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BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

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REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

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WEDNESDAY

MARCH 13, 2024

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The Regular Public Meeting of the District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment convened via Video/Teleconference, pursuant to notice, at 9:30 a.m. EDT, Frederick L. Hill, Chairperson, presiding.

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT MEMBERS PRESENT:

FREDERICK L. HILL, Chairperson LORNA L. JOHN, Vice-Chairperson CARL H. BLAKE, Member CHRISHAUN S. SMITH, NCPC Designee

ZONING COMMISSION MEMBER[S] PRESENT:

ANTHONY J. HOOD, Chairperson ROBERT MILLER, Vice-Chairperson TAMMY STIDHAM, NPS Designee

OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

CLIFFORD MOY, Secretary
PAUL YOUNG, A/V Production Specialist

OFFICE OF PLANNING STAFF PRESENT:

KAREN THOMAS

OFFICE OF ZONING ATTORNEY ADVISORS PRESENT:

SARAH BAJAJ, ESQ. COMETRIA COOPER, ESQ. CARISSA DEMARE, ESQ. RYAN NICHOLAS, ESQ.

The transcript constitutes the minutes from the Regular Public Meeting held on March 13, 2024.

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2	9:40 a.m.
3	BZA CHAIR HILL: Good morning, ladies and
4	gentleman, to the Board of Zoning Adjustment. Today's date
5	is 3/13/2024.
6	My name is Fred Hill, Chairman of the District of
7	Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment. Joining me today is
8	Vice Chair Lorna John, Board Members Carl Blake, Chrishaun
9	Smith, and Zoning Commissioners Rob Miller, Tammy Stidham,
10	and Zoning Commission Chair Anthony Hood.
11	Today's meeting and hearing agenda are available
12	on the Office of Zoning's website. Please be advised that
13	this proceeding is being recorded by a court reporter.
14	It is also webcast live via WebEx and YouTube
15	live. The video and the webcast will be available on the
16	Office of Zoning's website after today's hearing.
17	Accordingly, everyone who is listening on WebEx or by
18	telephone will be muted during the hearing.
19	Also, please be advised we do not take any public
20	testimony at our decision meeting sessions.
21	If you're experiencing difficulty access WebEx or
22	if your telephone call in, please call the OZ hotline number
23	at 202-727-5471 to receive the WebEx log in or call in
24	instructions.

At the conclusion of the decision meeting,

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shall, in consultation with the Office of Zoning, determine 1 whether a full or summary order may be issued. 2 3 A full order is required when the decision it 4 contains is adverse to a party, including an affected ANC. 5 A full order may also be needed if the Board's decision differs the Office Planning's from of 6 7 recommendation. Although the Board favors the use of 8 9 orders whenever possible, a person may, or Applicant may not 10 request the Board to issue such an order. 11 In today's hearing session, everyone is 12 listening on WebEx or via telephone will be muted during the hearing and only persons who have signed up to participate 13 or testify will be unmuted at the appropriate time. 14 15 Please state your name and home address before presentation. providing testimony or your 16 oral Oral 17 presentations should be limited to a summary of your most important points. When you are finished speaking, please 18 mute your audio so that your microphone is no longer picking 19 20 up sound or background noise. 2.1 If you are experiencing difficulty accessing WebEx, please call our OZ hotline number at 202-727-5471. 22 Once again, 202-727-5471. 23 24 All persons planning to testify either in favor

or in opposition should have signed up in advance.

be called by name to testify. If this is an appeal, only parties are allowed to testify. By signing up to testify, all participants completed the oath or affirmation as required by Subtitle Y, 408.7.

Requests to enter evidence at the time and online virtual hearing such as written testimony or additional supporting documents other than live video which may not be presented as part of the testimony, may be allowed pursuant to Subtitle Y, 103.13, provided that the person made the request to enter an exhibit, explain, A, how the proposed exhibit is relevant, B, have a good cause that justifies allowing the exhibit into the record, including explanation why the requester did not file the exhibit prior to the hearing pursuant to Y, 206, and C, how the proposed exhibit would not unreasonably prejudice any parties.

The order of procedures for special exceptions and variances are in Y, 409. The order of an appeal is in Y, 507.

At the conclusion of each case, an individual who was unable to testify because of technical issues may file a request for leave to file a written version of the planned testimony to the record within 24 hours following the conclusion of public testimony in the hearing.

