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JULY 1, 2021

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 IN THE MATTER OF: :
 :
 Zoning Map Amendment from : Case No. 20-24
 RA-1 zone to the BF-1A, :
 BF-1B, BF-2A, BF-2B, BF-2C, :
 and BF-2D zones, :
 Square 5862, Lots 137-143; :
 Square 5865, Lots 63, :
 242-282, 284; Square 5866, :
 Lots 130, 133-136, 141-145, :
 147-154; and Square 5867, :
 Lots 3, 143, 172-174. :
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The Public Hearing of Case No. 20-24 by the District of Columbia Board of Zoning Commission convened via videoconference, pursuant to notice at 4:00 p.m. EDT, Anthony Hood, Chairperson, presiding.

ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

SHARON SCHELLIN, Secretary
PAUL YOUNG, Zoning Data Specialist

OFFICE OF PLANNING STAFF PRESENT:

MAXINE BROWN-ROBERTS
JENNIFER STEINGASSER

D.C. OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT:

MAXIMILIAN TONDRO, ESQUIRE

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PRESENTATION:
 Case No. 20-24 - Office of Planning - Zoning Map
 Amendment from RA-1 zone to the BF-1A, BF-1B, BF-2C,
 and BF-2D zones @ Square 5862, Lots 137-143; Square
 5865, Lots 63, 242-282, 284; Square 5866, Lots 130,
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(4:00 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you. Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. We are convening and broadcasting this public hearing by videoconferencing. My name is Anthony Hood. Joining me are Vice Chair Miller and Commissioner Shapiro. Soon to join us will be Commissioner Turnbull, who's having technical difficulties at this moment, and soon to join us, as well, hopefully, will be Commissioner May. If Commissioner May does not join us, he will be reading the record in this case. We're also joined with the Office of Zoning staff, Ms. Sharon Schellin, our secretary, and Mr. Paul Young, who is working with all of our virtual operations, as you can see. We ask all others to introduce themselves at the appropriate time.

Copies of today's public hearing notice are available on the Office of Zoning's website. Today's date again is July the 1st, 2021, and tonight's subject of tonight's hearing is Zoning Commission Case No. 20-24. Well, let me make sure I have the numbers right. One second. Yes, 20-24, and this is a proposed map amendment for the Barry Farms zone, which is the BF zone.

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14 please be prepared to describe and discuss it at the time of your
15 testimony.

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17 provisions of 11-Z DCMR Chapter 5, as follows: preliminary
18 matters; presentation, in this case is the Office of Planning,
19 and they have up to 60 minutes; report of other government
20 agencies; report of the ANC; testimony of organizations and
21 individuals each have five and three minutes, respectively, and
22 we will hear in the order from those in support, opposition, or
23 undeclared. While the Commission reserves the right to change
24 the time limits for presentations, if necessary, it intends to
25 adhere to the time limits as strictly as possible and no time

1 shall be ceded. Again, any issues, please call our OZ hotline
2 number at 202-727-5471.

3 Again, as I've stated earlier, we've now been joined
4 by Mr. Turnbull, who I stated earlier, was having technical
5 difficulties. And Mr. May, again, will possibly read the record
6 if he's not able to join us. And we also have Mr. Tondro, who
7 is our counsel.

8 At this time the Commission will consider any
9 preliminary matters. Does the staff have any preliminary
10 matters?

11 MS. SCHELLIN: Just to advise that there is a
12 supplemental report filed by OP at Exhibit 176. The Commission
13 had asked OP to analyze how the new Comp Plan applies to the
14 proposed map amendment, and they have submitted a supplemental
15 report with that information for the Zoning Commission. Other
16 than that, just to state that Maxine Brown-Roberts and Jennifer
17 Steingasser will be giving the report this evening. And ready
18 to go whenever you're ready.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you. Now that the four
20 of us are here, we can bring Ms. Brown-Roberts and Ms. Steingasser
21 up, and we may begin. I'll turn it over to Ms. Brown-Roberts
22 and Ms. Steingasser.

23 (Pause.)

24 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: Good afternoon, Chairman, and
25 members of the Commission. This is Maxine Brown-Roberts

1 representing the Office of Planning on Zoning Commission Case 20-
2 21 and 20-24. And I'm here with Jennifer Steingasser.

3 On December 7th, 2020, the Zoning Commission held a
4 public hearing on rulemaking case -- Zoning Commission Case 20-
5 21, a text amendment to create the BF zone for the former Barry
6 Farm/Wade Road development, also known as Barry Farm. The
7 proposal this afternoon is for the zone to be mapped by rezoning
8 the property from the RA-1 to the BF zone with a number of
9 subzones.

10 The June 7th, 2021, the Zoning Commission requested
11 that OP address how the proposed map amendment reflects the
12 recently approved Comp Plan update which emphasizes the
13 importance of equity and racial equity as a guiding principle for
14 planning and policymaking in the District of Columbia.

15 As a way to advance equity, the Comp Plan calls for
16 training of District officials, preparation of equity tools to
17 assist District agencies in evaluating and implementing the
18 Comprehensive Plan policies and actions through an equity lens,
19 and for this evaluation to be through the Comprehensive Plan
20 consistency analysis.

21 Equity is a broad and encompassing goal of the -- for
22 the entire District Government requiring a broad range of
23 policies and tools, some of which fall under the zoning authority
24 practices of the Zoning Commission. Zoning Commission actions
25 and land-use focus have the broad equity goal, including --

1 includes public policies, budget investments, civic improvement,
2 and social services.

3 The equity analysis is intended to be based on the
4 policies of the Comprehensive Plan and whether a proposed zoning
5 action is not inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan, as is the
6 case whenever the Zoning Commission considers Comp Plan map
7 consistency. The scope of the review and Comp Plan policies will
8 apply and will depend on the nature of the proposal in action.

9 Equities convey through the Comprehensive Plan, and
10 include affordable housing displacement, access to transit,
11 access to social services, and open space opportunity. One of
12 the key ways the Comp Plan seeks to address equity is by support
13 of additional housing development and recognizes the importance
14 of providing affordable housing opportunities for households of
15 varying income levels.

16 Typically, an equity analysis will look at the
17 potential development uses and impacts under the proposal
18 compared to the existing zone. The zoning action before the
19 Commission tonight is a text amendment to create new BF zones and
20 map amendment to rezone the Barry Farm site from the current RA-
21 1 to the new BF zones. In this circumstance, there is a large
22 amount of information known about the project that is intended
23 to be developed under the new BF zone. Because the site is owned
24 by the District of Columbia Housing Authority, there is a Small
25 Area Plan, and research done for the historic designation of a

1 | portion of the Barry Farm site. Equity and displacement were
2 | central issues of the Small Area Plan, which is incorporated into
3 | the Comp Plan update. The proposed new BF zone and the map
4 | amendment flow directly from recommendations of the Small Area
5 | Plan and the Comp Plan upgrade -- update with the purpose to
6 | facilitate the development.

7 | The guiding principles and vision for the new Barry
8 | Farm have been incorporated into the proposed text and map
9 | amendment and will provide a new mixed-income community with low-
10 | income replacement housing units in addition to other affordable
11 | rental and homeownership units. The units would be available for
12 | a variety of sizes and unit types, such as apartment, flat,
13 | (indiscernible), and single row dwellings. The amendments would
14 | allow for community spaces to accommodate supportive uses and
15 | services on site to enhance training and development.

16 | The proposed text amendment and map amendment would
17 | implement the Small Area Redevelopment Plan with a combination
18 | of apartments and low-rise uses with a mix of duplex townhouses
19 | and (indiscernible). The current RA-1 zone does not allow these
20 | residential types as a matter of right nor at the necessary
21 | density and height. The development is required to provide 380
22 | low-income replacement public housing units in addition to other
23 | affordable and market rate units for a total of up to 1,100 units.
24 | In addition, it will allow for a variety of neighborhood retail
25 | uses on the ground floor of buildings along Firth Sterling Avenue

1 | which will complement the residential uses.

2 | The Comp Plan update addresses the issue of housing and
3 | disparity of incomes. Proposed zoning text specifically
4 | identifies the purpose of the BF zone and provision of affordable
5 | housing, including for very low-income housing units. The text
6 | and map amendment in this case will result in new housing
7 | available for families of various income levels, including
8 | households earning less than 30 percent of the MFI. The variety
9 | of housing types allowed under the proposed BF zone will allow
10 | -- will also provide opportunities for homeownership for a
11 | population that has a low rate of homeownership compared to the
12 | total District population.

13 | The text and map amendment will result in the creation
14 | of for-sale townhouses, both market rate and affordable. The new
15 | development of Barry Farm as facilitated by the new Barry Farm
16 | zone is anticipated to result in a mix of housing types, housing
17 | tenure, and income for rental housing for very low-income
18 | households and market rate for-sale units.

19 | Concerns have been raised regarding the enforcement of
20 | replacement units. The issue of replacement units is included
21 | and required in Section 1105.4 and 1105.5 of the proposed text
22 | amendment and would include the U.S. Department of Housing and
23 | Urban Development and compliance with HUD Federal public housing
24 | requirements. The master development agreement between the Barry
25 | Farm Redevelopment Associates and DCHA, plus regulatory

1 | agreements between POAH and D.C. HFA, Low Income Housing Tax
2 | Credit indenture of restrictive covenants between POAH and D.C.
3 | Department of Housing and Community Development, and affordable
4 | housing covenants between POAH and the D.C. Deputy Mayor of
5 | Planning and Economic Development.

6 | Regarding the Comprehensive Plan policies, the proposed
7 | text and map amendment would not be inconsistent with the citywide
8 | elements and would further many of the policies of the
9 | Comprehensive Plan. As stated before, the new -- the approved
10 | Comprehensive Plan have the policies for equity which have been
11 | integrated into the new plan.

12 | The BF zone -- regarding land use, the BF zone text
13 | amendment -- in the BF zone, the text amendment and rezoning for
14 | Barry Farm would be as anticipated by the Small Area Plan. The
15 | proposed new zoning -- rezoning would further the revitalization
16 | of the Barry Farm neighborhood consistent with this policy. The
17 | BF zone and map amendment would facilitate new and affordable
18 | housing serving a mix of incomes and households adjacent to the
19 | Anacostia Metro Station allowing access to public transportation
20 | and would reduce the need for expensive private car ownership.

21 | A portion of the site has been landmarked to preserve
22 | resources for the former Barry Farm development and provide for
23 | potential cultural assets, such as a museum to maintain the record
24 | and record the history of Barry Farm. The retail and services
25 | proposed would complement the residential use and provide for the

1 day-to-day needs of residents. Accordingly, the proposed text
2 amendment and map amendment would allow for the enhancement,
3 revitalization, and beautification of the neighborhood through
4 new housing, open space, new streets, and community resources.

5 Regarding the transportation element, the proposed text
6 and map amendment would allow for the redevelopment of Barry Farm
7 neighborhood as a mixed-use and transit-oriented community with
8 significant new investments in new and improved pedestrian-
9 oriented and bicycle infrastructure which would connect to the
10 nearby Anacostia Metro Station and also the Martin Luther King,
11 Jr. Avenue.

12 In the housing element, the proposed text and zoning
13 map amendment would encourage and facilitate the expansion of the
14 number of units in Barry Farm up to the 1,100 units, consistent
15 with the Barry Farm Small Area Plan, which also contemplated
16 public investments in new streets, pedestrian and bicycle
17 infrastructure, private and public open spaces, retail, and
18 services.

19 Economic development element would be supported as the
20 proposed amendment will allow for a mix of neighborhood,
21 commercial uses in the proposed BF-1 zone and would encourage the
22 establishment of retail and service uses to directly serve
23 residents of Barry Farm and the surrounding community. The
24 commercial spaces would also provide economic opportunities to
25 Barry Farm residents and would advance the policies of the

1 economic element. The amendments would facilitate redevelopment
2 of the Barry Farm site, which would include a significant amount
3 and variety of public space elements, including landscaped open
4 space areas and common space -- and common open spaces. Thus,
5 the proposed text and map amendment would advance the policies
6 of the parks, recreation, and open space element.

7 A portion of Barry Farm has been designated as a
8 historic landmark to record, celebrate, and commemorate the
9 history of Barry Farm and its association with the African
10 American Civil Rights. To recognize the historic landmark, the
11 proposed text and map amendment proposes the BF-2D zone which
12 would recognize the historic buildings and surrounding areas and
13 building heights will be limited to a maximum of 40 feet. The
14 uses allowed within the BF-2 zone would include arts, design,
15 recreation, daytime care, education which all would be compatible
16 with the landmark building and area.

17 The amendment will allow for cultural facilities that
18 would consider their neighborhood-serving role, as well as how
19 they relate to a network of cultural facilities in the Anacostia
20 area. Buildings in the BF-1 zone with frontage along Firth
21 Sterling Avenue, would be required to devote at least 50 percent
22 of their ground floor venue frontage to a mix of neighborhood-
23 serving uses, including arts and creation uses. Therefore, the
24 amendment would encourage additional arts and cultural
25 establishments within Ward 8 generally, and in effect, balance

1 the distribution of art facilities throughout the District.

2 The Far Southeast and Southwest Area Plan would be
3 supported by the proposed map and text amendment through the
4 provision of neighborhood ground floor retail and service uses
5 with residences above. Specifically, in the BF-1 zone, which is
6 intended to permit mixed development, provide a range of
7 neighborhood-serving retail and service uses. The proposed BF
8 zone would allow for the provision of the mixed-unit types,
9 including affordable owner-occupied single-family units that will
10 be available to qualified returning residents. The amendment
11 would, therefore, advance homeownership in the Far
12 Southeast/Southwest area.

13 The Office of Planning recommends that the proposed
14 zone -- the BF zone for Zoning Commission Case 20-21 on the Barry
15 Farm property be approved, as it would not be inconsistent with
16 the Comprehensive Plan update; the Future Land Use Map; the
17 generalized policy map designation; and the citywide elements,
18 including policies of the Far Southeast/Southwest area element;
19 and the recommendation of the Barry Farm/Park Chester/Wade Road
20 Redevelopment Plan, and would be an example of an equitable
21 development.

22 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I'm available for
23 questions.

24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you, Ms. Brown-Roberts. Ms.
25 Steingasser, I don't know, do you have anything you wanted to

1 add, or is that it? I think we're good, unless you have something
2 to add.

3 MS. STEINGASSER: (No audible response.)

4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: You're on mute.

