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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ZONING COMMISSION

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VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF:           :
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Text Amendment to Subtitle A, Section : Case No.
209.2, Construction of Playing Fields : 18-04A
and Accessory Structures on Unzoned   :
Land (Parcel 149, Lots 65-66)        :
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MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021

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The Public Hearing of the District of Columbia Board of Zoning Commission convened via Videoconference, pursuant to notice at 4:00 p.m. EDT, Anthony Hood, Chairman, presiding.

ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

- ANTHONY HOOD, Chairperson
- ROBERT MILLER, Vice-Chair
- PETER SHAPIRO, Commissioner
- MICHAEL TURNBULL, Commissioner
- PETER G. MAY, Commissioner

OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

- SHARON SCHELLIN, Secretary
- PAUL YOUNG, Zoning Data Specialist

D.C. OFFICE OF PLANNING

JENNIFER STEINGASSER

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D.C. OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT:

MAXIMILIAN TONDRO, ESQ.

The transcript constitutes the minutes from the
Regular Public Hearing held on January 11, 2021

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OPENING STATEMENT
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PRESENTATIONS:
 Case Number 18-04A, Text Amendment to Subtitle A,
 Section 209.2, Construction of Playing Fields and
 Accessory Structures on Unzoned Land (Parcel 149,
 Lots 65-66). Jennifer Steingasser, Office of Planning 6

VOTE:
 Commissioners. 8

ADJOURN:
 Anthony Hood 9

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(4:00 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN HOOD: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. We are convening and broadcasting the public hearing by video conferencing. Today's date is January 11, 2020. This is Zoning Commission Case No. 18-04A. This is a text amendment to authorize construction of playing fields and accessory structures on unzoned land on Parcel 149, Lots 65 through 66.

Again, my name is Anthony Hood. Joining me are Vice Chair Miller, Commissioner Shapiro, Commissioner May, and Commissioner Turnbull. We are also joined by the Office of Zoning staff, Ms. Sharon Schellin and Mr. Paul Young, who will be handling all of our virtual operations.

Copies of today's virtual public meeting notice are available on the Office of Zoning's website. Please be advised that this proceeding is being recorded by a court reporter and is also webcast live via WebEx and YouTube Live. The video will be available on the Office of Zoning's website after the hearing.

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5 proceedings, please call 202-727-5471, and the Office of Zoning
6 staff will assist you. If you wish to file written testimony or
7 additional supporting documents during the hearing, then please
8 be prepared to describe and discuss at the time of your testimony.

9 The hearing will be conducted in accordance with
10 provisions of 11 Z DCMR, Chapter 5, as follows: preliminary
11 matters, presentation, in this case it will be by the Office of
12 Planning which has up to 60 minutes. I definitely don't think
13 it needs 60 minutes. Report of other government agencies; the
14 report of the ANC, this is city-wide; all ANC's testimony or
15 organizations, five minutes, and individuals three minutes,
16 respectively. We're hearing the proposed in the order as
17 described: support, opposition, and undeclared. While the
18 Commission reserves the right to change the time limits for
19 presentations if necessary, it intends to adhere to the time
20 limits as strictly as possible, and notes that no time shall be
21 ceded. Again, any issues, please call the OZ Hotline number at
22 202-727-5471.

23 At this time, the Commission will consider any
24 preliminary matters.

25 Does the staff have any preliminary matters?

1 MS. SCHELLIN: No preliminary matters. I believe
2 Stephen Mordfin from OP will give the presentation this evening
3 if Mr. Young wants to bring him forward.

4 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. And we also have our counselor,
5 our Attorney General -- Assistant Attorney General, actually,
6 Maximilian Tundro as well here if needed.

7 MS. SCHELLIN: And also Joel Lawson.

8 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Joel -- and Jennifer Steingasser. We
9 can call the roll later.

10 MS. STEINGASSER: We got most of staff going. Sir, as
11 you know, there are playing fields that are authorized on land
12 adjacent to the Robert F. Kennedy Stadium. This text amendment
13 would allow another set of restrooms and would be a very simple
14 modification to the text to increase from three to four accessory
15 structures to be permitted on those grounds. There's no other
16 amendments except for some slight (audio interference) the
17 grammar of the statement. And we're happy to answer any
18 questions.

19 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Thank you, Ms. Steingasser.

20 Commissioners, any questions or comments?

21 Commissioner May?

22 COMMISSIONER MAY: No.

23 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Commissioner Shapiro?

24 COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO: No.

25 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Commissioner Turnbull?

1 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: No.

2 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Vice Chair Miller?

3 VICE CHAIR MILLER: No.

4 CHAIRMAN HOOD: And Anthony Hood doesn't have anything.
5 Thank you, Ms. Steingasser. Very well done. Very good
6 report.

7 Ms. Schellin -- I didn't see anything, Commissioners,
8 from any ANC's. I really didn't see anything in the record other
9 than from Office of Planning and the proposal -- the proposal in
10 front of us.

11 Ms. Schellin, do we have anybody on the line? Or on
12 the line --

13 MS. SCHELLIN: No one registered to testify.

14 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay.

15 So I think this is pretty straightforward. I think
16 what's going on over there now is working well, and obviously the
17 continuation and expansion I think will work well as well. So
18 with that, let me open it up. I'd like for somebody else to
19 speak and make a motion and somebody else to second it.

20 Commissioner Turnbull --

21 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Mr. Chair, I will -- let me
22 make a motion to approve Zoning Case 18-04A, text amendment to
23 Subtitle A to authorize construction of playing fields and
24 accessory structures on unzoned land, Parcel 149, Lots 65 and 66.
25 Look for a second.

1 COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. It's been moved and properly
3 seconded. Any further discussion? Not seeing any.

4 Ms. Schellin, would you please do a roll call vote?

5 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Turnbull?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Yes.

7 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Shapiro?

8 COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO: Yes.

9 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Hood?

10 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yes.

11 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner May?

12 COMMISSIONER MAY: Yes.

13 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Miller?

14 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

15 MS. SCHELLIN: The vote is 5 to 0 to 0 to approve
16 proposed action in Zoning Commission Case No. 18-04A.

17 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Ms. Schellin, do we have anything
18 else before us?

19 MS. SCHELLIN: Nothing else.

20 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Commissioners, do you have anything
21 else you all would like to add? Okay. I'm not seeing anything.

22 I will say that we do have our regular monthly meeting
23 this coming Thursday at 4:00 p.m. I'm not going to go over the
24 agenda, but I would ask the public if they would like to, they
25 can tune in as well. They can go on our website and see our

1 link, and if they have any problems, they can contact our office.

2 So with that, I hope everyone has a great evening. And
3 this hearing is adjourned. Enjoy the game, those who will be
4 watching it. Goodnight.

5 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the
6 record at 4:06 p.m.)

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