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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Zoning Commission

Special Public Meeting

Case No. 11-15F [Howard University - Amendment to  
Central Campus Plan - Extraction of Properties from  
Campus Plan.]

6:00 p.m. to 6:04 p.m.  
Thursday, May 25, 2017

Jerrily R. Kress Memorial Hearing Room  
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 220 South  
Washington, D.C. 20001

1 Board Members:

2 ANTHONY HOOD, Chairman

3 ROBERT MILLER, Vice Chair

4 PETER MAY, Commissioner

5 MICHAEL TURNBULL, Commissioner

6 PETER SHAPIRO, Commissioner

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8 Office of Zoning:

9 SHARON SCHELLIN, Secretary

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## 1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: This meeting will please  
3 come to order. Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.  
4 This is a public meeting of the Zoning Commission for  
5 the District of Columbia.

6 My name is Anthony Hood. We're located in  
7 the Jerrily R. Kress Memorial Hearing Room. Soon to  
8 be joining us will be Vice Chairman Miller,  
9 Commissioner Shapiro, Commissioner May, and  
10 Commissioner Turnbull. We're also joined by the  
11 Office of Zoning staff, Ms. Sharon Schellin, as well  
12 as the Office of Attorney General, Mr. Cohen. Office  
13 of Planning staff, Ms. Steingasser and Ms. Brown-  
14 Roberts.

15 Copies of today's meeting agenda are  
16 available to you and are located in the bin near the  
17 door. We do not take any public testimony at our  
18 meetings unless the Commission requests someone to  
19 come forward. Please be advised that this proceeding  
20 is being recorded by a court reporter and is also  
21 webcast live. Accordingly, we must ask you to  
22 refrain from any disruptive noises or actions in the  
23 hearing room, including the display of any signs or  
24 objects. Please turn off all electronic devices at  
25 this time, and does the staff have any preliminary

1 matters?

2 [Pause.]

3 MS. SCHELLIN: Were you waiting on me?

4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yeah. Any preliminary  
5 matters?

6 MS. SCHELLIN: No preliminary matters.

7 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Colleagues,  
8 tonight's case at the special public meeting is  
9 Zoning Commission Case No. 11-15F. This is final  
10 action in Howard University Campus Plan Amendment.

11 As you know, that really the only reason -- I  
12 thought about this after we did it. The only reason  
13 we held it up is because there was some opposition,  
14 especially by students. I was more interested in the  
15 students and who have expressed an interest. I do  
16 see a letter. And the way I look at it, the  
17 university does have a right to take out property out  
18 of the campus plan. So, but I just wanted to make  
19 sure that they would meet with the students. And I  
20 knew they would, but I just felt like we needed to  
21 move in that direction.

22 But even what was more interesting, this was  
23 the first time in my tenure, and I'm going to go on  
24 record, that I've ever heard any opposition to a  
25 Howard University case. And I think Howard

1 University is the only university that has not had  
2 any opposition.

3 But anyway, I'm prepared tonight, after  
4 looking at the letter from Ms. Bennett, who  
5 unfortunately tonight could not be here because of  
6 how we did it on the short notice. I'm going to be  
7 voting in favor to move forward with the request  
8 before us.

9 But let me open it up for any questions or  
10 comments.

11 No questions? Any comments? Mr. Turnbull?

12 MR. TURNBULL: Mr. Chair, I would concur with  
13 you and I would be in favor also.

14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Anybody else? And I'm  
15 sorry to have everybody come down for a few minutes,  
16 but I think that needed to be done.

17 Okay. So, with that, I would approve Zoning  
18 Commission Case No. 11-15F and ask for a second.

19 MR. MILLER: Second.

20 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: It's been moved and  
21 properly seconded. Any further discussion?

22 [Vote taken.]

23 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Ms. Schellin, would you  
24 record the vote?

25 MS. SCHELLIN: Yes, sir. Staff records the

1 vote five, to zero, to zero to approve final action  
2 in Zoning Commission Case No. 11-15F, Commissioner  
3 Hood moving, Commissioner Miller seconding,  
4 Commissioners May, Turnbull, and Shapiro in support.

5 I would ask if Howard can submit a summary  
6 order in this case?

7 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Summary order.

8 MS. SCHELLIN: Since there were no parties in  
9 opposition. Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: All right, again, I want  
11 to thank everyone, and thank you all again for coming  
12 down for these few minutes, and continue to do the  
13 good work that I know that you all do at Howard  
14 University. So, thank you all.

15 Ms. Schellin, we have anything else?

16 MS. SCHELLIN: Nothing else on this case.

17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I wish we could start this  
18 other case right now. But anyway, with that, this  
19 special public meeting is adjourned.

20 [Whereupon, the special public meeting  
21 adjourned at 6:04 p.m.]

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