has less time to prepare a response, further compounded by the following:

- Approximately 96 of the approximate 133 Park Morton families which lived on the site when the 16-11 was issued have been displaced from the site by DCHA during the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic. An additional 17 families prior to the Pandemic for a total of 113 or 85% displaced. The burden of organizing a response given this process of displacement requires additional time.

2. The Council @ Park Morton also requests 1 hour at the October 19th hearing to present its response separate from the time allotted parties in Support (The Government) and Opposition of 16-11. Given events which has transpired since the 16-11 order, the 8/6/20 remand responses neither can properly represent the interest of residents in this matter.

- Barry Farm Tenants & Allies Ass'n v. District of Columbia Zoning Comm'n, 182 A.3d 1214, 1223 (D.C. 2018) establishes precedence for resident rights and considerations not addressed adequately by current parties in Support or Opposition, but central to the Council @ Park Morton.
- The 16-11 order assumes the Bruce Monroe site would act as phase 1 and a build first for the Park Morton NCI development project in conjunction with 16-12; however, current development plans no longer assume build-first nor 16-11 including phase 1. But 16-12 now representing Phase 1 and 16-11 an unfunded potential phase by the Government.

- Parties in Support such as representatives of the development team, the Government and members of ANC 1A have provided the Council @ Park Morton with dubious even false information with regards to 16-11 and 16-12. For example:
 - o Modifications to Zoning Orders 16-11 or 16-12 would add 5+ plus years to the development timeline given the zoning process.
 - o The Government and ANC representatives proffered without evidence alternative approaches to Build-First at Bruce Monroe on behalf of Park Morton residents would constitute a violation of Fair Housing Laws.
 - o The Mayor's FY22-FY26 capital budget does not provide required gap funding for 16-11 development rendering it no longer relevant to Park Morton NCI residents. The Mayor's budget only provides gap funding for 16-12 develop which only produces 45 of the required 147 public housing replacement units. This violates orders 16-11 and 16-12.

The above examples make it clear that the Government and many parties in support have not and likely cannot in good faith represent the interest of the Council @ Park Morton and resident rights at the scheduled 10/19/2021 hearing. Thank you.

Ms. Shonta' High
President
The Council @ Park Morton