If additional written testimony is accepted, then parties will be allowed a reasonable time to respond as

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determined by the Board. The Board will then make its decision at its next meeting session, but no earlier than 48 hours after the hearing.

Moreover, the Board may request additional specific information to complete the record. The Board and the staff will specify at the end of the hearing exactly what is expected and the date when persons must submit the evidence to the Office of Zoning. No other information shall be accepted by the Board.

Finally, the District of Columbia Administrative Procedures Act requires that the public hearing on each case be held in the open before the public. However, pursuant to Section 405(b) and 406 of that Act, the Board may, consistent with its rules of procedures and the Act, enter into a closed meeting on a case for purposes of seeking legal counsel on a case pursuant to D.C. Official Code Section 2-575(b)(4) and/or deliberate on a case pursuant to D.C. Office Code Section 2-575(b)(13) but only after providing the necessary public notice in the case of emergency closed meeting after taking a roll call vote.

Mr. Secretary, do we have any preliminary matters?

MR. MOY: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Members of
the Board. I do have a quick announcement with regards to
today's docket.

First, Case Application Number 20837 of Howard

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University has been postponed and reschedule to July 31st, 1 2 2024. 3 Finally, the Chairman has reviewed and granted 4 late filings into the record and 5 applicable case records pursuant to Subtitle Y, Section 206.7 and Section 103.13. 6 7 Any other late filings during the course of today's live hearing should be presented before the Board by 8 9 either the Applicant or other parties or witnesses after I 10 call the case. 11 Other than that, Mr. Chairman, there are preliminary matters, but I think it's more efficient if I bring those to your attention when I actually call the case. 13 14 Thank you, sir. 15 BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay, thank you. Just let me pull up a file, you guys. All right, Mr. Moy, if you want 16 to call our first decision, that would be great. 17 18 Okay, Mr. Chairman, before we get MR. MOY: started then, so the Board is in its public meeting session 19 2.0 and I believe the first three decision making cases in this 21 order begins with 20983, 21047, and 20996. Is this the 22 order? 23 Yes, sir. BZA CHAIR HILL: 24 MR. MOY: Okay, very good. All right, okay, here 25 we go.

1	So this is Application Number 20983 of the House
2	of Ruth. This is a self-certified application pursuant to
3	Subtitle X Section 901.2 for the following special
4	exceptions. Subtitle C, Section 703.2 from minimum vehicle
5	parking requirements of Subtitle C, Section 701, Subtitle C,
6	Section 1506.1 from penthouse setback requirements, Subtitle
7	C, Section 1504.1.
8	The property is located in the RA-2 zone at 1815
9	and 1819 Minnesota Avenue, SE, Southeast, Parcel 0218/0138,
10	0218/0139.
11	The Board will recall, this was last heard at its
12	hearing on the one February 28, 2024 participating in the
13	decision (audio interference)
14	BZA CHAIR HILL: You cut out, Mr. Moy.
15	MR. MOY: Oh my.
16	BZA CHAIR HILL: You're still cutting out.
17	Now, you're kind of maybe back.
18	MR. MOY: Oh
19	BZA CHAIR HILL: You said, we've got a
20	participating on the decision.
21	MR. MOY: Oh, okay, good, I thought I had to start
22	at the very beginning, thank you, sir. Thanks for the break.
23	Okay, so participating on the decision making is
24	Chairman Hill, Vice Chair John, Mr. Blake, Mr. Smith, and
25	Zoning Commission Chair Anthony Hood. Thank you, sir.

1 BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay. All right, so this is 2 It has -- it was scheduled and postponed several before us. times so that the Applicant could work with the community to 3 address some of their concerns. 5 We had a hearing in which the community seemed to be most concerned with, what I would say, I mean, both of 6 7 them was the penthouse setback and the parking requirements. It is disappointing, I think, that there has been, 8 9 and understandably so, I suppose, that the community believes 10 that the parking is a big issue for them. 11 And that the -- and also even the penthouse setback is a big issues for them. 12 I would, again, as I'm going to be speaking to a 13 lot today, actually, trying to point out to the members of 14 15 the community that the Board is supposed to look at the regulations that are before us. 16 And if the Applicant meets or doesn't meet those 17 regulations, we are supposed to do what we are supposed to 18 do, which is approve or deny applications. 19 20 So in this particular case, this is a special 2.1 exception. So meaning that it is in -- within the zoning 22 regulations. 23 And the parking issue, we had expert testimony 24 from a transit expert that spoke that this parking was not -these 12 spaces were not going to hinder the parking that is

available there.

