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The Public Hearing of Case No. 20-08(B) by the District of Columbia Zoning Commission convened via video-teleconferencing, pursuant to notice at 4:00 p.m. EDT, Anthony J. Hood, Chairperson, presiding.

ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

ELLA ACKERMAN, Secretary
PAUL YOUNG, Zoning Data Specialist

OFFICE OF ZONING LEGAL DIVISION STAFF PRESENT:

HILLARY LOVICK, Esquire

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(4:00 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN HOOD: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen.

Today's date is May the 5th, 2023 (sic). We are convening and broadcasting this public hearing by videoconferencing.

My name is Anthony Hood, and I am joined by Vice Chair Miller, Commissioner May, and Commissioner Imamura. We're also joined by the Office of Zoning staff, Ms. Sharon Schellin. I'm sorry, Office of Zoning staff, Ms. Ella Ackerman, and Mr. Paul Young, who will be handling all of our virtual operations, also, our Office of Zoning Legal Division, Ms. Lovick. I will ask others to introduce themselves at the appropriate time. The virtual public hearing notice is available on the Office of Zoning's website.

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10 | the time of your testimony.

11 | The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the
12 | provisions of 11-Z DCMR, Chapter 4 as follows: preliminary
13 | matters, the applicant's case. The applicant has up to 60
14 | minutes. I know that they requested 30, and I think they can do
15 | it in 15, unless otherwise -- unless noted otherwise.

16 | We will have a report of other government agencies,
17 | report of the Department of Transportation, and then the report
18 | of the Office of Planning. Report of the ANC, I believe in this
19 | case is the ANC-1(B). Testimony of organizations, five minutes,
20 | and individuals, three minutes, and we will hear in the following
21 | order from those who are in support, opposition, and undeclared.
22 | Then we will have rebuttal and closing by the applicant.

23 | Again, the subject of this evening's case is Howard
24 | University -- Zoning Commission case number 20-08(B), Howard
25 | University Campus Plan Special Exception for an Interim

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1 University Use at Square 3090, Lot 41, 1901 through 1911 5th
2 Street, N.W. Again, today's date is May the 8th, 2023.

3 Good afternoon, Ms. Ackerman. Do we have any
4 preliminary matters? I think you're on mute. I think you're
5 still on mute. I'm sorry. Take your time.

6 MS. ACKERMAN: Can you hear me now?

7 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yeah, I can hear you now. There you
8 go.

9 MS. ACKERMAN: Okay. Sorry. Okay.

10 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Thanks so much.

11 MS. ACKERMAN: On April 28th, the Applicant submitted
12 a motion to -- for an untimely filing of the Affidavit of posting.
13 The property was posted on time on March 28th. They just had
14 not submitted it. If the Commission would weigh in on this
15 motion.

16 CHAIRMAN HOOD: So really they -- so they've submitted
17 it on time. So what do we need to do, Ms. Ackerman? Do we need
18 to waive our rules?

19 MS. ACKERMAN: No. We just should accept it into
20 the -- into the record.

21 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. We're not going to make that a
22 big issue. Any objections? Not seeing any. All right. Anything
23 else, Ms. Ackerman? We will accept it. Anything else?

24 MS. ACKERMAN: No. That's all.

25 CHAIRMAN HOOD: All right. Can everyone -- can we

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1 bring everyone up, Ms. Ackerman --

2 MS. ACKERMAN: Sure.

3 CHAIRMAN HOOD: -- and Mr. Young? I believe we have
4 Ms. Giordano.

5 MS. ACKERMAN: Yes.

6 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Oh, okay. We have Mr. Williams.

7 MS. ACKERMAN: They should all be up for now.

8 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Mr. Niec-Williams. I know I have to
9 include that in the name. I've been around long enough to
10 understand that.

11 Okay, Ms. Giordano -- we have two Ms. Giordanos. So,
12 we'll let her - once you get straight, Ms. Giordano, you may
13 begin. I don't know which one to look at, but --

14 MS. ACKERMAN: Before you begin, there were
15 reports -- agency reports submitted into the record.

16 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay.

17 MS. ACKERMAN: If you would like that now.

18 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yes, let's see that (indiscernible.)

