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IN THE MATTER OF: :

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Amendments to Subtitle B : Case No.

307.6 & Subtitle U 502.1 : 18-09

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Thursday,

September 6th, 2018

Hearing Room 220 South

441 4th Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C.

The Public Hearing of Case No. 18-09 by the District of Columbia Zoning Commission convened at 6:00 p.m. in the Jerrily R. Kress Memorial Hearing Room at 441 4th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20001, Anthony J. Hood, Chairman, presiding.

ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

- ANTHONY J. HOOD, Chairperson
- MICHAEL G. TURNBULL, FAIA, Commissioner (AOC)
- PETER G. MAY, Commissioner (NPS)
- PETER SHAPIRO, Commissioner

OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

SHARON S. SCHELLIN, Secretary

OFFICE OF PLANNING STAFF PRESENT:

JENNIFER STEINGASSER, Deputy Director, Development
Review & Historic Preservation
ELISA VITALE

D.C. OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT:

ALAN BERGSTEIN, ESQ.

The transcript constitutes the minutes from
the Public Hearing held on September 6th 2018.

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6:43 p.m.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. We're going to begin our hearing. Again, good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

This is a Public Hearing of the Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia for September 6, 2018. My name is Anthony Hood. We're located in the Jerrily R. Kress Memorial Hearing Room.

Before I get into it, first let me just welcome those who may be viewing us or streaming us. And I won't say those in the audience, but those who here on the dais, let me welcome everyone back from a summer vacation. And hopefully it was restful and everyone had a good time and are ready to get back to work.

We will continue with relaxed dress maybe to October 1st or October sometime, because right now it's a little warm. So we want to extend that.

Joining me this evening are Commissioner Shapiro, Commissioner May, and Commissioner Turnbull. We're also joined by the Office of Zoning staff, Ms. Sharon Schellin, Office of Attorney General staff, Mr. Bergstein, Office of Planning staff, Ms. Steingasser.

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1 hearing room.

2 Notice of today's hearing was published in the DC
3 Register. And copies of that announcement are over to my
4 left on the wall near the door.

5 The hearing will be conducted in accordance with
6 provisions 11ZDCMR Chapter 5 as follows: preliminary
7 matters, presentation by the -- in this case, it will be
8 presented tonight by the Office of Planning, reports of other
9 government agencies, reports of any ANCs, organizations and
10 persons in support, organizations and persons in opposition,
11 organizations and persons who are undeclared.

12 The following time constraints will be maintained
13 in this meeting. The Petitioner, the Office of Planning has
14 up to 60 minutes, I don't think we need that much time,
15 organizations, five minutes, individuals, three minutes.

16 All persons wishing to testify before the
17 Commission this evening's hearing, I ask to register at the
18 witness kiosk. The staff will be available throughout the
19 hearing to discuss procedural questions.

20 Please turn off all your electronic devices at
21 this time so not to disrupt these proceedings.

22 At this time, the Commission will consider any
23 preliminary matters. Does the staff have any --

24 MS. SCHELLIN: No, sir.

25 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Is there anyone here tonight who's

1 in objection to either one of what we're considering, this
2 evening's text amendment case, Zoning Commission Case No. 18-
3 09? With that, let me go to Ms. Steingasser.

4 MS. STEINGASSER: Chairman Hood, Commissioners,
5 we're happy to stand on the record in support of the
6 recommendations that we submitted, or I could give you a real
7 quick summary if you want.

8 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay --

9 MS. STEINGASSER: Okay.

10 CHAIRMAN HOOD: I think it's pretty
11 straightforward. We'll see if we have any questions or
12 follow-up comments. I'm not seeing any. I'm not seeing a
13 lot of things. I don't see anyone here to testify. I think
14 this is pretty straightforward.

15 Let me make sure I go through the call, though.
16 Hold on. I've lost my page. One second. Okay.

17 If we have any reports of any government agencies,
18 any other agencies? We did have a letter in support from --
19 let me make sure I get it right. The Chinese American Museum
20 gave us a letter in support.

21 Anything else? I didn't see anything from any
22 ANCs. Am I missing anything, colleagues?

23 PARTICIPANT: No, sir.

24 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Do we have any
25 organizations and persons who are here in support? Any

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1 organizations or persons who are here in opposition? Any
2 organizations or persons who are here who are undeclared?

3 So, with that, colleagues, I think the
4 clarification of the rule of the measurement height in other
5 than residential zones where building height may be 90 feet
6 or taller and include the museum use and the MU Use Group of
7 A, I think they're pretty straightforward. Any questions or
8 comments on any of that?

9 Okay. Could I obtain a motion? Is this one vote
10 or two votes?

11 PARTICIPANT: Two.

12 CHAIRMAN HOOD: This is two votes. So it's both.

13 COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO: Mr. Chairman, I would move
14 that we take the proposed action in Case No. 18-09, Office
15 of Planning Text Amendment re: measuring height in non-
16 residential zone and add art gallery and museum as Matter-of-
17 Right Use Group A. Look for a second.

18 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. It has been moved and
20 properly seconded. Any further discussion? All in favor,
21 aye.

22 (Chorus of aye.)

23 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Any opposition? None hearing.
24 Then, Ms. Schellin, would you please record the vote.

25 MS. SCHELLIN: Yes, sir. Records the vote 4 to

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1 0 to 1 to approve Zoning Commission, to approve proposed
2 action on Zoning Commission Case No. 18-09. Commissioner
3 Shapiro moving, Commissioner Turnbull seconding,
4 Commissioners Hood and May in support, Commissioner Miller
5 not present and not voting.

6 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Ms. Schellin, do we have
7 anything else?

8 MS. SCHELLIN: No, sir.

9 CHAIRMAN HOOD: All right. I want to thank
10 everyone for their participation tonight. And this hearing
11 is adjourned.

12 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the
13 record at 6:48 p.m.)

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