5 MS. STEINGASSER: I don't have anything to add to the
6 report that Ms. Brown-Roberts just gave. I would like to advise
7 the Commission that the National Capital Planning Commission,
8 just an hour ago, did pass the Comprehensive Plan and will be
9 returned to the Mayor for her signature tomorrow and then forward
10 it to Congress.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you, Ms. Steingasser, for that
12 information, and thank you, Ms. Brown-Roberts. We watched NCPC
13 today, and I want to be -- I can't remember who the Vice Chair
14 was, but I want to be relaxed like she was. So I'm working on
15 that today. I'm going to be just relaxed like the Vice Chair
16 was. She was so smooth, and I said, "Hood, you got to apply some
17 of that." So -- that is, you can tell her I said that (audio
18 interference). I'm going to adopt some of that. I'm wanting to
19 be just as calm as she was. Let's see how long that lasts.

20 So thank you both. I think the Office of Planning's
21 report was very good. I would particularly -- can everybody mute
22 to reduce the reduce background noise. I think particularly the
23 -- when I read the background, this is a long time coming. When
24 I started seeing dates -- and I made some little notes. When I
25 started seeing dates in 2005 and people who had been moved since

1 2012, you know, it really makes you wonder, you know, what are
2 we doing? I know we're trying to do all we can to -- and it
3 looks -- As far as the equity lens, I think we're really making
4 tremendous -- I think the Commission -- I will say this again.
5 I think the Commission's started on the equity lens a long time
6 ago, but I'm glad, now, that it's in the Comp Plan for us to look
7 at. And I know I have some questions about that but let me --
8 since Commissioner May just joined us a few moments ago, let me
9 give him a chance to get settled, and I will -- I know he's been
10 in a meeting all afternoon.

11 Let me go to Commissioner Shapiro to start off with our
12 questions or comments, if you don't mind.

13 COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. First,
14 thanks to Ms. Brown-Roberts for that very thorough, excellent
15 report. Much appreciated.

16 And Mr. Chair, like you said, it's a long time coming.

17 I'm a bit confused, and pardon me if I'm just being
18 either forgetful, or ignorant on this. Ms. Brown-Roberts, in
19 your report, you were referring to the text amendment and the map
20 amendment. What's before us today is just the map amendment,
21 right?

22 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: The -- yes. The text amendment was
23 -- we had the public hearing for the text amendment some time
24 ago, but what we wanted to do in this case was to address the
25 Comprehensive Plan for section of both reports, since we wanted

1 to update -- updated addressing the equities. So that's why we
2 included that -- this -- the Comprehensive Plan section would be
3 for both reports.

4 COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO: That makes perfect sense. I
5 must have been confused, because the -- you were using it --
6 using both together. And even in your report, there's some
7 confusion about what we're referencing in the headings. It's not
8 a big deal. This report is a help. The report itself is quite
9 excellent and thank you for all the work.

10 Mr. Chair, I don't have any other questions on the
11 report. I'm looking forward to moving this process forward.
12 Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner
14 Turnbull.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

16 Ms. Brown-Roberts, pardon me, I missed part of your
17 talk in the beginning there. What is the percentage of
18 homeownership that we could look to see at Barry Farm -- of the
19 whole area? Do you -- right? I mean, didn't (indiscernible)?
20 How much are we looking for homeownership?

21 (Pause.)

22 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: I'm not sure of the percentage, but
23 I think it's 160 homeownership units out of the total number. Of
24 the 1,100, I think there will be 160 homeownership units.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: 160 out of how many did you

1 say?

2 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: 1,100 units total.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Okay. All right. Well, thank
4 you very much.

5 MS. STEINGASSER: There's a breakout of the residential
6 unit types on page 6 of our report.

7 (Pause.)

8 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. While Commissioner Turnbull
9 is reviewing that again, Vice Chair Miller, do you have any
10 questions or comments?

11 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank
12 you Ms. Brown-Roberts and Ms. Steingasser for bringing this case
13 and presenting it up to us today. I would echo the comments of
14 my colleagues, the Chairman and co-Commissioners, so far. This
15 has been a long time coming.

16 The 1,100 units, which include the 380 public housing
17 replacement units, it's not a map or a text amendment, or is it?
18 I think -- I actually -- I guess there's something in the
19 Comprehensive Plan that does -- the new Comprehensive Plan that's
20 about to become law but isn't yet law that requires the 380
21 replacement, and so our zoning has to be not inconsistent with
22 that. But is our map and text amendment going to include --
23 normally, it doesn't include units, but here we have a public
24 site -- public housing site, it was designated a long time ago
25 as a new community to be redeveloped with -- replace 1 for 1

1 replacement and had other affordable units and market-rate units.
2 So normally, a map and text amendment would not designate the
3 number of units, but are they being designated in our map and
4 text amendment? I didn't carefully review the language of the
5 proposed map and text and how specifics (audio interference)
6 answer that.

7 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: It is carved out in the text
8 amendment that there be 380 replacement units and that the total
9 number of units would be about 1,100. So that's about the
10 breakdown that's in the text amendment.

11 VICE CHAIR MILLER: But there are other requirements
12 for the development of the site that are in the, I guess, the
13 City's disposition or should it be (audio interference) with the
14 private developer who's partnering with the DC (audio
15 interference) party, and so I see the -- on page 6 of your (audio
16 interference), that in this --

17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Let me interrupt. Let me interrupt.
18 Ms. Brown-Roberts, I think that when you're not on mute and
19 somebody else is talking, we get a lot of feedback. So I know
20 it's hard to go back and forth, mute, unmute, mute. So we're
21 going to have to do that so everybody -- I don't want folks to
22 say they couldn't hear and understand. So if you could mute,
23 unmute, mute, unmute, we would appreciate it. And that goes for
24 all of us. I'm getting ready to mute.

25 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yeah. So I'll try to do that, too,

1 Mr. Chairman. I see that the -- that initially there were 380
2 replacement housing -- public housing replacement units that are
3 -- as set forth in your report on page 6. The 320 additional
4 units, affordable up to 80 percent MFI, and then it has the
5 homeownership, those are the rental units and I'll have a question
6 about that in a second. And then the homeownership, it shows
7 200 units, 160 of which are market-rate units, and 40 are
8 affordable units up to 80 percent MFI. So I guess it's a total
9 of 200 homeownership units.

10 The question I have is about the 320 additional units
11 beyond the public housing replacement units, affordable up to 80
12 percent MFI, which are rental. Why don't we have the 60 percent
13 MFI level, or is there a further breakdown of that and some and
14 those are or will be at the 60 percent and lower MFI, since that's
15 what our inclusionary zoning requires for rental? I don't know
16 why on a public site, we wouldn't -- as a disposition or
17 development agreement, and I guess it is not in our text amendment
18 or map amendment that is before us, but we're talking about the
19 project -- the redevelopment project here. Why -- is there a
20 further breakout of those 320 additional affordable units up to
21 80 percent MFI which some of them -- are some of them below the
22 60 percent MFI? I think if one of you could answer that.

23 MS. STEINGASSER: Well, the 380 public housing units
24 are 30 percent below, so they're extremely low income. The
25 project itself is not subject to inclusionary zoning, because it

1 is a publicly funded and public project. So it's a maximum of
2 up to 80, and we don't have any further breakdown at this point.

3 VICE CHAIR MILLER: When you say you "don't have any
4 further breakdown," there's nothing in the disposition agreement.
5 Is there a disposition agreement with a private developer? So
6 that justified anything beyond what you've just said in terms of
7 (audio interference)?

8 MS. STEINGASSER: Well, I don't know if it's a standard
9 disposition agreement. And no, we have not seen the details of
10 that agreement, but that -- we could certainly ask for that
11 additional information for that case.

12 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Only because, you know, we -- when
13 we had -- when this was a former PUD that went away, we had very
14 specific information about the levels of affordability of all of
15 the units. We had very specific information, which I also would
16 like to see in a further submission, of the size of the units,
17 especially for the replacement units, vis-a-vis the existing
18 public housing units on the site, but the size of all of the
19 units, which I'm sure vary in size on an 1,100-unit site. So I
20 think it would just be useful for the record on this case, which
21 has a long and storied history, to see where we're -- a map and
22 text amendment isn't necessarily the vehicle that's requiring
23 those specific sizes and disposition and affordability levels
24 other than what's in your report. So if you could provide that,
25 I would appreciate that.

1 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: If I could just make one
2 correction. There are actually 200 homeownership units. Thanks.

3 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Thank you. And Mr. Turnbull, you
4 can take part of my time.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Well, I'm going to give that
6 right back to you. No, I just wanted to -- my only comment is
7 that I totally agree with you. I guess what's -- I really don't
8 like the language when it says "up to" -- affordable units up to
9 80 percent MFI. I think that's a little -- makes me feel very
10 uneasy as to what we're really -- what is the intent of what
11 we're trying to do. And I think, like so many issues, that we
12 suddenly find more of at the end at 80 percent. So I think as
13 the Vice Chair was leading to, we really need a breakdown that
14 shows us exactly what is planned or what could be considered. I
15 just find that language just a little bit disturbing, in a way,
16 is that it's just -- it leaves things a little bit open, and I
17 think, as the Vice Chair was (audio interference) to, I think we
18 need a little bit more definition on this that we could really
19 explain what that really means.

20 Those are my comments, and I yield back to the Vice
21 Chair.

22 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Turnbull. That --
23 yeah, that was my point. I think in the previous PUD, which was
24 larger, I think it had more units, but I think the vision is
25 still the same, that the City has and that the private partner

1 has, and the D.C. Housing Authority has, a range of affordability.
2 As Ms. Steingasser pointed out, the public housing replacement
3 units are 0 percent to 30 percent, extremely low. But then when
4 you see the next level at up to 80, we need that also, that other
5 middle, the 30 to 50, the 30 to 60, then the 60 to 80, and the
6 80 to 120, whatever. And I think that we had that level of --
7 or more level of specificity in the -- I shouldn't keep bringing
8 it up since -- in the former version of this that was before us
9 as a PUD.

10 But I'm glad this is moving forward. I thank you for
11 bringing it forward. I guess I have one more question about the
12 existing residents, or who -- the existing residents who are --
13 I don't know if there are any existing residents on Barry Farm.
14 I guess that's my question. Are there any residents still on
15 Barry Farm, how many, and where is everybody else, and do they
16 have what we put into the PUD order -- that famous -- infamous
17 PUD order, the right to return, which DCHA had already negotiated
18 an agreement with the tenants association, I believe? But if --
19 - well, what is the status? If we can get information, not
20 necessarily tonight, if you don't have it off the top of your
21 head, maybe somebody else testifying later, the private partner
22 might, as to where everybody is, who is coming back, how many
23 are coming back, where are they, and the right to come back?

24 So thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate it.

25 MS. STEINGASSER: I'm sorry. In 20-21, where -- the

1 actual text amendment case, these issues were raised, and I
2 believe the applicant -- the development team did provide some
3 information after that hearing regarding the right to return.
4 The actual -- they do know where the residents are that have been
5 relocated, and they do -- have contacted them, but there are
6 issues of privacy, so they have not entered those addresses into
7 the record. But they do have contacts, and they have an
8 association that they interact with regularly.

9 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes, but if we can just get an
10 update on that, not to the level of addresses, an update on where
11 -- on the residents -- the former residents, and the existing
12 residents who may still be at Barry Farm. I think that would be
13 -- it's good to have a full record of this case.

14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Vice Chair.
15 Commissioner May.

16 COMMISSIONER MAY: Thank you. I appreciate your not
17 calling on me to start answering questions immediately, because
18 my mind was, you know, following me into this meeting. It hadn't
19 quite arrived yet. There's always just, at NCPC, where we did
20 pick up the Comprehensive Plan approval, among many other things.

21 So I appreciate all the questions that have come from
22 my fellow Commissioners. I think that was all very helpful. I
23 don't have any further questions. I do want to underscore Vice
24 Chair Miller's request for the information on sort of the MFI
25 breakdown, and bedroom sizes and things like that. I think that's

1 | important to understand.

2 | I will also say that it's -- this is one of those parts
3 | of the City where it's not just about making sure that we have
4 | adequate, affordable housing, but that we also have significant
5 | amounts of market-rate housing or what would be market rate for
6 | that area. I remember on another case, not very far from here,
7 | like a stone's throw from here, where, you know, the issue came
8 | up, and it was -- much of the testimony that we heard was about
9 | making sure that there were market-rate homes for sale for people
10 | here, because that's part of what the neighborhood needs. And
11 | furthermore, we heard -- it wasn't right here, but not far away,
12 | you know, we heard about what market rate is in some neighborhoods
13 | of the City, which is that it's not the market rate, you know,
14 | for the surrounding area, and that, in fact, 80 percent of MFI
15 | probably is close to what market rate would be. So I don't know
16 | if that's still true now. That was a few years ago. But I think
17 | it's, you know, it's very important for us to understand this
18 | mix, not just because we want to make sure that we have enough
19 | affordable units, but that we have enough market-rate to make it
20 | a viable and, I think, balanced community, because I think that's
21 | what really will benefit the community once it's redeveloped.

22 | So really more of a statement, not a question, but I
23 | appreciate everybody's questions so far. Thank you.

24 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner May.
25 | All right.

1 Ms. Brown-Roberts and Ms. Steingasser, I have a few
2 questions more in the equity lens side.

3 First question, and I don't want to ask Commissioner
4 May. I watched the NCPC hearing, and I don't want to put him on
5 the witness stand. But let me ask you all, the NCPC only has to
6 vote one time, correct?

7 (Affirmative head nod.)

8 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. I see you're shaking your
9 head. So I think, you know, okay. So the answer to me from Ms.
10 Brown-Roberts is yes.

11 The reason why I'm asking, this whole equity lens,
12 again, you know, it's been a push, and I'm so glad that the
13 Council and the Mayor and everyone now is focused on this. Have
14 we consulted any -- has the Office of Planning consulted any --
15 and I may have this confused. I'm still trying to follow, it's
16 new. The office that the Council has on equity, and the Mayor,
17 I think, has another Office of Equity, or are they the same
18 office? I'm trying to still understand how that's working. If
19 you could help me.

20 MS. STEINGASSER: They are two different offices, the
21 Council Office of Racial Equity and then the Mayor has a Racial
22 Equity Officer.

23 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yeah, so I guess -- well obviously,
24 this is top radar, and that's why I wanted to be here, too, for
25 the time that I'm here.