19 MS. ACKERMAN: The Office of Planning submitted a
20 report on May 1st. It's shown at Exhibit 37, and they are in
21 support of the application. DDOT submitted a report on April
22 26th at Exhibit 34 with no objections, and ANC-1(B) submitted a
23 report on May 5th shown at Exhibit 39, and they are in support
24 of the application as well.

25 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Ackerman.

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1 Anything else? Got all the preliminaries out the way?

2 MS. ACKERMAN: Yes.

3 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay.

4 MS. ACKERMAN: There was no party-status requests or
5 expert witnesses for this case as well. That's all.

6 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Ackerman.
7 Ms. Ackerman has teed us up very eloquently. So, all right, Ms.
8 Giordano, are you going to turn your camera on? Are you having
9 some problems?

10 (Pause.)

11 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: She may be audio only. Are you
12 able to unmute, Ms. Giordano? She -- I think she -- it looks
13 like she's dialed in twice, but the headset is on mute.

14 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Right. I see that.

15 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: She might be having some technical
16 difficulties on her phone.

17 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Ms. Giordano, do you want to
18 hang up and call back? We'll wait on you.

19 (Pause.)

20 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Mr. Young, is there anything on our
21 part that we can do? If not, Ms. Giordano, you're going to have
22 -- if you can hear me, you're going to have to hang up and call
23 back.

24 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: It looks like she just came off
25 mute.

1 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay, there she go. All right.

2 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: Cynthia, can you hear us? Well, I
3 certainly don't want to steal our Counselor's thunder, but I do
4 want to try to adhere to that 15-minute aspiration.

5 CHAIRMAN HOOD: That'' all right, Mr. Niec-Williams.
6 The clock has not started yet. It won't start until about 5:00
7 o'clock, actually.

8 (Pause.)

9 COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: While we're waiting, I just want
10 to do a mic test. Everybody seems to be coming in a little
11 garbled, and so, I thought maybe it's my -- there might be a
12 little lag on my system. Can I be heard okay?

13 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Okay, thanks. Thank you,
15 Ms. Ackerman.

16 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yup, sounds good. Do I sound garbled?
17 Well, nobody said anything, so I'm going to keep --

18 COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: No.

19 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. All right. Thank you.

20 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: So, on pause, I am messaging back-
21 and-forth with Ms. Giordano. It seems that she's continuing to
22 have some technical difficulties, so she asked that I make my
23 best attempts at filling her heels.

24 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Well, can she call in? And,
25 you know, if she could call in, I don't know what the number is,

1 but she can call in if she -- if need be. If not, you can go
2 right ahead. I'll leave it up to your all's discretion.

3 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: All right. Well, let me circle
4 here.

5 MR. YOUNG: Can she hear us? Mr. Niec-Williams, do you
6 know if she can hear us?

7 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: No. I'm messaging -- yeah, I'm
8 messaging her right now to see. Might be more efficient for me
9 to just call her. Just one second.

10 (Pause.)

11 MR. YOUNG: If she can hear us, there's an audio and
12 video tab at the top and if she clicks on that and goes to audio
13 settings, she might just have her microphone set to a different
14 setting, then she'll just need to change it.

15 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: Okay. Hey everybody and sorry,
16 Commissioners. I'm back with Ms. Giordano and she's on my phone,
17 on speaker. I want to see if you guys can hear her, so I ask
18 for your graces on a quick mic check on our side?

19 Cynthia, do you want to test, test, 1, 2, 3?

20 MS. GIORDANO: (Inaudible.)

21 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: I can hear you. I'm not sure if
22 the Commissioners can.

23 CHAIRMAN HOOD: No, we -- we can't.

24 MS. GIORDANO: (Inaudible.)

25 CHAIRMAN HOOD: I'm sorry? Say something again.

1 MS. GIORDANO: (Inaudible.)

2 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: Seems like it's coming in a little
3 faint.

4 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Well, if you want to give it
5 your best effort and she can still keep working at it, all right.
6 It's up to you. Again, I'll -- we have time.

