



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Department of Parks and Recreation



Capital Projects, Planning, and Design

TO: District of Columbia Zoning Commission

RE: DPR Comments on Zoning Case 19-29

DPR commends the design team for their work engaging with the local ANC community as part of the community benefits package for this development and welcomes the funding support that will come to make improvements in nearby Lewis Crowe park, fund a bicycle study along Mount Olivet Rd., support farmer's market operations, and provide public murals, neighborhood flags, and streetscape improvements in public space.

The scale of the development is quite large, and the impact of adding 379 units to existing park infrastructure is quite significant. This area is already strained for walkable park space and is located in an area with an extremely low ratio of park SF/1000 residents. DPR would encourage the development team to consider the option of designing some publicly accessing rooftop space alongside the commercial establishments planned there where, where members of the public could spend leisure time or enjoy the amazing views without the necessity of having to pay for this enjoyment. If this space were promoted as a publicly accessible rooftop park— it would have the added benefit of bringing an additional potential customer base to the commercial establishments and would help alleviate some of the pressure that will be felt on the few walkable parks to the area.

This area also lacks easy access to playgrounds or play space, with the nearest public playground being Alethia Tanner Park, which is down NY Ave and across the train tracks. DPR would encourage any additional fun and creative elements of play in the public space. Another opportunity to alleviate some of the pressure placed on existing parkland would be to support improvements to Brentwood Hamilton park, which is the closest park to the development, but does not currently include a playground or any play structures.

DPR is always open to further conversations if the development team would like to discuss any of these suggestions in more detail.

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