1 Let me just ask, did the Office of Planning consult,
2 as we -- as this is new, and we're trying to figure things out,
3 did you all consult with both of those offices or one of those
4 offices?

5 MS. STEINGASSER: We did not. And as you've pointed
6 out, Chairman Hood, this is brand new, and it, you know, -- we
7 did not have time to reach out to them. We would, ideally, have
8 liked to be able to have some training and education on it first,
9 but this case, you know, where this case is has caused us to come
10 forward. But we did not reach out to those offices at this point.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So let me just say it like
12 this, not yet, but I'm sure that we have other actions that we're
13 going to have to take. And I'm sure the Office of Planning is
14 going to be reaching out to those offices as those offices also
15 go through a way of trying to come up to speed and up to par.
16 And I'm sure that, even if you went to them now, Ms. Steingasser,
17 you would probably get some -- they'd probably have a little more
18 to help us, but they probably wouldn't have all that we're looking
19 for. This is evolving. I believe this is going to transpire as
20 we move along, because also one of the things that I've been
21 concerned about was the right (indiscernible) as you -- if you
22 watched the 2014 hearings, I've started off with that. So I
23 think it still stands -- and I know this is a map amendment, but
24 what gives me the comfort level is we have letters of support
25 from DCHA. And I know there are Federal laws that are in place

1 | which, I think, you know, while a lot of people, a lot of
2 | residents want the Zoning Commission to take over the Federal
3 | law, we can't do that. So I think the Federal laws would help
4 | the residents to be able to have the right to return.

5 | I understand that we have a number of letters from
6 | DMPED, DCHA, Empower DC, and others talking about different
7 | things. And I think the biggest thing for me is the right to
8 | return. And I'm hoping, and I'll say this even when Ms. Todman,
9 | who now is in the Biden Administration -- President Biden
10 | Administration -- at least she was, but I think that that's
11 | important that DCHA continue to honor those commitments which
12 | they're Federally bound to do, the way I understand it. And
13 | also, for those who were not paying attention in 2014, one of
14 | the things that I know I pushed was for the right to return was
15 | that they could not continue to build until we get an assessment,
16 | but that got resolved.

17 | So now here we are again trying to get it, because when
18 | I read this record -- when I read the record and what's in front
19 | of me, and I look at all these support letters for this
20 | application, and people are ready to get it done. And I look at
21 | Ms. Brown-Roberts' report, which in the background is very
22 | detailed and very well done, it jogs my memory, and it starts
23 | talking about 2005 and what happened in 2000, and I'm looking at
24 | letters from people who had moved off the property since 2012 and
25 | 2016 and again -- most of the letters say, again, "I fully support

1 and look forward to seeing the Barry Farm site being redeveloped
2 as soon as possible in order to bring the Barry Farm residents
3 back home to a vibrant community, and I urge you and your fellow"
4 -- well, to the Council, too, obviously, "the Zoning
5 Commissioners to grant the approvals necessary for this important
6 project to move forward."

7 We're talking about the -- I know this is a map
8 amendment, but we're talking about people's lives. And the people
9 who -- you know, I take exception to some of this, because some
10 of the people who are holding up these people's lives and causing
11 them to stay in dilapidated housing don't even live in the area.
12 To me, I think -- I mean, it's all right to comment, but be
13 helpful. You know, don't wait and try to find, "Oh, I got your
14 moment." So anyway.

15 You know, and when I look at all these letters of people
16 who have their addresses of where they have been temporarily
17 located to, who do not want to get lost, and this is something
18 that came up in 2014, who do not want to get lost, and the record
19 speaks for itself. And I'll leave it at that that. And I think
20 that anybody who challenges this, look at the human. You're
21 hurting the people who want to come home, and that's where I am.

22 But Ms. Steingasser and Ms. Brown-Roberts, I appreciate
23 your report. Again, I'm looking forward to this -- the equity
24 -- the component of it of the lens. I think the -- as was mentioned
25 about the different various variations of affordability, I think

1 that's part of it, and especially the lower end of affordability.
2 I think that's a key part of the equity.

3 And there are some other things, I'm sure, in other
4 cases that this Commission, we will learn as we move forward, but
5 I think a lot of the equity in this first primary case that we
6 have now started talking about this and really -- that it's law
7 or soon to be law, which, basically, the Comp Plan was passed
8 today -- I mean, it was passed there by NCPC. I'm sure the Mayor
9 will be signing it, and then, I guess we have to wait on
10 Congressional review, but basically, through the years I've been
11 here, the Government, I've been here for -- I've been involved
12 since the '80s. I haven't seen a whole lot come back from
13 Congress, unless they put a rider on it about needle sharing or
14 something like that, not only -- but hopefully, that does not get
15 mixed up in nothing like that and let us have our own autonomy
16 and do what we need to do.

17 I know people have put a lot of work into this. I'm
18 very passionate about it. I have a lot of friends who grew up
19 in Barry Farm. It's time to get it done. So those who want to
20 get the Zoning Commission and say "I got you" moment, it's the
21 only reason I'm saying it, is for when you get ready to take us
22 for the "I got you" moment. These are people's lives that we
23 are sitting here debating about, and I don't feel comfortable
24 with it. Let's put the folks who want to come back home, back
25 home. Put yourself in their situation. So anyway.

1 Any other questions or comments?

2 (No audible response.)

3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: All right. Let me move on. And Ms.
4 Steingasser, and Ms. Brown-Roberts, I do want to continue to have
5 a discussion about this equity. I would like for us to reach
6 out. I know we had votes and stuff, previously, that may come,
7 but we can reach out and see if it's a piece or something that
8 we may be missing, if we could reach out to those two offices.
9 I'm not even sure how those offices work either, but I know
10 they're there, and I think they could be very influential in
11 helping us. Since that's what they, basically, focus on, I think
12 they could help us in our small piece of what we do. So if we
13 could reach out to them between now and the next time we take
14 this up, I would really appreciate it, and see if they have any
15 additional comments or something that they would like to see us
16 add. And I'm sure my colleagues and I can discuss and that we
17 would be willing to do that. So that's my only ask for now, but
18 I would -- I appreciate the work that you all have been doing.

19 Let me see if we have any second rounds. There are no
20 second rounds.

21 Ms. Schellin, I did not see any other government
22 reports other than what I just named. Well, some of them might
23 not be the government, but what I just named with -- let me go
24 back to it. We have letters in support, POAH, the developer; we
25 have the DMPED; we have the DCHA; and we have Empower DC. And

1 all of them are not government. Those are some of the general -
2 - we have some individual letters that have come into the record.
3 So unless I have missed anything -- I didn't see any ANC reports,
4 or did -- or were there any ANC reports?

5 MS. SCHELLIN: (No audible response.)

6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. I didn't see any.

7 MS. SCHELLIN: I just --

8 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. I didn't an ANC report for
9 this area. Okay. Do we have -- let's bring up those who are in
10 support of this project.

11 MS. SCHELLIN: I just want to remind if anybody is
12 listening that has not registered to testify but they want to
13 testify, that they should go to our website and sign up to
14 testify. Otherwise, there's no way to know that you want to
15 testify. So it's -- it was in the notice. Just want to remind
16 you that's the only way you're going to get to testify.

17 So yes, those in support, we can start with those. Let
18 me switch over. And how many do you want me to call up, four,
19 six?

20 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yeah. Let's bring up four. Last
21 time -- we did six last week, that didn't go too well. We'll do
22 four.

23 MS. SCHELLIN: Okay. The first four. Okay. We have
24 Margaret Morton, Roger Brown, Amaya (phonetic) Peterson, and
25 Felicia Dawson. And some of those may all be together on one

1 computer. They'll switch spots with Ms. Dawson. They're in the
2 same room, one computer. She's helping.

3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Well, it's still afternoon. It's
4 still afternoon. Let me say good afternoon to you. If you all
5 could remember the way that Ms. Schellin called you up, because
6 I probably won't, but I will ask you to go ahead and begin. Ms.
7 Schellin, if you could help assist with that. They were on. I
8 see they disappeared, but they were on.

9 MS. SCHELLIN: Ms. Morton is first, Mr. Brown,
10 Peterson, and then Dawson.

11 MR. YOUNG: I don't see Ms. Morton on or calling in.

12 MS. SCHELLIN: She would be with -- Felicia Dawson is
13 going to be the person that's going to log on.

14 MR. YOUNG: And I don't see Amaya Peterson.

15 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Mr. Young, I see a group of people
16 in a room. Wave your hands. I see you. They're waving their
17 hands. That's what I'm talking about. Organization, I love
18 that.

19 MS. SCHELLIN: Yes.

20 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I don't know who that -- what the
21 group is, but they --

22 MS. SCHELLIN: Ms. Dawson.

23 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Ms. Dawson's group? Ms. Dawson.

24 MS. SCHELLIN: Yeah. The POAH, I believe.

25 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Oh, okay.

1 MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. So Mr. Peterson -- or Ms. Peterson
2 was not going to be part of that group. So, yes. So Ms. Morton,
3 I believe, is going to be with Ms. Dawson.

4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So we'll turn --

5 MS. SCHELLIN: Margaret Morton.

6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: We'll turn it over to Ms. Dawson.
7 Ms. Dawson, you all can take the floor. I will tell you that
8 you all are original. I have never -- I have not seen that the
9 whole year I've been doing this, a whole group in a room waving
10 at us. I can tell you, you all are original. You're the first
11 ones to do that.

12 MS. DAWSON: So hi. Good evening, afternoon. My name
13 is Felicia Dawson. I work with Preservation of Affordable
14 Housing, and my team behind me --

15 (Chorus of voices.)

16 MS. DAWSON: So we are trying to be a little unique and
17 have the voices speak for themselves. We, as the developer and
18 our development partners, have been really talking about how
19 residents want to come home. And we've heard you and many of
20 the Commissioners talk about what are the -- where are the voices
21 of the residents. And while everybody has a choice of where they
22 want to be and where they are in this discussion about the
23 redevelopment, what's the simple point for us is we just want to
24 build the buildings so the folks can come back home. That was
25 the reason why we were a part of the redevelopment and the

1 relocation, because we intentionally wanted to be connected to
2 the families while they were temporarily housed. We did a good
3 job of temporarily housing them in good locations so they could
4 still be in safe and decent quality housing while they were there,
5 but we do want them to know that we wanted them to come back. So
6 our connection to them was -- started when they first relocated.

7 So we have stayed connected. Partners like Far
8 Southeast and others, we've been working with to keep residents
9 next to resources. The pandemic has been hell, on everybody, but
10 these residents have stayed connected to us, and we've stayed
11 connected to them. And the message is they're ready to come back
12 home, and you will see that all of our shirts, "we are ready to
13 come back home," and our cheerleaders are saying the same things.

14 So I just wanted to keep (indiscernible). Our promise
15 we can make it say, are we ready to come back home?

16 (Chorus of voices.)

17 MS. DAWSON: Thank you, Commissioner.

18 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Let me -- let's respond to this
19 group here first. I usually do all -- you know, let's do all
20 four. Ms. Dawson, if you all can hold tight. We may come back
21 and have some questions for you. Let's go to the next person.
22 Ms. Schellin, who was it?

23 MS. SCHELLIN: Ms. Morton, Margaret Morton. She should
24 be in with Ms. Dawson.

25 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Oh, okay.

1 MS. DAWSON: She was with us, but she had to leave. So
2 I'll see if I --

3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay.

4 MS. SCHELLIN: How about -- we did not see Mr. Peterson.
5 How about Roger Brown? Is he up?

6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yes. I see Roger.

7 MS. SCHELLIN: Okay. So he's next.

8 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Mr. Brown, Mr. Roger?

9 MR. BROWN: (No audible response.)

10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Mr. Roger, you're on mute. If you
11 could unmute yourself.

12 MR. BROWN: Well, that's fine, sir. Thank you very
13 much. I'm going to let the people in the room speak for me.
14 I'll pass at this time.

15 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Mr. Brown, are you in the room, too?

16 MR. BROWN: (No audible response.)

17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Well, he's letting them --
18 he's yielding to the folks in the room.

19 Who's next, Ms. Schellin?

20 MS. SCHELLIN: Okay. So he was just saying he was
21 letting those folks speak for him. Okay. Then you want another
22 panel, because --

23 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: No.

24 MS. SCHELLIN: -- the other --

25 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: No, I want -- no. (Indiscernible.)

1 I want to ask this panel a question.

2 MS. SCHELLIN: Okay. That's good, because --

3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: First, let me --

4 MS. SCHELLIN: -- Mr. Peterson was not there.

5 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Ms. Dawson, let me ask you
6 -- let me start. Let me ask you, are most of the residents there
7 are residents of Barry Farm, correct?

8 MS. DAWSON: Everyone that you see behind me are.

9 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So all of you are residents
10 of Barry Farm. Do you all support the project? You support
11 (indiscernible). So do you support the map amendment? That's
12 what I want to know. And the map amendment is tied to what we're
13 trying to do -- but you know what we're trying to do. Do you
14 support the map amendment? And everybody can just wave if you
15 know -- or yell out for me to let me know that you support the
16 map amendment.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can I ask a question?

18 MS. DAWSON: Yes.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The map amendment, say it one
20 more time to me.

21 MS. DAWSON: She says give a statement about the map
22 amendment.

23 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I just want to know if you all --
24 well, let me rephrase it like this. Do you all support what
25 we're doing here today which will allow you to go back home?

1 MS. DAWSON: Yes.

2 (Chorus of voices.)

3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I think that was easier said than
4 way. Okay. All right. I appreciate it. Let me just ask who's
5 been waiting the longest in the room to get back to -- who's been
6 waiting the longest?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: (Indiscernible.)

8 MS. DAWSON: No, who's been gone the longest?

9 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: No, not who's been there the
10 longest, but who's been waiting the longest? Who has moved and
11 been waiting somewhere else the longest?

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 3: There's probably two of us
13 been waiting, like I say, mine is (indiscernible) years.

14 (Crosstalk.)

15 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Let me ask it like this. Is it five
16 years, six years, three years?

17 MS. DAWSON: We've got some (indiscernible). We've got
18 some 8; we've got some people (indiscernible).

19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. I think --

20 (Cross talk.)

21 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. I think I got it, Ms. Dawson
22 and everybody. Thank you so much.