7 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: Okay. Yeah, Cynthia, just try
8 dialing back in, but in the meantime, I'll go ahead and get
9 started. Okay, great. So, she's going to dial out and dial in,
10 but I think in the interest of time, we'll go ahead and get
11 started. And if there's anything that I butcher or blunder,
12 please feel free to correct me.

13 Well, good afternoon, everyone, on this great Monday.
14 My name is Derrek Niec-Williams. I serve as the Executive
15 Director for Campus Planning, Architecture and Development at
16 Howard University, an address at 2400 6th Street, N.W., and we're
17 here today to address the subject case at the premises at 1901
18 through 1911 5th Street, N.W.

19 The proposal that's on the docket is the special
20 exception pursuant to Subtitle 10, 101.10, and Subtitle 10-901
21 to permit the proposed use of interim University use for a period
22 of five years.

23 The subject premises is in an RF-1 zone and would be,
24 you know, it would require this special exception for University
25 use to convert what was once, as recently as 2010, the University

1 Hospital's Daycare Center into an administrative office space for
2 the University. Got a lot of renovations and new construction
3 coming up, and need to be able to swing certain functions out of
4 their current location so we can facilitate our redevelopment
5 process on campus.

6 So the property itself is about 16,600 square feet at
7 the corner of 5th and T Street, N.W. It's about 7,000 gross-
8 square feet of built area that we expect will accommodate between
9 25 and 30 employees in various settings. The site has approved
10 four surface parking lots -- sorry, parking spaces, as well as
11 the requisite amount of ADA parking on this site.

12 And I think a particular point about this site is that
13 there is an existing playground space that fronts onto the
14 T Street side of the premises, and through various conversations
15 with the LeDroit Park Civic Association, as well as the Advisory
16 Neighborhood Commission, we, the University, have agreed to make
17 improvements in a collaborative fashion to that green space and
18 convert it from a playground into some, you know, form of a green
19 space for the benefit of the University stakeholders, as well as
20 the community stakeholders. So that's something that the
21 University is going to be working in earnest with our team, if
22 we are successful in gaining the zoning approval today.

23 This is a property that's within the LeDroit Park
24 Historic District, and as such, we are not proposing any
25 modifications to the exterior of the existing building, or the

1 existing parking configuration or circulation on this site, so
2 all of the improvements are expected to be inside the building,
3 with the exception of some landscaping work that will be done in
4 tandem with, you know, feedback from the community on the green
5 space that I mentioned just a moment ago.

6 So, you know, we did present to the ANC and got their
7 support. You might notice their letter of support in the record,
8 as well as the Advisory Neighborhood Commission, and as mentioned
9 earlier, we are looking for a five-year period after the granting
10 of Certificate of Occupancy for this site.

11 If the University does require further time or an
12 extension, the community, you know, in their letter had noted
13 that the University is fully, you know, within our rights to
14 apply at such time for an extension, but as it stands right now,
15 we believe it's about a five-year period that we would require
16 interim use of this site for administrative office functions. So
17 at a very high level, that is the general parameters of what the
18 University is trying to accomplish on the site.

19 So, I'm curious if there are any questions or if
20 Ms. Giordano has had a chance to join back in and wants to follow-
21 up any correlated points?

22 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Niec-Williams,
23 for that presentation.

24 I do have one question, and I noticed you mentioned if
25 you needed additional time. When you discussed it with LeDroit

1 Park and the ANC-1(B), did you mention to them there was a
2 possibility that you may need additional time besides the five
3 years?

4 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: That was discussed. I mean, at the
5 onset, the conversation was, you know, that the community was
6 uncomfortable kind of giving an indeterminate period or term
7 associated with that and so, you know, we generally came to the
8 agreement of a five-year period, (A) because it lines up somewhat
9 with the Order 20-08(a), right, similar interim use for the
10 Washington Metropolitan School for our school communications, and
11 so, you know, it does also line up with the anticipated
12 culmination of a lot of our capital construction.

13 So, you know, we did discuss that there may be a
14 possibility that in the future, we might need that, and if
15 community is understanding that, if that is the case, that we
16 would have to come back and reapply for an extension.

17 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Niec-Williams.

18 Let's see if we have any other questions or comments.
19 And, Ms. Giordano, whenever you can join in here, you're more
20 than welcome.

