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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ZONING COMMISSION

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PUBLIC HEARING

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THURSDAY

MAY 4, 2023

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Office of Planning - : Case No.
Text Amendment to Subtitle B : 19-31A
Section 100.2 :
(Youth Rehabilitation Home) :
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The Public Hearing of Case 19-31A by the District of Columbia Zoning Commission convened via videoconference pursuant to notice at 4:00 p.m. EDT, Anthony Hood, Chairperson, presiding.

ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

ANTHONY J. HOOD, Chairperson
ROBERT MILLER, Vice Chair
PETER MAY, Commissioner
JOSEPH IMAMURA, Commissioner

OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

SHARON SCHELLIN, Secretary
PAUL YOUNG, Data Specialist

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OFFICE OF PLANNING STAFF PRESENT:

MAXINE BROWN-ROBERTS

OFFICE OF ZONING LEGAL DIVISION STAFF PRESENT:

HILLARY LOVICK, ESQUIRE
JACOB RITTING, ESQUIRE

The transcript constitutes the minutes from the
Public Hearing held on May 4, 2023.

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

2 (4:00 p.m.)

3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Good afternoon, ladies and
4 gentlemen. We are convening and broadcasting this public hearing
5 by videoconferencing. My name is Anthony Hood. Joining me are
6 Vice Chair Miller, Commissioners May and Imamura. We're also
7 joined by the Office of Zoning Staff, Ms. Sharon Schellin and
8 Mr. Paul Young, who's handling all of our virtual operations.
9 Also, the Office of Zoning Legal Division Ms. Lovick and Mr.
10 Ritting. I will ask all others here to introduce themselves at
11 the appropriate time.

12 Copies of today's virtual public hearing notice are
13 available on the Office of Zoning's website. Please be advised
14 that this proceeding is being recorded by a court reporter. It
15 is also webcast live, Webex and YouTube Live. The video will be
16 a part of the Office of Zoning's website after the hearing.
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1 to sign up or to receive Webex login or call-in instructions.

2 All persons planning to testify either in favor or
3 opposition or undeclared, we encourage you to sign up in advance
4 and your name will be called at the appropriate time. If you
5 wish to file written testimony or additional supporting documents
6 during the hearing, then please be prepared to describe and
7 discuss it at the time of your testimony.

8 The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the
9 provisions of 11 Z DCMR Chapter 5 as follows: preliminary matters;
10 presentation, in this case by the Office of Planning which has
11 up to 60 minutes -- I don't think we need 60 minutes; report of
12 other government agencies; report of any ANCs; testimony of
13 organization and individuals -- organizations or individuals, and
14 the organizations will have five minutes, individuals will have
15 three minutes, respectively, and we'll hear in the order from
16 those in support, opposition or undeclared.

17 While the Commission reserves the right to change the
18 time limits for presentation if necessary, it intends to adhere
19 to the time limits as strictly as possible and notes that no time
20 shall be ceded. Again, any issues please call our OZ hotline
21 number at 202-727-0789.

22 The subject of this evening's first case is the Office
23 of Planning Text Amendment, Zoning Commission Case No. 19-31A,
24 Office of Planning Text Amendment to Subtitle B, 100.2. Again,
25 today's date is May 4th, 2023.

1 At this time, the Commission will consider any
2 preliminary matters. Does the Staff have any preliminary
3 matters?

4 MS. SCHELLIN: No, sir. No preliminary matters.

5 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. If we could bring the Office
6 of Planning up. And if the Office of Planning -- I have a note
7 here from the Office of Planning if they have any preliminary
8 matters. I believe, Ms. Brown-Roberts, when you get set, the
9 floor is yours.

10 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, and
11 Members of the Commission. Maxine Brown-Roberts representing the
12 Office of Planning on Zoning Commission Case No. 19-31A for a
13 Text Amendment to Subtitle B, Chapter 1 to add the definition of
14 the Youth Residential Care Home.