23 MS. DAWSON: Okay.

24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I really appreciate it. I thought
25 I heard 8, I heard 12, I heard 6. So I think I got it. Thank

1 | you all. Let me just, first of all, thank you all for being
2 | patient with this process, and we're going to do all we can, at
3 | some point, to make sure that you can get back home to some
4 | updated housing. At least that's where I think I am. I'm sure
5 | that's where I am. So (indiscernible). Let me thank you all
6 | for being patient.

7 | Let me see if my colleagues have any questions or
8 | comments. Commissioner May.

9 | COMMISSIONER MAY: No, thank you.

10 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Commissioner Turnbull -- I
11 | mean Commissioner Shapiro.

12 | COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO: Just a comment, Mr. Chair. I
13 | want to thank you all for that testimony. It's inspiring, and
14 | it's nice to see you all active. And we're going to do our part
15 | to make this happen. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

16 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. And Commissioner Turnbull.

17 | (Chorus of voices.)

18 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Commissioner Turnbull.

19 | COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: (No audible response.)

20 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. We'll come back. Vice Chair
21 | Miller.

22 | VICE CHAIR MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank
23 | you, Ms. Dawson and your team, as the Chairman and others have
24 | said, for your patience and (audio interference) and your
25 | positive attitude tonight. It's -- it overcomes a lot of, I

1 know, frustration that many of us share. I was on the Council
2 staff 15 years ago when we approved the Small Area Plan for Barry
3 Farm. I just -- it's unbelievable that it's taken this long,
4 but I think we're finally seeing that there will be a light at
5 the end of the tunnel. And hang in there. We hope to bring it
6 home.

7 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you. Commissioner Turnbull,
8 do you have any questions or comments?

9 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: No, Mr. Chairman. I would just
10 echo the Vice Chair's comments. I think that this -- it's been
11 a long time coming, and let's hope that this is the beginning of
12 something really new and something that's really going to help
13 all the residents in the area. So let's do it. Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you. And again, Ms.
15 Dawson, I want to thank you and the group behind you. We
16 appreciate you all taking the time. And give me one last --
17 well, I'm going to give you all a wave. Give me one last wave.
18 Thank you very much. All right. Thank you.

19 MS. SCHELLIN: They're not finished yet.

20 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: They're not?

21 MS. SCHELLIN: No. There's some more people in their
22 group that's coming up.

23 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Oh, I thought that was -- okay.
24 Well, maybe --

25 MS. SCHELLIN: No.

1 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Who's next,
2 Ms. Schellin?

3 MS. SCHELLIN: Samuel Stevenson (phonetic), if he could
4 come forward. Is he going to testify, Ms. Dawson?

5 COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO: So it seems, yeah.

6 MS. SCHELLIN: Okay. Deborah (phonetic) Smith, Linda
7 Caldwell, Carol Powell, and Pamela House, who is on the phone.

8 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Whenever you're ready, you
9 may begin.

10 MR. STEVENSON: Well, this is Samuel Stevenson, and my
11 old address is 1349 Stevens Road, Southeast, Barry Farm. And I
12 don't have much to say. I just know that everybody here is ready
13 to go so we can stop playing, put our feet to the metal, and
14 let's push forward and get this thing moving so we want to come
15 back home to the new, improved community of Barry Farm. That's
16 about all I have to say. We're just ready to come back.

17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you. Any questions for
18 Mr. Stevenson? None seen. Thank you, Mr. Stevenson. We
19 appreciate it. Thank you for your testimony.

20 MR. STEVENSON: Thanks.

21 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Next.

22 MS. SMITH: Good evening. My name is Deborah Smith.
23 I lived at 1132 Stevens Road, and I'm ready to come back home as
24 soon as possible. And that's my testimony.

25 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you, Ms. Smith. That's all

1 that needs to be said. Thank you very much. Next -- is there
2 another person?

3 MS. DAWSON: Linda -- Linda Caldwell.

4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Ms. Caldwell.

5 MS. CALDWELL: How y'all doing? My name is Linda
6 Caldwell. I was a resident at 1250 Stevens Road, and I'm ready.
7 I've been ready to come back home. It's been a long time, and
8 I'm getting emotional, because, I mean, I'm just so glad we're
9 coming back home. We are reigniting our family. We had a family,
10 and we're -- you know, I'm missing the family, and whatnot. So
11 thank you all. We appreciate this. We appreciate the staff.
12 The staff has kept in touch with us. They have did all kinds of
13 things to keep in touch with us. With the corona, they called
14 us, they made sure we was okay. This is family, and we appreciate
15 it. We ready to come, like, yesterday.

16 So that's my testimony, and like I said, I'm hopeful,
17 because, I mean, I'm ready to come home. So, yes. Bring it on
18 home. Yeah.

19 MS. SCHELLIN: One more, Carol Powell. Is she there?
20 Carol?

21 MS. DAWSON: Carol Powell. No, she left.

22 MS. SCHELLIN: She's gone?

23 MS. DAWSON: She's gone.

24 MS. SCHELLIN: What about Darlene Jamison. She was
25 just going to leave the whole thing, right?

1 MS. DAWSON: No, she's not with us, either. She's had
2 something come up, and we keep her in our prayers.

3 MS. SCHELLIN: Okay. So that is it. Thank you for
4 coming today.

5 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: So hold tight. Hold tight. Hold
6 tight. Any questions, Commissioners, of anybody on that panel?

7 MS. SCHELLIN: And then there's the one lady on the
8 phone.

9 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. We're going to get to her
10 very shortly. I will tell you, though, Ms. Dawson, there was a
11 lady in the hearing -- 2014 hearing, and I gave her the name from
12 the dais as "Mayor," and she told me to call her "Mayor." And I
13 often think about, you know, you can all just -- when we close
14 the hearings, we also think about people who testify and comment
15 on things. And I've been thinking about her ever since then.
16 And I don't know her name, but if anybody remembers from the 2014
17 hearing when the former Mayor -- "Mayor for life" was still
18 living, he testified. And right after her, I remember her coming
19 up telling me, "You can call me 'Mayor.'" And I've been calling
20 her Mayor. I haven't seen or talked to her, but I've been calling
21 her Mayor in my -- even at the hearing. And I was just wondering
22 how she was, or you know -- if somebody ever remembers, just tell
23 her that at the Zoning Commission, we asked about her, because -

24 -

25 MS. DAWSON: We will do that. We will talk to the

1 residents and find out -- see if we can find out who that is and
2 let her know.

3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you very much.

4 MS. DAWSON: Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Ms. Schellin, can we go to the phone?
6 Thank you all very much. We appreciate your testimony. We're
7 going to the phone now. Can we go to the phone, Ms. Schellin?

8 (Pause.)

9 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yes. Good evening. You may begin.

10 MS. HOUSE: Good evening. My name is Pamela House, and
11 my old address is 1313 Stevens Road, Southeast. I moved in Barry
12 Farm when I was 10. I am now 51, and I have three daughters,
13 29, 26, and 23. And I consider Barry Farm, even though we had a
14 lot of, you know, unnecessary things going on in the neighborhood,
15 I felt as if that was home for life, even with the dilapidation
16 of the housing and stuff like that, it was home. And I felt
17 safe, and I felt secure, and I felt good, and all my daughters
18 went on to college and stuff like that. And where I am now, I
19 appreciate it, the move to where I am, but it's not home. It's
20 just temporary. It's temporary for me and my family to have
21 roofs over our heads.

22 I do look forward to coming back, prayerfully, my
23 children and I will be able to stay under the same roof, and that
24 was a concern. And when I hear the words "the right to come
25 back," and those are things that I really don't understand. But

1 I guess over, the tenant meetings and stuff like that, I will
2 get a full understanding of "the right."

3 But in four years, I'll be technically a senior, I
4 guess. It used to be 65, but I guess they brought the numbers
5 down, and that's fine with me. But you know, I want to know if
6 it's possible, because I moved out first, and then my kids will
7 stay where we are now -- and my children would stay where we are
8 now, and then they move over, or do I wait, and then we all live
9 together, and stuff like that.

10 So I do -- I want to come back. I'm looking forward
11 to coming back. And if, you know, God wills that I'm here, I
12 want to go back. But if I'm not here, I want my children to be
13 able to have the right to come back and not left in the wings,
14 because it's -- I'm no longer here. But I do want to come back.
15 I'm looking forward. I like the plans.

16 When we had our meeting, and they showed us what the
17 seniors' building was going to look like, and I love it. My mom
18 is here. She's 77. She brought us to Barry Farm in 1980, and
19 she now lives someplace else. And she was in that building that
20 caught on fire, and stayed -- you know, they had the building
21 built in (indiscernible). So she moved back there, and you know,
22 that's a possibility. I'm not sure whether she'll be able to
23 come back, because she moved out in 2010, I think that's before,
24 but I don't know. But that's not (indiscernible).

25 But I do want to come back, and I appreciate POAH

1 calling, that, you know, they kept us very informed on everything
2 that was going on, and just checked in, and "How you doin', Ms.
3 House?" And you know, whatever's going on and we'll just chit-
4 chat about this, that and the other. But I do appreciate them.
5 I appreciate my -- some of my new neighbors, you know, in the
6 neighborhood. I'm a homebody and I don't go outside too much.
7 But I do look forward -- I want to come back. I want to go put
8 the (indiscernible). Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you. And I think you
10 asked the general question at issue -- you have the right to come
11 back. We want to make sure that it happens exactly like you
12 said. The people who lived there, who left, who were relocated
13 for a moment, are able to come back. And I think that's what's
14 you're hearing in that conversation.

15 I will ask all those who testified, if you're able, to
16 continue to watch the hearing. Stay engaged with this hearing,
17 stay engaged with our next hearing, but I would like for you to
18 continue to watch the hearing. Because what happens is, we'll
19 do our part, and we go away, and other things go on that we're
20 not aware of, and I think it's important, if you're able, today
21 to finish -- or somebody be able to watch the hearings, because
22 nobody can tell the story like you can if you watch the hearings.
23 So I appreciate if you're able to stay tuned with us this evening,
24 and even when we take this back up (indiscernible), please stay
25 engaged.

1 Questions, Commissioners and colleagues? Commissioner
2 May.

3 COMMISSIONER MAY: Yeah. I believe that the "Mayor"
4 you were referring to before was Michelle Hamilton. I don't know
5 if I've got (indiscernible).

6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Michelle Hamilton. If you all know
7 Michelle Hamilton, tell her that the Commission asked about her.
8 Once the Mayor, always the Mayor.

9 MS. DAWSON: We do know Ms. -- we do know Ms. Hamilton.
10 I will get the message to her.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: All right. Thank you, Commissioner
12 May.

13 COMMISSIONER MAY: Yeah.

14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: You keep some good notes, man.

15 COMMISSIONER MAY: I know where to find things, you
16 know.

17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Man, I wish I was that good.
18 Okay. Okay. Thank you all.

19 Michelle, can you bring the next panel up?

20 MS. SCHELLIN: Okay. It appears the only other person
21 in support that hasn't testified is Janice Jackson. And we do
22 not have her on. We have her listed as calling in, but we do
23 not see her phone number on. So we will move to opposition if
24 the Commission is ready.

25 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Sure. Let's bring up the

1 opposition. How many do we have signed up for opposition?

2 MS. SCHELLIN: Six.

3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Six.

4 MS. SCHELLIN: Just six.

5 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Let's bring up three and
6 three, because --

7 MS. SCHELLIN: Okay.

8 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: -- six does not work. Actually, we
9 tried that. So let's do three and three.

10 MS. SCHELLIN: Okay. Daniel del Pielago, I'm sure I
11 messed that up, Detrice Belt, and Paulette Matthews.

12 MR. YOUNG: I don't see Paulette Matthews on.

13 MS. SCHELLIN: Okay.

14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: But we will --

15 MS. SCHELLIN: Do we have the other two?

16 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: We will start with Mr. del Pielago.
17 Hopefully, I didn't mispronounce that, and then we'll go to Ms.
18 Belt. Mr. del Pielago, you can correct me, and you can begin.

19 MR. DEL PIELAGO: Thank you, Commissioner Hood. Yes,
20 it's del Pielago. Can everyone hear me? Okay. My name is Daniel
21 del Pielago, and I am an organizer with Empower DC. We've been
22 working with Barry Farm residents along with the Barry Farm Tenant
23 and Allies Association for years now throughout this process.

24 Barry Farm residents have been told they can return,
25 that the redevelopment will provide benefits like homeownership,

1 small business opportunities, and historic preservation, to name
2 a few. However, these things have only been articulated through
3 words essentially, and not codified in any sort of legally binding
4 and actionable manner.

5 While the Zoning Commission may not have included right
6 to return in zoning orders of the past, this is a new day for
7 the Barry Farm zoning appeal. The courts ruled that, indeed,
8 displacement is in the purview of the Zoning Commission. Recent
9 additions to the Comprehensive Plan, which mandate the Zoning
10 Commission use a racial equity lens in its work, underscore the
11 need for the Commission to take bold new steps that advance and
12 secure the rights of displaced black and brown residents to return
13 home.

14 The text amendments offered by the Office of Planning
15 includes a commitment to rebuild 380 units of public housing on
16 the Barry Farm site and requires the developers to report their
17 progress towards this goal when they apply for building permits.
18 We ask that you include the stipulation that these new units are
19 for returning residents and require the developer to report on
20 the return of residents as they report on the provision of new
21 units. At that time, they must also report on how the unit sizes
22 being built meet the needs of families on the list to return.

23 Additionally, developers have made a number of other
24 commitments to residents that must be memorialized in text
25 amendments and order all three-plus bedroom replacement units

1 will be townhome-style units, 40 homes will be set aside for
2 affordable ownership, and 20,000 square feet of commercial space
3 will be set aside at free or reduced rental rates for resident-
4 owned businesses.

5 The Comprehensive Plan allows for the self-governance
6 and leadership of tenant groups to be respected and for
7 partnerships to be formed to secure the future of the historic
8 landmark. All of the provisions of the Barry Farm Policy in the
9 Comprehensive Plan must be reflected in the text amendment, and
10 developers must be required to report on progress towards these
11 requirements when they apply for buildings permits.

