We would like to thank the zoning commission for providing the opportunity for the developers of 80 M Street SE to speak with the residents of the Velocity condominiums. It is with sadness that we recognize the developers may be approved to add three additional stories to the existing building. Following the zoning commission hearing, the Velocity residents were able to articulate the significant impact to the quality of life for the existing DC condo owners. As you'll see in the two photos below, the additional stories don't just affect the residents on the south side of the building, but all residents from the diminished roof view. The Velocity residents were able to express their concerns with the developers' plans to conduct construction seven days a week starting at 0700 for 20 months, light pollution from building lights left on all night (as is currently done with the existing building), construction equipment access, sideway modifications, ball park traffic impacts, and other concerns. We thank the commission for listening to the DC residents who have committed years to improving the quality of life in Navy Yard and hope you continue to hear our pleas.

Photo 1: View of the river from the Velocity roof that will be eliminated by the addition of three stories to 80 M Street SE.

Photo 2: The last views of blue sky from our kitchen if 80 M Street SE is permitted to add three stories to the existing structure.





Velocity Residents

Bob Jacobs and Meredith McKay