21 MS. GIORDANO: I am --

22 CHAIRMAN HOOD: There you go.

23 MS. GIORDANO: I apologize for the technical problem.
24 I still don't have my video, but I hope you can hear me now.
25 Yeah, Derrek basically has laid it all out.

1 The University, as you may be aware, has a lot of
2 development going underway, and just like the Washington
3 Metropolitan School case, which you approved about a year ago,
4 it's just in need of some temporary office space while they
5 redevelop some other administrative buildings. So this is
6 temporary.

7 We've been talking to the community and we have, in
8 response to their request, agreed to work with them on the --
9 what was the playground for the daycare center, would be a green
10 space that would be a passive recreational space that would also
11 be available to the community. So I think that was really the
12 only issue that came up in the community outreach period of
13 reviewing the application.

14 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Giordano. And
15 again, thank you, Mr. Niec-Williams. Let's see if we have any
16 questions from colleagues.

17 Commissioner May, any comments? Questions?

18 COMMISSIONER MAY: No. It seems very straightforward.
19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Commissioner Imamura, any
21 questions or comments?

22 COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: I agree with Commissioner May.
23 It seems pretty straightforward, but, Mr. Niec-Williams, just for
24 my curiosity, for the daycare that had closed in 2010, has it
25 been vacant since 2010?

1 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: That is correct.

2 COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Wow.

3 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: So, we're very excited about
4 reactivating and animating these there.

5 COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Yeah, I think that's terrific
6 -- a terrific use of vacant space and the -- so that it doesn't
7 fall into disrepair. So, all right, that's all I have, Mr.
8 Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Niec-Williams.

9 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay, thank you, and Vice Chair Miller.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and
12 thank you, Ms. Giordano and Mr. Niec-Williams, for bringing this
13 application forward, which seems like a very reasonable and good
14 plan of interim use of the vacant space for the administrative
15 needs while there's redevelopment going on. And thank you for
16 your community engagement with LeDroit Park Civic Association and
17 ANC-1(B), where you honored their support and made commitments.

18 Separately, I thank the ANC-2, LeDroit Park Civic
19 Association about renovating the play -- I think renovating the
20 playground, maybe, and/or the green space and other aspects of
21 the renovation, the parking, so I appreciate those commitments
22 and community engagement.

23 And I agree with the comments of my colleagues that
24 this is straightforward and a good planned use of vacant
25 space -- interim use of vacant space.

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1 I'm just sort of curious. These are the three
2 townhouses. Are there three? There are three townhouses that
3 have been vacant for 13 years now since the daycare left. Has
4 the playground that was part of that also not been used? Has it
5 been used by anybody? Or, it just sat there. Sat there, okay.

6 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: Yup. (Indiscernible).

7 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Well, that's good. So that's good
8 that, that will also be used and that you made that commitment
9 to open it up to the community in mind with your own operational
10 hours and needs.

11 Is there a long-term plan for these properties? I know
12 they're not -- I think they're not part of the campus plan, but
13 they're owned by the University; is that correct?

14 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: That's correct.

15 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Do you have any plan -- any long-
16 term plans for them beyond the five or if you have to go further
17 interim use, or do you just want to have them as interim use when
18 you're doing all this redevelopment?

19 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: Yeah. I think, you know, to
20 respectfully answer that question, I think in about three years
21 or so, then we'll probably start forecasting what the prospective
22 use will be once the interim use expires.

23 So, right now, we're just focused on the immediate
24 needs, and, you know, some swing space for campus, but longer
25 term, yeah, I couldn't necessarily say what the strategy of the

1 Institution will be at that point in time, given that we have an
2 incoming president coming in pretty soon, in a couple of months
3 now.

4 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Right. Well, that's -- that makes
5 sense and this plan makes sense. So thank you for bringing it
6 forward, and that's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

7 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay, thank you. Any follow-ups? No
8 follow-ups?

9 Thank you both, Ms. Giordano and Mr. Niec-Williams.

10 Ms. Ackerman, do we have any other government agencies?
11 Other -- other -- no, let me -- let me rephrase that. Other than
12 DDOT and OP? Let me -- let you.