12 Finally, the Office of Planning states in its efforts
13 that the right of return is enforced by various financing
14 agencies, and lists a number of documents that, supposedly,
15 secure the rights as follows: U.S. Department of Housing and
16 Urban Development approval of demolition and disposition of Barry
17 Farm dwellings with conditions requiring the one-for-one
18 replacement of the demolished public housing units in compliance
19 with other HUD Federal housing requirements as -- such as Master
20 Development Agreement between Barry Farm Redevelopment
21 Associates, BFRA and DCHA; tax regulatory agreements between POAH
22 and DCHFA, where applicable; low income housing tax credit,
23 (indiscernible), restrict the covenants between POAH and the DC
24 Department of Housing and Redevelopment; and affordable housing
25 covenants between POAH and the DC Department of Planning and

1 Economic Development.

2 Not only have residents never seen these documents, it
3 is our understanding that none of these documents contain a right
4 of action that would make them enforceable by residents whose
5 rights have been violated. In order to ensure Barry Farm
6 residents return to their homes, we must mandate transparency,
7 reporting, and accountability, which means that developers must
8 be required to disclose who is exactly on the list to return,
9 and residents must have something in writing that indicates they
10 are on the list.

11 There is a long history of missteps with Barry Farm
12 Redevelopment and public housing management, in general. We, as
13 a City, have experienced rapid gentrification and saw the
14 displacement of at least 40,000 black residents. We cannot
15 continue building, as usual, and assume that promises will be
16 delivered. Before the Zoning Commission grants a zoning change
17 that would allow building as a matter of right and eliminate
18 future PUDs and the community engagement that comes along with
19 them, it's imperative that the zoning order and the text map and
20 map amendments be clear and specific about the requirements of
21 this development moving forward.

22 Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you so much, Mr. del Pielago.
24 I want to ask you questions, because apparently, you're driving
25 and I don't want to lose you, so I'm going to ask you some

1 | questions now.

2 | But first, let me ask my colleagues, any questions,
3 | Commissioner May, or comments?

4 | COMMISSIONER MAY: Yeah. I have one question. I mean,
5 | Mr. del Pielago, I mean, you understand -- or do you understand
6 | the action that we are considering here, which is, basically,
7 | applying a previously established zone and text associated with
8 | that zone to the map? So we're really just saying this zone
9 | applies to this portion of the map, and this zone has already
10 | been defined. We're not amending the text, nor can we make some
11 | of the stipulations that I think you'd like us to make, because
12 | that would be more typical of something like a planned unit
13 | development where we are actually looking at, you know, benefits
14 | and amenity use. I mean, do you understand what we are
15 | considering today?

16 | MR. DEL PIELAGO: I think I do. I think what we are
17 | saying is that, you know, if this is going to move forward, we
18 | need to make sure -- I mean, at the bottom of our (audio
19 | interference) -- we are not against the redevelopment. We are
20 | not trying to slow it down or block it. What we want to ensure
21 | is that at every step that there are steps taken -- actionable
22 | steps taken for a right to return. We know of none of those
23 | steps right now.

24 | There is the Resolution 1606 from the Housing Authority
25 | that is not actionable. So what we want to make sure is that,

1 | you know, when we are talking about moving this development
2 | forward, that it's moving forward for residents with rights to
3 | actually return, not just promises like in the past.

4 | COMMISSIONER MAY: Okay. Well, I mean, you know, I
5 | think it's fair to say that we agree with all of the things that
6 | you're saying in terms of the ultimate aspirations. It's just
7 | that, you know, when we tried to do something similar to that in
8 | the PUD several years ago, that wound up being an unsuccessful
9 | effort. And so we're now in this mode where we have tried to
10 | incorporate much of that into the text amendment, and now we're
11 | just applying the newly described zones to the map. So our
12 | actions today, I think are quite -- or not today, but as a result
13 | of today's hearing are going to be fairly limited. We're not
14 | -- you know, it's not really part of our process to add the kinds
15 | of stipulations that you're asking.

16 | So anyway. That part's not really a question. That's
17 | it for my questions, Mr. Chairman.

18 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you.

19 | Commissioner Shapiro, do you have any questions or
20 | comments?

21 | COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO: No questions. Just thank you
22 | for your -- for the organizing, and thank you for your comments.
23 | I have no questions, Mr. Chair.

24 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. And Commissioner Turnbull,
25 | any questions or comments?

1 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: I really have no comments, Mr.
2 Chair. I think Commissioner May laid out some of the issues, I
3 think, that were -- that I would have talked about, so I'm fine
4 right now. Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: And Vice Chair Miller. Thank you.
6 And Vice Chair Miller.

7 VICE CHAIR MILLER: No. Thank you for your testimony.

8 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So I am going to talk a little
9 bit about it. As is already mentioned, this is -- these are
10 exactly -- I agree with you 100 percent, but I also got to make
11 sure I'm using the right tools. Some of these are asked, Mr.
12 del Pielago, that I'm going to asking. I think what you have in
13 your letter is very clear, as is mentioned. I do agree with you,
14 and I think my colleagues do as well, but I'm going to see how
15 it fits, because the courts have told me that I have it. So I
16 feel like I have it, so I'm going to do my best to use it within
17 the legal standard of the test that I have to use it.

18 So this is exactly some of the things that were in the
19 PUD. I don't know -- let me ask you this. First, do you live
20 in Barry Farm, or do you live near Barry Farm?

21 MR. DEL PIELAGO: I do not, no.

22 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So my next question was to
23 those was going to be how is the map amendment going to affect
24 you, but I can't ask. So you -- who are you representing, again?
25 I know you're with (indiscernible).

1 MR. DEL PIELAGO: Empower DC. I work with Empower DC,
2 who has been supporting the Barry Farm Tenants and Allies
3 Association.

4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So that's different from
5 POAH, correct? Is that different from the group that we just
6 heard from that was in support -- some of those residents?

7 MR. DEL PIELAGO: Yes.

8 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: So there's more than one --

9 MR. DEL PIELAGO: POAH is the developer.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: So there's more than one group?

11 MR. DEL PIELAGO: We are not the developers. Yeah.

12 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: But those were residents that we
13 just heard from. And we have a lot of residents in support. So
14 anyway, enough of that. So you all are representing -- I will
15 ask -- I guess Ms. Belt is probably still the president, if I
16 remember correctly. So I will ask her some additional questions.

17 Anyway, thank you very much. We appreciate your
18 letter, Mr. del Pielago. We will -- I will definitely follow up
19 to some of it, which is within my realm. So thank you very much
20 for your testimony. Appreciate it.

21 Okay. Ms. Belt.

22 MS. BELT: Hello, everyone. Yeah, Mr. Hood. I know
23 it's been a long time, but we are the residents, and the
24 developers are POAH. Let's just get that straight. That's two
25 different things.

1 So I'm Detrice Belt, and I'm the resident -- I'm a
2 resident -- a former resident that was displaced from Barry Farm,
3 and I'm the chair of the Barry Farm Tenants and Allies.

4 I currently live in Ward 7, now going on three years.
5 I want to return to Barry Farm. In order to return, I need to
6 know that I have the right to do so. So I need a written,
7 actionable right to return. The zoning change would take away
8 any rights I had and would put all the power into the developer's
9 hand, which is POAH. That's not anything to do with the
10 residents.

11 This zoning change will allow developers to move
12 forward with Phase 1, which is the senior building, with 108
13 units; 77 of those are replacement public housing units. We
14 don't know what will happen after that. No timeline of when more
15 replacement units will be built. If this change is to move
16 forward, I need to know that the -- more public housing
17 replacement units are planned, and that I have an actionable
18 right to return to a unit that meets my family needs. I also
19 want to ensure that me and my neighbors have real opportunities
20 to purchase a unit at the redeveloped site, and that small
21 business opportunities are available.

22 This process is going to take a long time. We are
23 still not sure when there will be replacement public housing
24 built for me and my family. If the City developers want this
25 change, Barry Farm residents need to have actual rights in this

1 process. The courts have confirmed we have rights in this
2 process, and those need to be protected, not erased by having an
3 actionable agreement.

4 So the whole thing is that we want something that is
5 actionable. Thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Belt. Let me
7 see if we have any questions.

8 Commissioner May, do you have any questions?

9 COMMISSIONER MAY: No.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Commissioner Shapiro, do you have
11 any questions?

12 COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO: No questions, Mr. Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Commissioner Turnbull, any
14 questions?

15 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Not here, Mr. Chair.

16 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: And Vice Chair Miller, any
17 questions?

18 VICE CHAIR MILLER: No. Thank you for your testimony.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: So, Ms. Belt, yes. It has been a
20 long time. I have a question for you. Previously, were you
21 aware that the -- and I don't necessarily want to spend too much
22 time on it, but were you aware that the previous order in which
23 -- and the reason I keep harping on this is I pushed for that,
24 that you all would be able to return, and if you -- and if we
25 didn't do an analysis for your return, then we would not continue

1 the bill. Were you aware that that was in the order, as well?

2 MS. BELT: You said was I able -- what did you say
3 again? I'm sorry.

4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: No. I was just asking you were you
5 aware of that?

6 MS. BELT: That there is a written --

7 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: No. In the last order that was
8 thrown out -- and then, typically, we don't go back to that, but
9 I want to, because --

10 MS. BELT: Right.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: -- one of the things that I know,
12 particularly, I pushed, and I think I had the support of others,
13 was that building could not continue until an analysis was done
14 on those who return.

15 MS. BELT: Yes, I remember that.

16 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So I don't know if you --
17 let's talk about waiting. How is the map amendment -- now, you've
18 been in -- you mentioned that you've been in Ward 7 for three
19 years, and you want to return to Barry Farm, which is home. And
20 I agree, you should be able to return home, and I do not disagree
21 at all. But let me ask you, what is it that you are looking for
22 from the Zoning Commission that's within what we can do? Now,
23 we're doing a map amendment.

24 But first, before I -- before you answer that. What
25 is the -- how is the map amendment effecting you, that's being

1 | proposed. Now, how is that effecting you?

2 | MS. BELT: I mean, I'm just still here, and I just want
3 | to be able to be sure that I can return to Barry Farm, like
4 | something actionable. They say a lot of different words. They
5 | say that POAH -- the developers say that if you're lease
6 | compliant. There's a lot of different words, but nothing
7 | guaranteed that residents will return to the property for public
8 | housing and Barry Farm. So I'm --

9 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: So one --

10 | MS. BELT: -- very afraid of that.

11 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: One of the things that -- and I'm
12 | talking out loud when I'm having this conversation with you, but
13 | I would like to -- and I don't know if this is doable, but I
14 | would like the Office of Planning, as we talk of the equity lens,
15 | to find out how we can make sure those who need to be lease
16 | compliant or have outstanding issues, how that can be resolved.
17 | And I said this in 2014, but the difference is now we have the
18 | equity lens component, how we can make them compliant so that
19 | there are no obstacles in the way for them to return. That's
20 | where I am. That's part of the equity, I believe, unless I'm
21 | guided otherwise, but I would --

22 | UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) Barry Farm.

23 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I'm asking the -- so if somebody
24 | could mute. I'm asking the Office of Planning -- that's one of
25 | the things I would like to ask both the equity offices. What

1 | can we do to make sure that everyone's compliant, and that won't
2 | be hinderance or a problem for people like Ms. Belt, and others
3 | that she may represent, to be able to return.

4 | Anything else, Ms. Belt? Give me some more ideas.

5 | MS. BELT: (No audible response.)

6 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: But if you can't think of it right
7 | now, I'll try to give it a rest, but I think that's very
8 | important. Ms. Belt, are you still there?

9 | MS. BELT: Yes, I'm sorry. I'm still here, and
10 | Paulette, she wanted to let you know that she is on the line.
11 | Mr. Hood, how does someone else get to be able to testify.
12 | They're trying to call in. It's another resident.

13 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So if they could call the
14 | line -- I don't know. Ms. Schellin -- hold on for a second.
15 | Are they on the computer now?

16 | MS. BELT: Yes.

17 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yes. She can just go ahead -- go
18 | to the Office of Zoning's website and hit the link, and we'll
19 | bring her up. Or if -- is she there with you?

20 | MS. BELT: No, she's somewhere -- she was texting me.

21 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Okay. Yes. If she's near a
22 | computer, or she can call, either one.

23 | MS. BELT: Okay.

24 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: So let me ask you this, Ms. Belt.
25 | So help me understand something, and I want to spend some time

1 on this, colleagues, because I'm trying to understand how it all
2 works. I know POAH is the developer. Now, some of the people
3 who were in the background -- I guess you saw what was going on
4 with the folks who were in the background with Ms. Dawson. Those
5 are your neighbors, as well, correct?

6 MS. BELT: Yes, that's correct.

7 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So the Barry Farm Tenants and
8 Allies Association, you are the Chairperson or the President?

9 MS. BELT: Yes.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Is Ms. -- were some of those
11 members of your organization, as well? I guess they would be,
12 right?

13 MS. BELT: Yes, they were. Yes.

14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Okay. All right. I think
15 I'm clear. And again, I'm sorry you've been out there for a few
16 years. But let ask you this, too, also. You said you wanted to
17 return, correct?

18 MS. BELT: Yes.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. All right. All right. Thank
20 you, Ms. Belt. Are any other --

21 MS. BELT: Thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: -- persons with Ms. Belt? I think
23 (indiscernible) been around. Thank you very much, Ms. Belt.
24 Take care.

25 All right. Let's get Ms. Matthews up.

1 MS. MATTHEWS: Hello. Can you hear me?

2 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yes, we can. You can go right ahead,
3 Ms. Matthews.

4 MS. MATTHEWS: Hello. How you doing? Hi, everybody.

5 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Fine. How are you?

6 MS. MATTHEWS: I was going to tell you who the "Mayor"
7 was. I was also trying to call her. But anyway, moving right
8 along. (Indiscernible) as me being, first of all, a native
9 Washingtonian, and then finally, after being on the D.C. Housing
10 Authority waiting list 21 years, I arrived at Barry Farm. I am
11 a resident of Barry Farm, and even though Ms. Dawson -- I don't
12 quite know who she is. I kept trying to figure out who is Ms.
13 Dawson, but I guess she's a resident of Barry Farm. I don't know
14 her, but when it comes to the fact of the relocation -- and I
15 know we're not talking about this, we're talking about, you know,
16 the map amendment and all that, but I still have, like, a lot of
17 concerns, because even with the communication, communication is
18 the key. And some residents get the information that they need,
19 others don't. And it's -- since we're like a big family, so when
20 anything takes place, I think everybody should be aware of it so
21 they could be able to participate.

22 Me, personally, I'm now a senior, and if there -- not
23 that I want to move in the senior building, but if there's
24 anything in reference to any lease, it shouldn't be you call a
25 few and you don't call the rest. That's a problem that I have.

