

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ZONING COMMISSION

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

VIA WEBEX

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023

The Public Meeting 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 Chairperson
TAMMY STIDHAM, Commissioner
JOSEPH S. IMAMURA, Commissioner

OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

SHARON SCHELLIN, Secretary
PAUL YOUNG, Data Specialist

OFFICE OF ZONING LEGAL DIVISION STAFF PRESENT:

DENNIS LIU, Esquire

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(4:00 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay, good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. We are convening and broadcasting this public meeting by videoconferencing -- public hearing, actually, by videoconferencing.

My name is Anthony Hood and joining me this evening are Vice Chair Miller, Commissioner Stidham, and Commissioner Imamura. Also joined by the Office of Zoning Staff, Ms. Sharon Schellin and Mr. Paul Young, who will be handling all of our virtual operations, as well as Mr. Dennis Liu, who is our Office of Zoning Legal Division, as well as Vice Chair Miller, who has joined as well.

What I'm going to do is, before I go to Ms. Schellin, we have a request for Zoning Commission Case Number 22-31 night -- tonight, applicant's request for a continuance and the talks -- continues to talk about more about working with the community in which we always endorse. But let me first go to Ms. Schellin for any preliminary matters about this continuance.

MS. SCHELLIN: I have nothing further to add. I believe they were asking for a continuance to January 29th, which I did give them as an open date, or early February. They are hoping to meet with the ANC in January. They were scheduled to meet with them in December, but the ANC

1 cancelled that meeting without, I believe, any notice or
2 reason, and so it's up to the Commission if you choose to
3 postpone this hearing, whether you want to use one of those
4 dates or some other date. Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay, thank you, Ms. Schellin.
6 What I'm going to propose is that we give them the longest
7 date that's possible. I think Ms. Schellin has already
8 worked that out. It's always applaudable when you have an
9 applicant trying to work with the community.

10 But I do want to mention to the ANC HC, you need
11 to work with this applicant and try to see how you all can
12 work -- if you have any differences how you can work it out.
13 So I don't know if we can reach out to the ANC because at
14 some point we will move forward with the hearing, but it's
15 always better to have the ANC's input and we want to make
16 sure that -- because -- and the ANC and the community,
17 you're going to deal with it, if this project is approved.
18 So I really -- we really need -- we really, really are
19 soliciting and need the ANC HC and the community to engage
20 with this A -- I mean with this applicant.

21 Let me turn it over to my colleagues. Let me go
22 to -- let me go -- what do they say, the first shall be
23 last, the last shall be first, and since Vice Chair Miller's
24 team is in last place, let me go to Vice Chair Miller first
25 since he's wearing that W. Vice Chair Miller.

1 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I've learned from you how to
2 dwell in the cellar with our teams, so I appreciate the role
3 model that you've set for that. I have nothing to add.

4 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

5 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I guess I asked for that, so
6 you got me back.

7 Commissioner Stidham?

8 COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: I have nothing to add
9 either.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: And Commissioner Imamura?

11 COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: I'm in agreement with you,
12 Mr. Chairman. Nothing further.

13 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. All right, Ms. Schellin,
14 so do we need to announce what the path forward is or are we
15 good?

16 MS. SCHELLIN: We do.

17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay, we're ready.

18 MS. SCHELLIN: We do. Does the Commission want to
19 do a February date, a March date, January date, what's your
20 pleasure?

21 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Let me hear from others first
22 before I opine. Since Vice Chair Miller made that crack
23 about my team, Commissioner Imamura, could you go first,
24 please?

25 COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Sure, Mr. Chairman. I'm in

1 agreement with you that we should give me them -- the
2 applicant as much time as possible. I think February or
3 March seems reasonable. I'm not sure January will allow the
4 time that they need, but certainly maybe mid to late
5 February or March.

6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Great, thank you.

7 Commissioner Stidham, you want to opine on that?

8 COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: Yeah, that makes sense to
9 me, February or March.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: And, Vice Chair Miller, I guess
11 I have to call on you.

12 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I concur. Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: All right, thank you.

14 All right, Ms. Schellin, so you heard late
15 February or early March I think would be sufficient, but
16 I'll leave the exact date up to you.

17 MS. SCHELLIN: Okay. In that case then I believe
18 my late February dates -- or your late February dates,
19 rather, are full, so we're going to have to go with Monday,
20 March 4th.

21 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: So Monday, March 4th. And the
22 ANC HC and the applicant have -- well, I'm sure the
23 applicant's probably on, but everyone will be --

24 MS. SCHELLIN: The applicant is on, yeah.

25 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Let's make sure the ANC

1 knows that -- I know January everybody is still just getting
2 over festivities but hopefully they can find time for them
3 either in January or February so they can have a
4 conversation.

5 MS. SCHELLIN: Okay.

6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: All right, do we have anything
7 else?

8 MS. SCHELLIN: That's it.

9 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: All right, so -- and my
10 colleagues have anything else?

11 MS. SCHELLIN: And I just want to state because
12 we've publicly announced this, they do not need to keep
13 posting the property.

14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay, thank you.

15 All right, with that I want to -- I don't -- the
16 Zoning Commission, I don't know when our next meeting is.
17 Hold on one second.

18 MS. SCHELLIN: It will be -- I will tell you. I
19 believe it is going to be the January 8th hearing.

20 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: January 8th.

21 MS. SCHELLIN: But let me doublecheck. Yes,
22 January 8th for Case 23-02.

23 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Again, as Ms. Schellin
24 said, our next hearing is January 8th. If you want to
25 follow us, Office of Planning, text amendment I believe it

1 is, but anyway the case number is 23-02 as stated. We'll be
2 on these same platforms.

3 I want to wish everyone a happy holiday, however
4 you celebrate. And with that, this hearing is adjourned.
5 Goodnight and thanks everybody.

6 (Whereupon, the above-entitled meeting was
7 adjourned.)

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