13 MS. ACKERMAN: Do you mean agency reports or agencies
14 by anybody in attendance?

15 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yeah, any agency reports. Anybody.
16 Any agencies like OAG. Is there anybody requesting to testify
17 --

18 MS. ACKERMAN: No.

19 CHAIRMAN HOOD: -- or give -- okay.

20 MS. ACKERMAN: The ANC submitted the -- the ANC-1(B)
21 submitted a report, but they did not sign up to testify.

22 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay, I got you. All right.

23 So, let's go to -- do we have anyone here representing
24 the Department of Transportation? Okay. I don't think we do.
25 Normally, with these kind of cases --

1 MS. ACKERMAN: I do not believe so. No.

2 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. So, again, our Exhibit 34, the
3 Department of Transportation -- basically, I'm just going to read
4 the last line of their recommendation. It says, "despite major
5 potential impacts, DDOT has no objections to the approval of this
6 application," and their letter talks about minor potential
7 impacts and they think -- I believe they feel like they can all
8 be mitigated.

9 So, let's go to the Office of Planning, Ms. Brown-
10 Roberts.

11 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: Hello.

12 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yes, we can hear you a little bit,
13 Ms. Brown-Roberts.

14 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: Can you hear me?

15 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yes.

16 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: Okay. Not sure where my video is,
17 but I'll go ahead and give the presentation.

18 Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and Members of the
19 Commission. Maxine Brown-Roberts for the Office of Planning on
20 Zoning Commission 20-08(B).

21 As in the report, I will stand on the record of the
22 report that was submitted that demonstrates that the proposed
23 interim use meets the requirements of Subtitle X, Subsection 101,
24 and that there will be no objectionable conditions in that it
25 will meet the zoning regulation.

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1 It also will meet the Comprehensive Plan as the
2 Comprehensive Plan contemplates the institutional uses, but are
3 compatible with surrounding the community and the zoning
4 regulation allows for the universities within the zones of the
5 special exception.

6 The proposed interim use also is consistent -- not
7 inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan when it comes to the
8 (indiscernible) equity, as it will provide the University with
9 an opportunity to develop some of their properties and some of
10 the uses, such as the hospital, which will serve the surrounding
11 neighborhood, as well as the majority of Black and African
12 American residents in the area and which the hospital serves.

13 The Office of Planning, therefore, recommends approval
14 of their requested office use at its subject site and we support
15 the condition for the five years after the granting of the
16 Certificate of Occupancy.

17 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I'm available for
18 questions.

19 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Thank you, Ms. Brown-Roberts.

20 Let's see if we have any questions on Ms. Brown-
21 Roberts' report. Commissioner May? None. Commissioner Imamura?
22 None. And Vice Chair Miller?

23 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Thank you for your report,
24 Ms. Brown-Roberts.

25 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Thank you, Ms. Brown-Roberts, for

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1 hitting all the highlights and everything. We appreciate your
2 report.

3 Does the applicant? Mr. Niec-Williams or
4 Ms. Giordano, do you have any questions of Ms. Brown-Roberts?

5 MS. GIORDANO: No questions.

6 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. I don't think we have anyone.
7 I don't think Chairperson Harris is here from ANC-1B; is that
8 correct, Ms. Ackerman?

9 MS. ACKERMAN: No, he's not here.

10 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay, she. She. Sabel. Yeah, all
11 right. All right. So, I will -- okay, so let me just do their
12 report. Thank you, Ms. Brown-Roberts.

13 Let me just do Chairperson Harris' report.

14 And, basically -- basically, it just says, I'm trying
15 to read the high-point. Commission meeting, where they tell us
16 where the meeting was. "After considering the matter, ANC-1(B)
17 voted 8 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstaining." This is signed
18 by Chairperson Harris, and also the Treasurer, Treasurer Jones
19 of ANC-1(B).

20 All right. Ms. Ackerman, let's look out and see if we
21 have anyone who is here to testify in support. Any organizations
22 or persons who are here in support, opposition, or undeclared.

23 MS. ACKERMAN: Having no one. No. No one else signed
24 up to testify, so there's no one else here.

25 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. And, Mr. Young, no one is giving

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1 | you a signal either that they want to testify by just showing
2 | up, right?

3 | MR. YOUNG: (Inaudible.)