1 Now, they get (indiscernible) as the planning and stuff
2 of Barry Farm, I have some concerns, because they're saying that
3 they're going to put the senior building first. So with all of
4 that, I would believe that they're going to have to have permits.
5 And in this process -- this long process of us moving from Barry
6 Farm and being relocated to these different areas, some are not
7 better than others, and we're still in like harm's way, while we
8 sitting there and try to figure out how it's going to be done,
9 when it's going to be done, at the same time, we all know that
10 there's supposed to some type of permits for groundbreaking.
11 Groundbreaking -- I can't even get it out, but anyway.

12 So with that being said, if you do that for the senior
13 building, why don't they have it implemented for the rest so that
14 the residents can know when they might be back -- some type of
15 time frame other than, "Oh, well, we going to put the senior
16 building here, and then we don't know about the rest."

17 We all want to come back. I mean, after all, we lived
18 in some deplorable conditions, and every project that has been
19 stamped to be built, some of them haven't even finished, like
20 (indiscernible) and things like that. So at the beginning and
21 middle of the day, we feel, like, lost in the shuffle, but we
22 would all like to return. I don't think there's nobody that
23 don't want to return. It's just when, how long this process is
24 going to take.

25 We've been at the many meetings for a long, long period

1 of time. Even when I first came to Barry Farm, they were saying
2 that, you know, the military was going to buy it. So I always
3 knew something was coming, just didn't know when. And then when
4 it finally came, now it's, like, a maze, and you just have to
5 learn how to adjust and deal with the situations in front of you,
6 but with all these meetings that go on, taking place, or whatever,
7 the bottom line is we'd all like to come back. We would like to
8 live in nice homes, just as well, because after all, we lived in
9 deplorable ones. And it was told that the reason why the
10 redevelopment always, each time, was being built because of these
11 reasons, but then those that leave have a hard time getting back.
12 And that should never be a fight or a discussion about it.

13 As far as the D.C. Housing Authority, I guess they know
14 where everybody is. I don't know. But I know that there's a
15 lack of communication. And so they need to know, and I guess
16 they're supposed to be privacy matters, or whatever, but
17 everybody don't know. But we all scattered around, and we all
18 have to, you know, adjust to different things, your doctor, da,
19 da, da, da, da, and we just would like to get back, and we would
20 like to just, you know, move forward with what's going on. We
21 never ever wanted to stop the development. We just wanted to
22 make sure that in that development, we wouldn't get left out.

23 And I'm also the Vice President of the Barry Farm Tenant
24 and Allies Association.

25 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Matthews. I

1 think your request, and I think that your comments, I think, is
2 fair, and I think it's definitely in order. I just want you to
3 know that.

4 Let me just see if my colleagues have any questions of
5 you. Commissioner May.

6 COMMISSIONER MAY: (Negative head shake.)

7 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Commissioner Shapiro.

8 COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO: No questions. I just want to
9 thank you for your testimony.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Commissioner Turnbull.

11 MS. MATTHEWS: Thank you. Thank you all for having
12 (indiscernible).

13 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: No questions, Mr. Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Don't go nowhere. We might
15 -- Vice Chair Miller.

16 VICE CHAIR MILLER: No questions. Thank you for your
17 testimony.

18 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Matthews. We
19 appreciate you taking the time to provide us with testimony.

20 MS. MATTHEWS: Yeah. I was getting a little emotional,
21 but I worked through it. Thanks, now, for having me.

22 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: You did just fine. Thank you for
23 conveying --

24 MS. MATTHEWS: Uh-huh.

25 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you for conveying your points.

1 Thank you.

2 Ms. Schellin, can we bring the next -- is it three or
3 four?

4 MS. SCHELLIN: There's three. I see one, Nicole Odom.

5 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Can we bring Ms. Odom up?

6 MS. SCHELLIN: I don't see Crystal -- I'm sorry, Cynthia
7 Thomas, I don't see. And the other one is Lavinia Adams. I
8 don't think I saw her, either.

9 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Well, let's just bring whoever we
10 have.

11 MS. SCHELLIN: Let me see if she's on by phone.

12 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. We do have Nicole Odom.

13 MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. Let me see if Ms. Adams is on by
14 phone. It only shows us the first six numbers, so it's -- yeah.
15 I don't see her by phone, either. So it looks like Ms. Odom is
16 the last person in opposition listed.

17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. All right. Ms. Odom -- do
18 we have anybody else out there, Ms. Schellin?

19 MS. SCHELLIN: We have undeclared.

20 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Undeclared. And -- well, let's --
21 I'm sorry. (Indiscernible.) I was trying to see how I could
22 fit everybody in. But let's go with Ms. Odom, and then we'll go
23 to undeclared. Ms. Odom. You can unmute, and you may begin.

24 MS. ODOM: Hello everyone. My name is Nicole Odom. I
25 am a former Barry Farm resident. I was displaced about two to

1 three years ago, and I currently live in Ward 4. I'm also a
2 community organization with Empower DC. And I'm just really
3 going to echo what Daniel, Detrice, and Paulette have said.

4 I think Paulette did a really good job of speaking
5 about just how the residents are really feeling. We're not
6 against a redevelopment at all. We would love to come back to a
7 thriving community that we deserved, but the scary thing of it
8 all is we're here today to make some changes to the development
9 plan. And as changes happen, we're still not hearing the
10 important parts of it whether -- I don't, you know, whether you
11 handle it or not, we're expressing this, but we have not seen an
12 actionable right to return. There's nothing in written form for
13 us that guarantees that. So as changes are happening, map
14 amendments or whatever the case may be, we want to be ensured
15 that through all these changes, something that will stay the same
16 is that we come back to what we are creating in this community
17 that we were displaced from.

18 And so I have been calling residents -- former
19 residents of Barry Farm, and I've been getting their support in
20 the same thing that I'm saying, Detrice, Daniel, and Paulette
21 have been saying.

22 Ms. Manners (phonetic), Ms. Sanker, Ms. Scott, Mr.
23 Bowman, Mr. Taylor, Ms. Mack (phonetic), Ms. Marlow, Ms. Frazier
24 (phonetic), Ms. Wilson, Ms. Morris, Ms. Allen, Ms. Westry
25 (phonetic), Ms. McCoy, Ms. Smith, Mr. Barnes, Ms. Furnow

1 (phonetic), Ms. Roven (phonetic), Mr. Kirby, Ms. Mack, Ms. James,
2 Ms. Tomlinson, and Ms. Stallings are some of the people that I
3 was able to talk to and have conversations about with. And yes,
4 they all want to come back to the redevelopment that is ensured
5 that they can come back to. They say the same thing. They don't
6 hear very much about the redevelopment. Sometimes they do hear
7 from POAH, but it's -- they don't really hear that hard
8 information. You know, it may not always be good, but the problem
9 is that they're not hearing the important stuff.

10 I hear that, you know -- we have supporters for this
11 map amendment, but there's things that we don't all truly
12 understand about this. And so when we're writing support letters,
13 and you know, we're hoorah, what is this really doing for us,
14 and what is it -- could it be hurting us?

15 So at the bottom of it all, we just need an actionable
16 right to return. We need to know that this is for the residents.
17 We're going to come back regardless of any changes made point
18 blank. Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you very much, Ms. Odom. I
20 appreciate your testimony. I do have a few questions, and I'd
21 like to start off first. Now, you said -- you mentioned that
22 you now live in another Ward. I know --

23 MS. ODOM: Yes.

24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: -- they put you in another Ward. Do
25 you have a plan -- do you plan on returning, as well?

1 MS. ODOM: I plan on returning if it fits what I need.

2 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Okay. So that's something.

3 MS. ODOM: Because I don't know what they're doing --
4 I don't know what this is going to do different. The part that
5 I would be included in isn't the senior building. I will be in
6 the family portion of that. So if they build something that
7 could fit me and my family and the community as of what fits our
8 needs and our desires, then yes. That's why I want to be a part
9 of the planning portion and be informed of updates and all kinds
10 of things that have to do with this redevelopment.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: So this is to the Office of Planning,
12 if you're listening. I do want to know how communication is
13 going, how everyone's being communicated with, how information
14 is going out, what commitments -- to a certain point within my
15 jurisdiction -- because I don't want to go overboard. I want to
16 know how residents are being contacted, how the outreach is going.
17 Is it the developer, is it someone else who's doing it, and how
18 are concerns and issues being met, and how they are being brought
19 to the forefront. So those are things that I would ask either
20 the Housing Authority or someone to respond back.

21 This is a map amendment. I understand that, but I have
22 -- you know, for me, I think it's very helpful, and I think what
23 I'm hearing from the residents is that they want some certainty
24 and stop being -- all of us like to have things predictable.

25 So let's put ourselves in these situations. I do it

1 all the time. And I like predictability. Sometimes I don't
2 always get it, but I always like it. That's an easy way --
3 especially when you're talking about impacts on people's lives.

4 Let me open this up. Thank you, Ms. Odom. Let me open
5 this up. Commissioner May, do you have any questions or comments?

6 COMMISSIONER MAY: (Negative head shake.)

7 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Commissioner Shapiro.

8 COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO: (Negative head shake.)

9 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Commissioner Turnbull.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: (Negative head shake.)

11 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Vice Chair Miller.

12 VICE CHAIR MILLER: No. Thank you for your testimony.

13 MS. ODOM: Thank you. I have one suggestion, if I may?

14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Sure.

15 MS. ODOM: They need to bring us all closer together
16 in this process as the development goes on, maybe we can have an
17 official committee with residents that, you know, that will hold
18 developers and any other parties involved accountable for the
19 information they're sharing. You know, I am part of the community,
20 but I also reach out for the community through an organization.
21 And so if they're not a part of the committee, I do the job of
22 contacting and updating them on the information sharing, because
23 that information that was shared with me. I think that would be
24 a really good start, like having an official committee involved
25 with residents to this development.

1 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: So Ms. Odom, I'm -- I can't really
2 respond to that, but I can ask. I thought they had an official
3 committee. I thought they were working with it, and maybe we
4 need to join that committee or however. I'm not sure of that.
5 It sounded like -- I thought they had a committee. I know that
6 they are working with the group, so -- the group of residents I
7 saw today. I know somebody's working with them, and maybe all
8 those groups, but I'll find out. I'll ask the question as we're
9 moving forward.

10 And then here's another thing that I do know. All the
11 time, even on this Commission, it doesn't always go the way I
12 want it. And I'll tell you, my colleagues -- one day I wanted
13 you to do something, and I don't mind putting this out, because
14 I want us to all think about it and keep an open mind. I did
15 not get one person to support me in something, not one person.
16 And I said, well, I thought I had a little pull, but I found out
17 everybody has their own way of doing stuff. I'm just one person.
18 So I have to learn how to coexist and how to work together. So
19 that's just, kind of, where I am. So let's all keep an open
20 mind.

21 So thank you, Ms. Odom. We appreciate your testimony,
22 and hopefully you, too --

23 MS. ODOM: Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: -- you, too, will also be able to
25 return. Okay.

1 There were no questions for her. Ms. Schellin, do we
2 have anybody else that's opposition? Undeclared -- let's bring
3 undeclared forward.

4 MS. SCHELLIN: Yes, we have -- we've got -- just so you
5 know, there's only four more who need to testify this evening
6 that have signed up. There's three undeclared, and then one
7 lady, who was called previously, she was on the phone, and we
8 did not realize that, and she was -- she's a proponent. So do
9 you want me to call all four up, or just the three undeclared
10 and then go back to the proponent.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: So let's -- the lady who was on the
12 phone already, I don't want to -- let's bring her up. Let's let
13 her go first, and then I hope the undeclared on line -- then
14 we'll hear from the undeclared. So we can, kind of, keep them
15 together.

16 MS. SCHELLIN: Okay. So Carol Powell is the -- was the
17 proponent that I called in. Like I said, she was on the phone,
18 and we didn't see her, but now she's -- should be on the computer.
19 Mr. Young, do you see her? I saw her earlier.

20 MR. YOUNG: Do you know which number it is?

21 MS. SCHELLIN: No. She's now on the computer. Well,
22 she was. I saw her up there. She's gone off again.

23 MR. YOUNG: I don't see Carol Powell. I see Andrea.

24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Is her name Andrea Powell?

25 MR. YOUNG: I see Andrea Powell.

1 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yeah.

2 MS. SCHELLIN: No. It looks like she off again.

3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Well, let's bring undeclared up,
4 then. Hopefully, she'll join us again.

5 MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. Okay. So let's move on to the
6 undeclared. You get -- did you check the phone number I sent
7 you, Paul?

8 MR. YOUNG: Yes.

9 MS. SCHELLIN: (Indiscernible.) Okay. Do you see that
10 number up?

11 MR. YOUNG: You -- I only got Paulette Matthews' phone
12 number from you.

13 MS. SCHELLIN: That was the Paulette Matthews. Okay.
14 We have Betty and Janice Sanker. I believe they are together
15 under Janice. And then we have Ari Theresa (phonetic).

16 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. We will begin with Janice and
17 her team, and then we will hear from Ari Theresa, in that order.
18 Okay. Ms. Janice, you and your team may begin.

19 MS. SANKER: Good evening everyone. (Audio
20 interference.)

21 (Pause.)

22 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. I think she may have had two
23 devices on and that's why we were getting the echo. So she's
24 probably hung up to call back.

25 MR. YOUNG: Yeah. I see her calling in, actually. So

1 I can unmute her --

2 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay.

3 MR. YOUNG: -- from (indiscernible).

4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. All right. We'll wait on
5 her.

6 (Pause.)

7 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay, you may begin whenever you're
8 ready. You're on mute, I think.

9 MS. SANKER: (No audible response.)

10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: We can't hear you.

11 MS. SANKER: (No audible response.)

12 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: We still can't hear you. Do you
13 want to log off and come back on?

14 MS. SANKER: (No audible response.)

15 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Let's work with her, and
16 let's go to Ari Theresa.

17 MR. THERESA: Hi.

18 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Good evening. You may begin.

19 MR. THERESA: Okay. Yeah. So I've been sitting here
20 listening, and I'm concerned that there's a little bit of
21 revisionist history going on here. If I look at the statute,
22 2409.3, it talks about PUDs and the necessity for a covenant
23 before the orders -- or a PUD become permanent. So I've heard
24 some discussion about how --

25 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Let me pause you for a moment. Could

1 | you introduce yourself first?