15 In the OP set down report for Zoning Commission Case
16 19-31, the definition of the Youth Residential Care Home was
17 included, and it was also included on the use permission's list.
18 However, it was inadvertently not included in the Public Hearing
19 Notice or the Zoning Commission Order. This amendment would only
20 add the definition for the Youth Residential Care Home.

21 Next slide. The proposed text would continue to be not
22 inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan. When viewed through a
23 racial equity lens, the proposal supports the policy of
24 encouraging the integration of vulnerable populations and persons
25 with disabilities into the general population and encourages

1 steps to be taken to reduce the stigma associated with housing.

2 The amendment in Case 19-31 addressed this issue of
3 racial equity as they result in improving housing opportunities
4 for residents who suffer discrimination. The use also helps to
5 fulfill the District's commitment to community-based housing
6 options and services that encourage independent living across all
7 planning areas. OP therefore recommends that the proposal be
8 approved.

9 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I am available for
10 questions.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you, Ms. Brown-Roberts. Let
12 me just state, and I just appreciate our Legal Division for
13 helping us as well, this is a two vote case. Let me just
14 acknowledge that this was an oversight. It was left out. So
15 anyway. And also, for the record, Part 203 of our revised tool
16 (phonetic) have been revised that the facts and circumstances of
17 the proposed text is limited to adding a definition for Youth
18 Residential Care Home, as stated already by Ms. Brown- Roberts
19 so I think that has already been analyzed, so I think we're moving
20 forward and simply what we're doing is correcting something that
21 was an oversight of leaving out that definition. So I think
22 that's the nuts and bolts of this case. Ms. Brown-Roberts, thank
23 you for your presentation.

24 Let me see if anyone has any questions or comments?
25 Commissioner May.

1 COMMISSIONER MAY: I have no questions or comments.
2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Commissioner Imamura?

4 COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: No comments. Thank you, Mr.
5 Chair.

6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. And Vice Chair Miller?

7 VICE CHAIR MILLER: No comments, just other than thank
8 you for bringing forward the clarification.

9 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Brown-
10 Roberts.

11 Ms. Schellin, do we have any other government agencies
12 that want to testify in this case?

13 MS. SCHELLIN: No, sir.

14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Let me go back. I didn't see
15 any ANC reports. Unless somebody can direct me to some, but I
16 didn't see any in this case as well.

17 Ms. Schellin, do we have anyone who would like to
18 testify in support, opposition or undeclared?

19 MS. SCHELLIN: I'll check one more time, but there was
20 no one. No, sir. There is no one signed up to testify.

21 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Well, thank you.

22 Ms. Brown-Roberts, do you have any closing remarks? I
23 know that's not on the agenda, but do you have anything to close
24 with or are you fine?

25 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: No, we're fine. Thank you, Mr.

1 Chairman.

2 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you OP. We appreciate
3 it. Okay.

4 Commissioners, again this is a two vote case. I think
5 this is pretty straightforward. Unless I hear anything
6 otherwise, I would move as proposed that the Zoning Commission
7 approve the Text Amendment to Subtitle B, 100.2 with the addition
8 of the definition -- one second -- with the addition of the Youth
9 Residential Care Home in the previous amendments to Zoning
10 Commission Case No. 19-31 and ask for a second.

11 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Second.

12 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So moved and properly second.
13 Any further discussion? Okay.

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

15 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Hood?

16 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yes.

17 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner May?

18 COMMISSIONER MAY: Yes.

19 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Miller?

20 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

21 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Imamura?

22 COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Yes.

23 MS. SCHELLIN: The vote is four to zero to one to
24 approve proposed action in Zoning Commission Case No. 19-31A, the
25 minus one being the third Mayoral appointee.

1 (Pause.)

2 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I'm sorry, I was on mute.

3 Ms. Schellin, do we have anything else in this case?

4 MS. SCHELLIN: No, sir.

5 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Well, I'll see everyone
6 shortly in our next case, which is Zoning Commission Case No. 23-
7 01 will be starting shortly, about five minutes.

8 Thank you. This hearing is adjourned.

9 (Whereupon the above-entitled hearing was adjourned.)

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