4 | CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. All right. So we will continue
5 | to move forward. Ms. Giordano and Mr. Niec-Williams, could you
6 | go ahead and give us a closing?

7 | I don't believe you have any rebuttal, because I didn't
8 | hear anything to rebut, but if you have any closing, you all
9 | can -- the floor is yours.

10 | MS. GIORDANO: Okay. In closing, we would just ask the
11 | Commission to approve this special exception. I think we meet
12 | the criteria. We have community support, ANC support, LeDroit
13 | Park support, Office of Planning, and the Department of
14 | Transportation, and if it's appropriate, we would just ask in
15 | closing, if we could have a summary order?

16 | MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: Point not related to procedure, but
17 | just wanted to highlight that Ms. Theresa Edmondson is on the
18 | Attendees list and she is the new Community Director for the
19 | University, so she's replaced Ms. Mabel Bennett, who we all knew
20 | and loved. Just wanted to highlight that a lot of her tireless
21 | work in terms of, you know, working with the neighbors and working
22 | with the local community went into the support that we had and
23 | hopefully, you know, has resulted in no adverse testimony.

24 | CHAIRMAN HOOD: Well, thank you for providing us that
25 | information. So, Ms. Edmonds, I think is her name. Is it

1 Ms. --

2 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: Edmondson. Theresa Edmondson.

3 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Edmondson. Okay, Ms. Edmondson.

4 Okay. Welcome, Ms. Edmondson, and it shows already
5 that you've continued to pick up exactly where Ms. -- now, Ms.
6 Mabel Bennett could never be replaced, but the work that's going
7 into this shows that you are definitely picking up the mantle and
8 continuing with her -- what she has done over the years and not
9 just helping Howard, but helping colleges all over the city as
10 well. So, thank you and welcome.

11 All right, anything else? All right. So we'll
12 close -- go ahead and close the hearing. I think that this is
13 pretty straightforward, as we -- as this hearing has already
14 dictated and with that, unless, I hear any comments, I think the
15 record speaks for itself. It's clear and I think we can -- I
16 would vote that we move to approve Zoning Commission case number
17 20 -- and this is one vote -- to move Zoning Commission case
18 number 20-08(B), and ask for -- Howard University campus plan
19 special exception for interim use at Square 3090, Lot 41, 1901
20 through 1911 5th Street, N.W. for interim use for five years as
21 noted by the Applicant upon the issuing of, I believe the building
22 permit, or whatever the legal jargon is -- and I ask for a second?

23 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN HOOD: It's been moved and properly seconded.

25 Any further discussion? Not hearing any,

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1 Ms. Ackerman, could you do a roll-call vote, please. You're on
2 mute, Ms. Ackerman.

3 MS. ACKERMAN: Sorry about that.

4 CHAIRMAN HOOD: That's all right.

5 MS. ACKERMAN: Commissioner Hood?

6 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yes.

7 MS. ACKERMAN: Commissioner May? I'm sorry,
8 Commissioner -- was it Imamura? Did he second it? Yeah,
9 Commissioner Imamura. Commissioner Miller?

10 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

11 MS. ACKERMAN: Commissioner May?

12 COMMISSIONER MAY: Yes.

13 MS. ACKERMAN: The Zoning case 20-08(B) has been
14 approved for final action in 4-0-1. The minus one being the
15 third mayoral-appointee vacant.

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

18 MS. ACKERMAN: No, that is all.

19 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. The Zoning Commission will have
20 its regular meeting this coming May the 11th at 4:00 p.m. on
21 these same platforms and we have various agenda items.

22 Again, I want to thank the Howard University family and
23 team for everything and for the work they're doing with the
24 community, and I want to thank everyone for their participation.

25 And, Ms. Ackerman, I want to thank you. I know this

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1 is your -- I think this is your second time, so you're a veteran
2 at this.

3 MS. ACKERMAN: No. This is my first time.

4 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Is this your first -- I thought -- I
5 thought we did this before, but anyway, either way, you're a
6 veteran. Thank you very much. And with that, everyone, have a
7 great evening, and thank you very much for your participation.
8 Good night.

9 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the
10 record at 4:31 p.m.)
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