2 | MR. THERESA: Yes.

3 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: (Indiscernible.) Yeah.

4 | MR. THERESA: My name is Ari Theresa, and I'm a zoning
5 | attorney. I represent Barry Farm Tenants and Allies Association.
6 | I'm here, you know, again, I heard some commentary in the
7 | beginning about how there were promises about a right to return
8 | for residents. The court overturned the decision because the
9 | Zoning Commission officially found -- one of the reasons they
10 | overturned the decision was because the Zoning Commission
11 | officially found that right to return and displacement was not
12 | in its purview. So any promise that was made, you know, orally
13 | by the Commissioners is not going to be anything that would have
14 | been enforceable, because the order said specifically that it was
15 | not in their purview. And the order is what is linked to the
16 | covenant, which is the important part.

17 | And so right now, what we're here, you know, and I
18 | think a lot of people don't really understand what a map amendment
19 | is and what the connotations of a map amendment or a non-contested
20 | case are, but I think that, you know, we're here, basically,
21 | arguing about rights. You know, if this was a PUD, there would
22 | be a covenant on a right to return. Since it's not a PUD, this
23 | is a map amendment, and so we're going to have a regulation,
24 | right, and that will come through the text amendment. So it's
25 | hard to know if I support this map amendment or not, because I

1 don't know what's in the text amendment.

2 I -- you know, the non-contested cases are consistency
3 cases, and you know, the new Comprehensive Plan has a lot of
4 language to protect residents, but that has not been incorporated
5 into the text amendment yet, and I don't know if it's going to
6 be incorporated into the text amendment.

7 But the difference between a covenant and rights that
8 are enforceable through a regulation are big, you know. It's the
9 burden. With a covenant, it's the burden of the government to
10 prove that, you know, they did not do something wrong. With this
11 regulation, it then becomes the burden of the residents to prove
12 that, "Hey," you know, "we were put off by something that the
13 government did."

14 So, you know, it's degrees of the rights that are being
15 argued about and debated here, and I'm not sure that the residents
16 understand that. I wasn't clear that the residents that testified
17 as proponents understood, you know, some of the ramifications of
18 the processes that have been chosen here. And you know, I also
19 heard some revisionist history, so to speak.

20 But you know, I'm hoping that, you know, the new
21 Comprehensive Plan makes its way into the text amendment so there
22 is something for residents. I mean, we know regulations are not
23 fool-proof or else we would not be here, because there were
24 residents protecting the right to return back in 2014. And so
25 now, we're, basically, looking at more regulations.

1 So I mean, I don't know at this point, you know. It's
2 just, kind of, a faith thing, like, I'm going to believe in you
3 guys. I see you all all the time. You know, I believe you're
4 nice people, and I hope you mean well and really want these people
5 to come back, but based on decisions that have been made by the
6 Office of Planning and all of this stuff, I mean, you know, there
7 is skepticism. But you know, this is what we got, and this is
8 where we're at.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you, Mr. Theresa. And you may
11 find this very -- I mean, we all have our different opinions on
12 stuff, but I think you bring some added value. It might not
13 always go the way you want. Like I said, things don't always go
14 the way I want.

15 But I do have some questions for you on the map
16 amendment. First of all, do you live on the Barry Farm property?
17 And that's not a requirement, I'm just curious of how this map
18 amendment may --

19 MR. THERESA: Mr. --

20 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: -- may or may not --

21 MR. THERESA: Mr. Hood, you know I do not live at Barry
22 Farm. I --

23 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I do not know that.

24 MR. THERESA: I'm the only --

25 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I do not.

1 MR. THERESA: I'm the only land-use attorney who
2 represents people and residents in Ward 8, and I represent my
3 middle-class homeowners, I represent people who live in public
4 housing, and I want all of them to have the most robust rights
5 that they can have. I do not live at Barry Farm, no. And I
6 would not allow that to stop me from representing anybody who
7 lives in this community. I'm one of the few land-use attorneys
8 that exist, and you know, I make myself available to all people.

9 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: So Mr. Theresa, I didn't ask you
10 that -- and I did not where you live. I asked you that because
11 I did not know. I don't know where you live. Okay.

12 MR. THERESA: You've asked me that before, Mr. Hood,
13 and I responded the same way, and Daniel --

14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay.

15 MR. THERESA: -- del Pielago does not live there. I
16 --

17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay.

18 MR. THERESA: Yes.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: So please don't take that -- get
20 offended, because I didn't ask you that --

21 MR. THERESA: I'm not offended.

22 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: -- for that reason.

23 MR. THERESA: Okay.

24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you. Now, the text amendment
25 that is published, as you know, will have comments. Since you

1 are the land-use attorney representing -- now, I don't want to
2 put words in your mouth, you didn't say you represented everybody.
3 You're helping the folks of Barry Farm, which I -- which is
4 applaudable. Trust me. And I've -- here's the thing. And one
5 thing about me, if I didn't mean it, I wouldn't say it. So I
6 appreciate what you do. We may not always agree, but I appreciate
7 what you do.

8 But there is a 30-day comment period, as you know. And
9 since you, and I think Ms. Odom, are -- we would like to hear
10 some of the things. Now, you're right, some of the things are
11 not applicable. My ask is the same ask I asked in 2014, and you
12 heard me follow up on it. That's why, when I was hearing
13 comments, me personally, I was asking the Office of Planning,
14 because I want reports of how things are going on. And whether
15 it's in my jurisdiction or not, that's my ask. And I want to
16 see stuff come back.

17 Now, I will enforce it to the best that I can, not
18 because of what you want, but what I think is the best interest
19 of residents of the District of Columbia and the City. At the
20 end of the day, I've heard from the residents, even Ms. Belt,
21 they want to return. That's what I hear. So you -- from you
22 and us and everybody else, we're in a hurry. Those folks want
23 to go home. So we need to -- I think the City, Commission, all
24 the powers that be, and those who take us to court, and everybody
25 need to make a way for people to return home, because at the end

1 | of the day -- and return home to some better -- a better quality
2 | of life, because I think that's what the residents are asking
3 | for.

4 | And I don't understand how all the new offices and how
5 | all the groups work. I'm hearing different things. But I want
6 | to make sure everybody's communicating as best as you can. So
7 | that's just, kind of, where I am with that.

8 | And again, my question to you -- you said I've asked
9 | you that before. I don't believe I have, but if you say I did,
10 | I'll go with it. I'm not here to debate and I'm not here to
11 | argue, I'm here to get the job done.

12 | So anyway, let me open it up. Commissioner May, do you
13 | have any questions or comments?

14 | COMMISSIONER MAY: (Negative head shake.)

15 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Commissioner May?

16 | COMMISSIONER MAY: (Negative head shake.)

17 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I didn't see you, I'm sorry.
18 | Commissioner Shapiro.

19 | COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO: No questions, Mr. Chair. Thank
20 | you, Mr. Theresa.

21 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. And Commissioner Turnbull.

22 | COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: No comments, Mr. Chair. And
23 | thank you again, Mr. Theresa.

24 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. And Vice Chair Miller.

25 | VICE CHAIR MILLER: No, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for

1 | your testimony.

2 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. All right. Well, thank you
3 | very much.

4 | Ms. Schellin, do we have anybody else?

5 | MS. SANKER: This is Ms. Sanker.

6 | MS. SCHELLIN: We have Ms. Sanker.

7 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Ms. who?

8 | MS. SCHELLIN: She's up now. Ms. Sanker.

9 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Ms. Sanker, you may begin.

10 | MS. SANKER: Good evening, everyone, Honorable Chair,
11 | Chairs that are in attendance. Thank you for all what I've heard
12 | from everyone.

13 | My name is Jan Sanker, and I'm representing my mom, who
14 | is Betty Sanker who is not able to hear at the moment. And I
15 | mean, physically hear out of her ears.

16 | So with that said, I was born and raised in Barry Farm.
17 | I was born in 1960, so that makes me 61 right now. My parents
18 | moved in Barry Farm in 1958, and -- 'til December 2017, when they
19 | was displaced, they was moved due to Barry Farm being torn down.

20 | In all those years that they were residents in Barry
21 | Farm, Barry Farm has been redeveloped, I know, two times, maybe
22 | three. They've lived on -- their first residence was 1233 Eaton
23 | Road, and then their second residence was 1226 Eaton Road, and
24 | then their third residence, in 1989 -- in 19 -- was it '89? Yeah,
25 | in 1989 was 1347 Stevens Road.

1 And my parents were pillars of the community. There
2 is a -- I want to say there is a book out with my parents mentioned
3 in the book, talking about the community of Barry Farm.

4 My dad passed away in May of 2020. My dad went to as
5 many meetings -- community meetings in the rec as he possibly
6 could, and I would come over and pick him up and then take him
7 home when they was living in Barry Farm and when they got
8 displaced in -- now live in James Creek. Which Ward that is, I
9 believe it's 6.

10 So I know that my father was an advocate person for
11 people moving back into Barry Farm. He was under the assumption
12 -- and he had bad hearing at the time, as time went on, you know,
13 that he was going to be able to move back to Barry Farm once the
14 redevelopment happened. And he was excited about it, you know.
15 Now he's no longer here, and my mother is -- she wants to move
16 back to Barry Farm. I know that she wants to be able to move
17 into the housing part and not the senior citizen part for right
18 now, but she said that she would take either/or, you know.

19 They raised five kids in Barry Farm, and all five of
20 us were successful with our careers. We have two of my siblings
21 that are retired, and me, along with my two youngest siblings,
22 are still working for the Federal Government. And we've raised
23 our children, because they have eight grandchildren. So one of
24 their grandchildren, their great granddaughter, wasn't raised in
25 Barry Farm, but the rest of their grandchildren have been raised

1 | in Barry Farm, along with -- I have a son who was raised in Barry
2 | Farm, as well, and he's 33 now.

3 | I live in Marlboro Plaza, which used to be one of the
4 | best apartment buildings to live in in Southeast Washington. I
5 | moved here in January 2020 from Maryland. I was in Bladensburg,
6 | Maryland, for 24 years, because I wanted to give my son, you
7 | know, a better opportunity at seeing a different way of life
8 | growing up, you know. My son has high-functioning autism. My
9 | son, right now, is working with a young man that does this
10 | basketball league called Goodman, and my son is probably there
11 | now, if they're having a game, you know, helping with, you know,
12 | maneuver, you know, referee, whatever the young man named Miles
13 | Rawls is doing for the community to keep the people engaged in
14 | the community.

15 | Every project community all over the city has been a
16 | rough project community to live in, but as the young lady said,
17 | we -- the people who are in Barry Farm, who lived in Barry Farm,
18 | you know, we looked out for each other, you know. I remember,
19 | as a little girl, you know, that we did -- the community came
20 | together to -- for the children's sake, not for the adult's sake,
21 | but for the children's sake. You know, we -- I even, you know,
22 | they had all kind of programs in the community as I was growing
23 | up as a little girl, you know, over at the recreation center,
24 | you know, that I got involved in as -- and I went to school --
25 | Birney, Douglass, and Ballou, you know.

1 So what I don't understand and what my mother doesn't
2 understand is, is that why, you know, I have to show up to take
3 her to pick up food from different places, Matthews Memorial, and
4 we got to hear a little chitter chatter about different meetings
5 happening all over the City about Barry Farm. Then I get calls
6 from people talking about, "Oh, I put my bid in to buy me a house
7 in Barry Farm, yada, yada," I mean, "in Barry Farm, yada, yada,
8 yah." You know, to each his own. To each his own, you know.

9 I moved back, like I said, to Southeast Washington in
10 January 2020, because I wanted to be able to be afforded -- to
11 be able to buy a house or a condo myself. Hopefully, I'm meeting
12 with a Realtor on Saturday, you know, to get that process started.

13 I just had open-heart surgery in January, and my father
14 and my mother has had many a challenge -- health challenges, but
15 they have stood the test of time. My father passed away two
16 months shy of turning 93. They used to call him the Mayor of -
17 -

18 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Ms. Janice --

19 MS. SANKER: -- Barry Farm.

20 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Ms. Janice, I want to try to
21 bring you back -- focus to the -- and I appreciate --

22 MS. SANKER: So the focus is --

23 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: -- the history. Please --

24 MS. SANKER: -- as the --

25 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: -- (indiscernible).

1 MS. SANKER: -- as the young man named Ari was asking,
2 you know, what is the -- what is this body doing to help us with
3 understanding our rights and having it written down on paper so
4 that we can see it in black and white and not hear it through
5 chitter-chatter when we appear at different events within the
6 community now that the community has been torn down? That's my
7 question.

8 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Ms. Janice, let me just help you
9 tonight. This body is the DC Zoning Commission. What we deal
10 with here in the City, to make it short, is land use. We deal
11 with map amendments, we deal with text amendments, we deal with
12 PUDs, and we have another Board, a sister Board, which is the
13 BZA. So those kind of -- I would encourage you to call our Office
14 of Zoning to kind of find out what this body does.

15 Now, about the other things you were talking about, I
16 think you want to work with the Housing Authority and those over
17 within, the developer who's coming in to do what they are going
18 to try to do, at some point, if approved by -- at Barry Farm. So
19 I would suggest that you, given those conversations, start
20 working with Barry Farm Tenants Association and also with the
21 other group, POAH, and start getting engaged, if you're not
22 already. You may already be, but some of those questions, I
23 think, you can get -- some of -- okay. So I would suggest that
24 you do that. But also, I would suggest that you also call the
25 Office of Zoning and find out what we do -- what the Zoning

1 Commission does and what the Board of Zoning Adjustment do so you
2 will have that, and you will understand it.

3 So we appreciate your testimony. Do you have any
4 closing remarks?

5 MS. SANKER: No.

6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So thank you very much. Let's
7 see. Commissioners, any questions? Commissioner May, any
8 questions?

9 COMMISSIONER MAY: (Negative head shake.)

10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Commissioner Shapiro, any questions?

11 COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO: (Negative head shake.)

12 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Commissioner Turnbull.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: (Negative head shake.)

14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: And Vice Chair Miller.

15 VICE CHAIR MILLER: No. Thank you for your testimony.

16 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yes. So thank you for your
17 testimony. We appreciate it.

18 MS. SANKER: Thank you for listening.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Sure.

20 MS. SANKER: Sorry I went too long.

21 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: No. No. It was good. It was
22 helpful. It's always helpful. Thank you for taking the time.

