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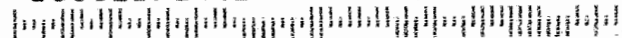
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Re: Z.C. Case No. 17-22 (Soapstone Valley Ventures, LLC – Consolidated PUD and Related Map Amendment @ Square 2041, Lots 22 and 23)

Dear ANC Chair & ANC/SMD Commissioner:

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-309.10(b), the Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia hereby gives you notice of the receipt of an application from Soapstone Valley Ventures, LLC (the “Applicant”) for approval of a consolidated planned unit development (“PUD”) and related map amendment for property located in the northwest quadrant of the District at 3101 Albemarle Street, N.W., also known as Square 2041, Lots 22 and 23. Please note that this case was filed electronically through the Interactive Zoning Information System (“IZIS”). You can access and file your report for this case through IZIS at <https://app.dcoz.dc.gov>.

Pursuant to Subtitle Z § 400.7, the ANC has the opportunity to file the attached Form 130 – ANC Setdown Report to provide feedback on whether or not the Zoning Commission should set down the case for public hearing. You have 30 days to file the ANC Setdown Form from the date the application was referred (Subtitle Z § 400.8).

Further, you will also receive notice of the hearing date at least 40 calendar days in advance. Pursuant to Subtitle Z § 406.3, if your ANC wishes to participate in the hearing, then its written report must be received at least seven days in advance of the public hearing. The report must contain the information required by Subtitle Z § 406.2, which is included at the bottom of this letter. That information is also included in Form 129 – Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) Report, which is attached for your convenience and is the preferred mechanism to complete your report. Any written report received prior to the date of a Commission meeting to consider final action will be given “great weight.”

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-309.10(d)(2), the Zoning Commission must wait 30 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays before it can make its decision on this application. However, as a practical matter, the Commission cannot make a decision that soon, because it must first hold a public hearing and, for those cases that require proposed action to be taken, the National Capitol Planning Commission is thereafter given thirty days to review the application.

Great weight does not mean that the Zoning Commission must defer to an ANC’s view, but instead requires acknowledgement of the ANC as the source of the recommendations and explicit reference to each of the ANC’s issues and concerns. It is therefore important that the written report not only indicate whether the ANC supports or opposes the application, but that it also identify each issue and concern that led to the recommendation made.