# ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TIME AND PLACE: Thursday, December 12, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

Jerrily R. Kress Memorial Hearing Room 441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 220-South

Washington, D.C. 20001

## FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING:

CASE NO. 19-20 (Georgetown University, on behalf of the property owner, President and Directors of Gonzaga College – Voluntary Design Review @ Square 622, Lot 93 [55 H Street, N.W.])

### THIS CASE IS OF INTEREST TO ANC 6E

On September 27, 2019, Georgetown University, on behalf of the property owner, President and Directors of Gonzaga College (the "Applicant") filed an application (the "Application") requesting the Zoning Commission (the "Commission") grant voluntary design review ("VDR") approval pursuant to Subtitle X, Chapter 6, of Title I of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (Zoning Regulations of 2016, the "Zoning Regulations," to which all references are made unless otherwise specified) to develop the property located at Lot 93 in Square 622 with an address of 55 H Street, N.W., (the "Property").

The Property is located in the MU-9 zone and consists of approximately 33,040 square feet of land area. The Property is located on H Street, N.W. between North Capitol and 1<sup>st</sup> Streets, N.W. and is bounded by an office building to the east, an apartment building to the west, and Gonzaga College High School's athletic fields to the north. To the south of the Property, across H Street, is the Government Printing Office and surface parking associated with that use. A Walmart is located further to the west, at the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> and H Streets, N.W. The Property is currently a surface parking lot.

The Application proposes to construct a student residence hall with approximately 158 residential units (containing approximately 476 beds), retail space, and student-serving amenity space (the "Building"). The Building will have a floor area ratio ("FAR") of approximately 6.49, and a building height of approximately 110 feet.

The Application seeks approval for:

- VDR flexibility from the following development standards of the MU-9 zone:
  - o maximum height;
  - o minimum side yard; and
  - o minimum rear yard; and
- special exception relief from the required number of parking spaces for a multiple dwelling unit residential use, pursuant to Subtitle C §703.2.

This public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the contested case provisions of Subtitle Z, Chapter 4 of the Zoning Regulations (Title 11 of the DCMR, to which all references are made unless otherwise specified).

## How to participate as a witness – oral presentation

Interested persons or representatives of organizations may be heard at the public hearing. All individuals, organizations, or associations wishing to testify in this case are encouraged to inform OZ of their intent to testify prior to the hearing date. This can be done by mail sent to the address stated below, e-mail (donna.hanousek@dc.gov), or by calling (202) 727-0789.

The Commission also requests that all witnesses prepare their testimony in writing, submit the written testimony prior to giving statements, and limit oral presentations to summaries of the most important points. The following maximum time limits for oral testimony shall be adhered to and no time may be ceded:

Applicant and parties in support
Parties in opposition
Organizations
Individuals
Applicant and parties in support
60 minutes collectively
5 minutes each
3 minutes each

Pursuant to Subtitle Z § 408.4, the Commission may increase or decrease the time allowed above, in which case, the presiding officer shall ensure reasonable balance in the allocation of time between proponents and opponents.

### **How to participate as a witness – written statements**

Written statements, in lieu of personal appearances or oral presentation, may be submitted for inclusion in the record. The public is encouraged to submit written testimony through the Interactive Zoning Information System (IZIS) at <a href="https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Login.aspx">https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Login.aspx</a>; however, written statements may also be submitted by mail to 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 200-S, Washington, DC 20001; by e-mail to <a href="mailto:zcsubmissions@dc.gov">zcsubmissions@dc.gov</a>; or by fax to (202) 727-6072. Please include the case number on your submission.

#### How to participate as a party.

Any person who desires to participate as a party in this case must so request and must comply with the provisions of Subtitle Z § 404.1.

A party has the right to cross-examine witnesses, to submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, to receive a copy of the written decision of the Commission, and to exercise the other rights of parties as specified in the Zoning Regulations. If you are still unsure of what it means to participate as a party and would like more information on this, please contact OZ at dcoz@dc.gov or at (202) 727-6311.

Except for an affected ANC, any person who desires to participate as a party in this case must clearly demonstrate that the person's interests would likely be more significantly, distinctly, or uniquely affected by the proposed zoning action than other persons in the general public. Persons seeking party status **shall file with the Commission, not less than 14 days prior to the date set** 

for the hearing, or 14 days prior to a scheduled public meeting if seeking advanced party status consideration, a Form 140 – Party Status Application, a copy of which may be downloaded from OZ's website at: <a href="https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Help/Forms.html">https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Help/Forms.html</a>. This form may also be obtained from OZ at the address stated below.

## "Great weight" to written report of ANC

Subtitle Z § 406.2 provides that the written report of an affected ANC shall be given great weight if received at any time prior to the date of a Commission meeting to consider final action, including any continuation thereof on the application, and sets forth the information that the report must contain. Pursuant to Subtitle Z § 406.3, an ANC that wishes to participate in the hearing must file a written report at least seven days in advance of the public hearing and provide the name of the person who is authorized by the ANC to represent it at the hearing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, YOU MAY CONTACT THE OFFICE OF ZONING AT (202) 727-6311.

ANTHONY J. HOOD, ROBERT E. MILLER, PETER A. SHAPIRO, PETER G. MAY, AND MICHAEL G. TURNBULL ------ ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, BY SARA A. BARDIN, DIRECTOR, AND BY SHARON S. SCHELLIN, SECRETARY TO THE ZONING COMMISSION.

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¿Necesita ayuda para participar? Si tiene necesidades especiales o si necesita servicios de ayuda en su idioma (de traducción o interpretación), por favor comuníquese con Zee Hill llamando al (202) 727-0312 o escribiendo a Zelalem.Hill@dc.gov cinco días antes de la sesión. Estos servicios serán proporcionados sin costo alguno.

**Avez-vous besoin d'assistance pour pouvoir participer?** Si vous avez besoin d'aménagements spéciaux ou d'une aide linguistique (traduction ou interprétation), veuillez contacter Zee Hill au (202) 727-0312 ou à Zelalem.Hill@dc.gov cinq jours avant la réunion. Ces services vous seront fournis gratuitement.

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