23 All right. Ms. Schellin, do we have anybody else? And
24 let's --

25 MS. SCHELLIN: No one else.

1 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: So I don't know if we need to bring
2 the Office of Planning back up. I think unless they want to come
3 up and say something. I think this is in order. Going forward,
4 there were some asks that we asked for. I'm hoping -- I know
5 two things I've asked for. I'm not sure if anybody else asked
6 for anything, but the two things that I asked for, at least, so
7 we can know how the communication was going. And there was one
8 other element I asked for, I don't remember right off, but if we
9 could work on that. I think I asked for it at the time, so I
10 would not forget at this time.

11 Ms. Brown-Roberts, did you want to add something?

12 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: No, Mr. Chairman. I was just
13 listening if you were going to do a list of the things that you
14 wanted.

15 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay.

16 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: Just to check it against --

17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yes. Okay. Do we have a list, Ms.
18 Schellin? If not, the transcript is there. I'd like to restate
19 --

20 MS. SCHELLIN: I did not make a list. I thought that
21 OP was keeping a list, because it was mainly items that they were
22 shaking their head to. So I thought that they were writing that
23 down, since it was rulemaking.

24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Ms. Brown-Roberts, could you repeat
25 what you have, if you don't mind?

1 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: We needed some information -- the
2 specific information of the size of the units that are going to
3 be on the property, the breakdown of the AMI to address the 60
4 percent, the breakdown of all the units, and then the right to
5 return, and update on the location of the former residents. Let's
6 see. And to make sure that the leases would not be an obstacle
7 to return, what can zoning -- the Zoning Commission do to make
8 sure that the leases are compliant and to remove any obstacles
9 from persons returning, that all the residents are being
10 contacted and how their concerns are being addressed, and then
11 also to reach out to the other offices in the -- D.C. offices
12 regarding the right to return.

13 MS. SCHELLIN: Would there -- was the question answered
14 about the number of units compared to what was originally
15 proffered in the PUD? I know that this is no longer a PUD, so
16 obviously, the numbers are not going to necessarily be the change,
17 but was there some question about -- was that question taken care
18 of, because I know she did come back and say, I think it was 200.
19 Is that -- was that question answered, Chairman Hood?

20 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I don't know. The person who asked
21 that question, I think, was Vice Chair Miller. I was just trying
22 -- I'm going to talk to Ms. Brown-Roberts about my two questions,
23 because I want to rephrase them a little bit.

24 Vice Chair Miller, I think either you or Mr. Turnbull
25 (audio interference).

1 MS. SCHELLIN: (Indiscernible.)

2 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Commissioner Turnbull?

3 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: I'm fine.

4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay.

5 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I think Ms. Brown-Roberts covered
6 the questions that I asked. So I appreciate --

7 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay.

8 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I'm looking forward to that
9 information.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: So Ms. Brown-Roberts, the only
11 additional question I had, I want us to look at those two racial
12 -- the offices I want us to look at was the Equity offices that
13 are on the Council, if they allow us to come in, I think they
14 do, and the Council -- and the Mayor's office to help us in this
15 process.

16 But also, I wanted to also ask that office about --
17 the Housing Authority to find out about leases. I wanted to
18 know, because I think I heard one of the residents who had a
19 concern that we may not be compliant. Same thing we did in 2014.
20 I know some people may agree, that's fine. That's why it's five
21 of us here, and that's why we have a whole city. We all got an
22 opinion. But I think that one of the things is we want to make
23 sure that the people who have problem -- obstacles -- you were
24 right, obstacles in the way, how are they being cleared up so
25 when it comes time for them to return, that won't be a hinderance.

1 I think those are my two major questions. And especially the
2 Equity office. We want to tap into them early, because I know
3 they're going to get real busy.

4 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: Okay.

5 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: All right. Thank you. Anything
6 else, Commissioners?

7 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes, Mr. Chairman, since you
8 mentioned those two racial equity offices, I'm sure our director,
9 Ms. Bardin, may already be in touch with them or will be in touch
10 with them shortly, because one of the directives in the
11 Comprehensive Plan that's going to become law sometime very soon
12 requires us to have training, and I'm sure she's coordinating
13 with them as to how we get that training and what type of training
14 it should be in terms of how we view cases through that racial
15 equity lens. It's very important. I'm glad you brought it up.

16 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I agree. I do know that she's
17 working on that. I have spoken with her about that -- about the
18 training. I think she's mentioned it to all of us, but by the
19 time we get the training, I don't know where we'll be with this
20 case. So that's why I probably put that up -- let's get out
21 there now, and hopefully, then we will learn as training, but you
22 know, I didn't want that to be a missed opportunity. So thanks
23 for bringing that up, as well.

24 Does anybody have any closing remarks or comments?

25 (No audible response.)

1 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Commissioner Turnbull.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: I have some closing remarks,
3 but they're not for the case. So I don't know if you want to do
4 it offline or just have me continue on.

5 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Let's finish this off, and then you
6 can do it give publicly, unless it is something you want to tell
7 -- I don't know.

8 Ms. Brown-Roberts, are we all good, you and Ms.
9 Steingasser?

10 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: Yes, Mr. Hood.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: All right. Thank you.

12 MS. SCHELLIN: We want to set dates?

13 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I don't know if we -- can we set
14 dates, Ms. Schellin?

15 MS. SCHELLIN: We can, because NCPD had their thing
16 today, and we could go ahead and set a date for proposed action,
17 because proposed action can be taken once the Mayor signs off.
18 Final action cannot be taken until Congress does their thing.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: We also have a -- no. I think --
20 we have a real (indiscernible). I think we have a 30-day comment
21 period, as well. But anyway, then let's go ahead and set a date.
22 Let's go ahead and set some dates.

23 MS. SCHELLIN: Does anybody know how long they think
24 it might be before the Mayor would sign this? Does OP have any
25 insight?

1 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Well, I think that -- I'll let OP
2 tell us.

3 MS. SCHELLIN: Because we have two meetings in July.
4 I mean we have a meeting -- another meeting in July. It's the
5 26th of July. Would that be too soon?

6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Let's set it for --

7 MS. SCHELLIN: (Audio interference.)

8 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Let's set it for July. Let me --
9 no. Let's set it for July the 26th.

10 MS. SCHELLIN: Okay. So I'll set it on --

11 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Let's set it then.

12 MS. SCHELLIN: -- July 26th. If we could have -- if
13 you provide that supplemental report by July 19th, 3 o'clock p.m.
14 Does that work, Maxine?

15 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: Yes.

16 MS. SCHELLIN: Yes? Okay.

17 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: Yes.

18 MS. SCHELLIN: Thank you. And we'll put it on for 4:00
19 p.m. on July 26th. Other than that, the record is closed.

20 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: All right. And I'm being advised
21 that July 26th is a good date. So --

22 MS. SCHELLIN: Okay.

23 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: And that's from my legal counsel.
24 Okay. So let me make sure I got everything. Okay. All right.
25 Anything else on this case, Ms. Schellin?

1 MS. SCHELLIN: (Negative head shake.)

2 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: All right. Mr. Turnbull, you have
3 something that's not germane to this case?

4 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Right. And actually, it has
5 to do with July 26th. That will be my last Zoning Commission
6 date. I am retiring from the Architect of the Capitol at the
7 end of August. I will miss you guys incredibly.

8 COMMISSIONER MAY: Oh, my goodness.

9 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Yes. Don't know who my
10 replacement will be in September. I've looked at some resumes,
11 and I don't know what's going to happen, but I'm choking up,
12 guys.

13 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: That's all right.

14 MS. SCHELLIN: We're going to miss you. I'll miss all
15 your drawings that you used to pass to me. I have a couple.
16 You'll have to make me some new ones.

17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: So Mr. Turnbull --

18 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: I'm going to miss you guys.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: So Mr. Turnbull, I will tell you
20 that I thought you were going to talk about something totally
21 different. I was not --

22 MS. SCHELLIN: I had a feeling.

23 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I was not expecting that. I will
24 say much more than what I'm going to say tonight, but you have
25 definitely been of value to this City, a value to the Architect

1 of the Capitol. And it's ironic that I think I told you the
2 other day, I was -- happened to be looking you up on the computer,
3 and I was, like -- I told you, I said, "Man, I don't know who
4 I'm really saddled with." So I think you have definitely done a
5 great -- the residents of this City and all stakeholders
6 appreciate your service. And I'm going to have a whole lot more
7 to say on the 26th in pointing to that, but I can tell you, you
8 talk about surprise and lowering the boom, you did it all, because
9 I was not expecting that.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Well, I didn't want to do it
11 at the last minute, because we've had -- you know, I think in
12 the 16 years I've been sitting on the Zoning Commission, we've
13 had different people that all of a sudden have, at the one hearing
14 (indiscernible), "Well, this is my last year and goodbye guys."
15 I said, I can't do that. I got to let you guys know ahead of
16 time. So --

17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Well, you (indiscernible) --

18 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: I was going to retire back in
19 November. I was going to retire back in November, but one thing
20 led to another, and then I was going to do January, then I was
21 going to do the end of February, and it kept getting put off.
22 And then it got -- it was going to be July -- the end of July.
23 And finally, my son said, "You can't go in July. You got too
24 many things on your plate to take care of." So I finally put it
25 off through the end of August.

1 MS. SCHELLIN: Wow.

2 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yeah. What a (indiscernible).

3 MS. SCHELLIN: We got to get (indiscernible).

4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: And I'm sure we will say much more
5 than what we're saying tonight, but Mike, you will definitely be
6 missed. You definitely have been a big asset to everything we've
7 done here on the Zoning Commission --

8 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Well, thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: -- for years.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Thank you very much.

11 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I'll have more to say on the 26th,
12 too, Mr. Chairman, but I'm emotional, too, with Mike's
13 announcement. I'm only sorry that I -- that we weren't going to
14 be back in the hearing room where I've enjoyed sitting next to
15 you for, I guess, eight of my nine years -- eight of your 15,
16 maybe. It wasn't the last year, so I'm -- you whispering sweet
17 nothings in my ear, correcting me when I was wrong, and goading
18 me to speak out on what I needed to speak out on, because you
19 were --

20 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: You're very good at doing that.

21 VICE CHAIR MILLER: -- right before me, and sometimes
22 covered what I wanted -- or just told me what I had to cover. So
23 I'm going to miss all that and all of your architectural wisdom
24 about so many things. So we'll have more to say, and I'll hug
25 offline since we won't be in the hearing room. But thank you

1 for all your service.

2 COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO: Now, Mr. Chair, Mike -- you
3 know, first of all, thank you. Thanks for your service to the
4 City, and lots more to say on the 26th.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Well, thank you, Peter.

6 COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO: I'm going to miss you
7 personally. Thank you for everything I learned from you. And
8 let me just say, congratulations.

9 MS. SCHELLIN: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Yeah, I figured 72 is time to
11 go.

12 COMMISSIONER MAY: Wow, Mike. You know, it's amazing
13 you've been here so long. And all I can say is that when you're
14 looking at resumes, did you see anyone named "Peter," because I
15 think need more Peter's on the Zoning Commission.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: I'm trying to remember. I've
17 looked. I think most of the -- I've reviewed -- two other people
18 have reviewed resumes, and I was reviewing them. The candidates
19 that I have passed on, I believe, are all architects. Some of
20 them have -- I think there was one guy had a Ph.D. or something.
21 My God, he was overqualified. But most of them were members of
22 the AIA. There was two fellows, I think. So I don't know what's
23 going to happen, but --

24 COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO: Let me say, Mike, considering
25 looking at the five of us, if I could say maybe instead of a

1 Peter, we need a Pietra.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: There was at least four women
3 that I had passed on as candidates. So I'm not sure where that's
4 going to go. They look very well qualified. So some of them,
5 they worked at the AOC before, so --

6 COMMISSIONER MAY: What -- when is there going to be a
7 new architect? Oh, there is a new architect, isn't there.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Well, there is a new architect,
9 but he's an engineer.

10 COMMISSIONER MAY: He's not an architect. Right.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: He's not an architect.

12 MS. SCHELLIN: Well, that's interesting.

13 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: So Mike, do me a favor, don't tell
14 them about your thing -- you know, everybody has their niche
15 about signage, because I'd like to adopt that. So that could be
16 my architectural issue now. Don't tell them. So I'll use that
17 one now.

18 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: All right. All right. But I
19 thought I better tell you guys ahead of time. As I said, I --
20 it was always a surprise. I think Greg Jeffries was the one last
21 time that I remember, who said, "Well, tonight's my last night."
22 I'm, like, what?

23 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yes. Conrad whispered to me one
24 night to me, he said --

25 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Conrad, yeah.

1 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: -- "Tonight's my last night." And
2 I'm, like, I haven't even read the opening statement, and I'm
3 like -- I'm trying to figure that out. So at least you waited
4 until the end.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Yeah. I think -- actually, I
6 met with the Architect yesterday -- the Architect of the Capitol
7 yesterday and gave him my letter. And I think he surprised them.
8 He said, "Oh, I thought you were going to be here longer." And
9 he says, "No, I'm leaving." So --

10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: All right. So --

11 COMMISSIONER MAY: Congratulations, Mike.

12 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yes, congratulations.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: I (indiscernible), but I
14 thought you guys ought to know ahead of time.

15 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: We don't want to take it all the way
16 today, but congratulations from all of us, and we're going to
17 have much more to say. We'll make sure that's on the agenda.

18 I'd like to do that, Ms. Schellin, at the very beginning
19 of the hearing.

20 MS. SCHELLIN: Okay.

21 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Or you know what, I'll talk to you
22 about that.

23 MS. SCHELLIN: Yeah.

24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Anyway. So again, congratulations,
25 Mr. Turnbull.

1 The Zoning Commission will meet again, July the 8th.
2 I think that's a meeting?

3 MS. SCHELLIN: Yes.

4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So we have our regular meeting
5 these same platforms at 4:00 p.m. So with that, we want to
6 thank everyone for their participation in this hearing tonight.
7 I'm glad --

8 MS. SCHELLIN: (Indiscernible.)

9 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: -- congratulations to Mr. Turnbull.
10 Happy 4th of July. Be safe.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Yeah. Happy 4th, guys. Enjoy.

12 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Leave the fireworks alone. Don't
13 look at them. Don't do any. So you all have a good time and be
14 safe. Thank you. Good night.

15 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the
16 record at 6:20 p.m.)

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