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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ZONING COMMISSION

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PUBLIC HEARING

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 IN THE MATTER OF:                   :  
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 Office of Zoning                    : Case No.  
 Text Amendment to                 : 20-26A  
 Subtitles Y and Z                 :  
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MONDAY

JUNE 7, 2021

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The Public Hearing of Case No. 20-26A by the District of Columbia Zoning Commission convened via videoconference at 4:00 p.m. EDT, Anthony J. Hood, Chairperson, presiding.

ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

- ANTHONY J. HOOD, Chairman
- ROBERT MILLER, Vice Chairperson
- PETER SHAPIRO, Commissioner
- PETER MAY, Commissioner
- MICHAEL TURNBULL, Commissioner

OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

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

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D.C. OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT:

ALEXANDRA CAIN, ESQ.

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(4:00 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Today's date is June the 7th, 2021. We are convening and broadcasting this public hearing by videoconferencing. My name is Anthony Hood. Joining me this evening are Vice Chair Miller, Commissioner Shapiro, Commissioner May and Commissioner Turnbull. We're also joined by Office of Zoning Staff, Ms. Sharon Schellin, as well as Mr. Paul Young, who will be handling all of our virtual operations.

The subject of this evening's Zoning Commission Hearing is Zoning Commission Case Number 20-26A. The topic is to extend the eligibility for administrative extensions of the validity of orders approved by the Commission and the Board of Zoning Adjustment to include order scheduled to expire between April the 27th and December 31st, 2021. And basically, this is due to complications of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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10 encourage you to sign up in advance and your name will be called.  
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12 documents during the hearing, then please be prepared to describe  
13 and discuss it at the time of your testimony.

14           This hearing will be conducted in accordance with  
15 provisions of 11-Z DCMR Chapter 5 as follows. We have preliminary  
16 matters, we have a presentation. Tonight's -- the petition is  
17 the Office of Zoning, which has up to 60 minutes, reports of  
18 other government agencies, report of the ANC, this is city wide,  
19 and then we'll have testimony of organizations and individuals.  
20 Each organization will have five minutes and individuals will  
21 have three minutes respectively. And we're here in the order  
22 from those in support, opposition and undeclared.

23           While the Commission reserves the right to change the  
24 time limits of presentations, if necessary, it intends to adhere  
25 to the time limits as strictly as possible and notes that no time

1 shall be seated.

2           Again, any issues, please call the OZ hotline number  
3 202-727-5471. At this time the Commission will consider any  
4 preliminary matters.

5           OZ staff, Ms. Schellin, do you have any preliminary  
6 matters.

7           MS. SCHELLIN: No preliminary matters.

8           CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. And I have here, does the  
9 Petitioner have any preliminary matters. It's up anywhere. Okay.

10          Ms. Schellin, you have the floor.

11          MS. SCHELLIN: Okay. So we will actually stand on the  
12 record. And there's only one submission in the record other than  
13 our petition. And that's a letter from NCPC delegated action  
14 stating that this text amendment would not affect any federal  
15 interest. So with that being said, we will stand on the record.

16          CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Let me see if there are any  
17 questions or comments to the Office of Zoning.

18          Commissioner May? Anybody?

19          Okay. I don't see any hands. Vice Chair Miller. Okay,  
20 great.

21          All right. Do we have any -- I didn't see any ANC  
22 submissions in the record. I think the record is pretty complete  
23 from what we have and assuming ANC.

24          Do we have anybody?

25          MS. SCHELLIN: No.

1 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Let me see -- okay. So let me go -- I  
2 need to go to the Office of Planning, I guess I do.

3 MS. SCHELLIN: No. Well, I mean, you can but they did  
4 not submit a report.

5 CHAIRMAN HOOD: They didn't submit a report. Okay.

6 MS. SCHELLIN: And they -- right. And the time period  
7 45 days has passed, so the Commission can proceed. As you know,  
8 proposed action was already taken and the 30-day comment period  
9 has run, so the next step is this final action.

10 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Okay. So we didn't get anything  
11 from Office of Planning and we have no -- we don't have any ANC  
12 submissions, and we don't have anyone on the line to testify in  
13 support, opposition or undeclared.

14 MS. SCHELLIN: Correct.

15 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. I think due to what the nature  
16 of this business is, Commissioner -- Ms. Schellin, do you have  
17 any closing comments other than what you just said?

18 MS. SCHELLIN: No, sir. We're ready to proceed if you  
19 are.

20 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Okay. So entirely, I think this  
21 is pretty straightforward. I've done enough talking.

22 Somebody like to make a motion, any objections to  
23 moving forward first? No objections.

24 Does somebody like to make a motion?

25 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I would move that the

1 Zoning Commission take final action on Zoning Commission Case  
2 Number 20-26A, Office of Zoning, Text Amendment to Subtitles Y  
3 and Z to extend eligibility for administrative approvals of  
4 validity period of approvals during the COVID-19 pandemic and ask  
5 for a second.

6 COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN HOOD: It's been move and probably second.  
8 And Vice Chair you sound very good, very good coming -- you coming  
9 through is excellent. Send that person over tomorrow.

10 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Well, they hooked up a temporary  
11 solution which should work for a couple of nights.

12 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Sounds good. Okay. So it's been moved  
13 and properly second.

14 Any further discussion?

15 Okay. Ms. Schellin, could you do a roll call vote,  
16 please?

17 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Miller?

18 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

19 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Shapiro?

20 COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO: Yes.

21 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Hood?

22 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yes.

23 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner May?

24 COMMISSIONER MAY: Yes.

25 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Turnbull.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Yes.

2 MS. SCHELLIN: So the vote is 5-0-0 to approve final  
3 action in Zoning Commission Case Number 20-26A.

4 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Thank you. Ms. Schellin.

5 Do we have anything else before us in 20-26A tonight?

6 MS. SCHELLIN: No, sir.

7 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. So we're going to adjourn this  
8 hearing and we have to go to the other link to go for our next  
9 proceeding. So once everybody gets in, we'll get started.

10 So with that, the Zoning Commission Hearing Case Number  
11 20-26A is now adjourned. Thank you, everybody.

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

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