

**ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING**

TIME AND PLACE: **Thursday, February 2, 2023, @ 4:00 p.m.**
Via WebEx: <https://dcoz.dc.gov/ZC20-08B> (to participate & watch)
Via Telephone: 1-650-479-3208 Access code: 2313 348 7689
(audio participation & listen)
Via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/DCOfficeofZoning> (to watch) **Instructions:** <https://dcoz.dc.gov/release/virtual-public-hearings>
Witness Sign Up: <https://dcoz.dc.gov/service/sign-testify>

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING:

CASE NO. 20-08B (HOWARD UNIVERSITY – Application to Permit Interim University Use of 1901-1911 5th Street, N.W. in Square 3090, Lot 41)

THIS CASE IS OF INTEREST TO ANC 1B

Oral and Written Testimony

- All who wish to testify in this case are **strongly encouraged** to sign up to do so **at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing** on OZ’s website at <https://dcoz.dc.gov/service/sign-testify> – see below: *How to participate as a witness – oral statements.*
- All written comments and/or testimony **must be submitted to the record at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing** – see below: *How to participate as a witness – written statements.*

Howard University (“Howard”) filed an application (the “Application”) on November 4, 2022, requesting review and approval by the Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia (the “Commission”) of a special exception to permit interim university use of 1901-1911 5th Street, N.W. in Square, 3090, Lot 41 (“Property”) pursuant to Subtitle X § 101.10 of the Zoning Regulations (Title 11 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, Zoning Regulations of 2016, to which all references are made unless otherwise specified).

The Property is a 16,600 square foot lot with frontage on 5th Street, N.W.) which is owned by Howard University. It is zoned Residential Flat (RF-1) and is located in the LeDroit Park neighborhood within the boundaries of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC”) 1B. The University’s central campus is located approximately one to one and one half blocks to the north west The Property is improved with three rowhouses which previously served as a day care center for employees of the nearby Howard University Hospital until it closed in 2010. The Property is proposed to be used by the University for administrative office space. The University has an urgent need to move its administrative offices out of their current location in the C.B. Powell Building located at 525 Bryant Street, N.W. due to a myriad of factors, including the pressing need to address existing infrastructural issues and to facilitate the development and construction of that property for a new Stem and Health Sciences Complex which will include the preservation of the center portion of the historic Freedman’s Hospital.

This public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the contested case provisions of Subtitle Z, Chapter 4, as well as the text adopted by the Commission on October 15, 2020, in

Z.C. Case No. 20-11, as printed in the Notice of Final Rulemaking published in the *D.C. Register* on October 30, 2021.

How to participate as a witness – oral presentation

Interested persons or representatives of organizations may be heard at the virtual public hearing. All individuals, organizations, or associations wishing to testify in this case are strongly encouraged to sign up to testify at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing on OZ’s website at <https://dcoz.dc.gov/> or by calling Ella Ackerman at (202) 727-0789 in order to ensure the success of the new virtual public hearing procedures.

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 Commission must base its decision on the record before them. The following maximum time limits for oral testimony shall be adhered to and no time may be ceded:

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| 1. Applicant and parties in support | 60 minutes collectively |
| 2. Parties in opposition | 60 minutes collectively |
| 3. Organizations | 5 minutes each |
| 4. Individuals | 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, provided that all written comments and/or testimony must be submitted to the record at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing, unless approved by the Commission upon request to be introduced at the public hearing. The public is encouraged to submit written testimony through the Interactive Zoning Information System (IZIS) at <https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Login.aspx>; however, written statements may also be submitted by e-mail to zcsubmissions@dc.gov. Please include the case number on your submission. If you are unable to use either of these means of submission, please call Ella Ackerman at (202) 727-0789 for further assistance.

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: <https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Help/Forms.html>.

"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.

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

Do you need assistance to participate? If you need special accommodations or need language assistance services (translation or interpretation), please contact Zee Hill at (202) 727-0312 or Zelalem.Hill@dc.gov five days in advance of the meeting. These services will be provided free of charge.

¿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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