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There was testimony taken that is not accurate.

However, the transportation expert was the one who had, you know, who is, I suppose, the expert on these issues, gave us their testimony that they did not think that the parking was going to be difficult for the community to absorb.

And the way the regulations read, we -- if the Applicant meets some of these criteria, they can't provide parking anyway. So therefore it is understandable that they would be asking for relief from the parking.

So if I refer to the Office of Planning's report, it says that, even if a curb cut were permitted because of the triangular shape and size of the lot, it would inefficient or potentially impossible to have a below-grade garage as the size and the shape of the lot could limit the ability of ramps to reach a lower level for cars to maneuver in the confined area.

And then, the written statement indicates that no parking is available within 600 feet of the lot. It was, again, in Exhibit 9, page 5. So therefore they meet the criteria for us to, at least I believe, for us to grant the parking relief.

In terms of the penthouse setback relief, I

1	believe that the Applicant did make a case for why those
2	elevator cores couldn't be moved into different places so
3	that they weren't able to meet the setback.
4	And so I think that the setback, in comparison to
5	the parking, is a more nominal issue.
6	And so I would, again, agree that they had met the
7	criteria for us to grant relief from the setback.
8	I, again, am disappointed that, you know, the way
9	that the regulations read that I understand them is causing
10	me to have to vote in this way.
11	But I do understand that the ANC, in particular,
12	is opposed to this. And we are to give great weight to the
13	ANC. And I am giving the ANC great weight.
14	I'm just unable to believe that they, the
15	Applicant, are not meeting the criteria for us to grant the
16	relief requested.
17	I don't know if I missed was Mr. Smith, were
18	you not on this?
19	MEMBER SMITH: Typically, speaking
20	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay, got it.
21	Do you have any comments you'd like to make, Mr.
22	Smith?
23	MEMBER SMITH: No, I, by and large, agree with all
24	of your comments. You were very thorough with walking
25	through, you know, the concerns well, the case and also

the concerns of the neighborhood -- that the neighborhood 1 raised regarding parking. 2 3 And I think design was another issue that was 4 raised. 5 The height and the use of the building is more or less a matter of right. 6 7 They're here for us -- they're here before us for 8 parking relief and also penthouse setback requirements. 9 And I do agree with you, that I think they have, 10 by and large, met the standards for us to grant both of the 11 special exceptions. 12 And I won't go into too much more detail on what you've 13 already stated about how they meet the special exception requirement 14 for us reduce their requirement. 15 16 Because, honestly, they only have to meet one 17 criteria under C, 703.2 for us to grant the special exception for a full or partial reduction. And I do believe they've 18 met that standard given the size, as you stated, of this lot. 19 And it would 20 It's a very small, triangular lot. 2.1 make it, from a physical constraint, fairly impossible to do 22 any type of parking on the site, whether it's above ground 23 or below ground. 24 with that, Ι will support the special exception.

BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you, Mr. Smith. 1 2 And I'll say, I do appreciate that we are also charged with looking at C, 703.2 and that the Board of Zoning 3 Adjustment may grant full or partial reduction in the number 5 of parking spaces as a special exception pursuant to X, Chapter 9, if they demonstrate to the Board's satisfaction 6 7 of at least one of the following. And then, there are many criteria listed below. 8 9 And the Applicant meets several of the following, not just 10 one. And so, and again, I believe creates a situation 11 12 where we have to approve this application. 13 Mr. Blake, any comments? I agree with the comments 14 MEMBER BLAKE: Sure. 15 and statements that you've made in the entirety. I would add that it's interesting that the ANC's 16 17 about parking I think are insightful and certainly demonstrate the fact that one size or one solution 18 may not be ideal for all parts of the city. 19 20 That said, the regulations are pretty clear and 2.1 the Applicant has met the burden of proof to be granted the 22 requested relief. So I'll be in support of the application. 23 BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you. Vice Chair John? 24 BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Excuse me. I have nothing I thought everyone summarized the criteria and the to add.

1	rationale for granting the application, especially the fact
2	that the Applicant met more than one criteria for parking
3	relief, which I know was of great concern to the residents
4	and understandably so.
5	The other issue, too, is that now there are 27
6	parking spaces existing in the buildings with no parking,
7	either. So, you know, there shouldn't be, in my view, a much
8	greater demand because of the additional units.
9	But as you stated, the Board has to grant an
10	application for special exception where the Applicant clearly
11	meets the criteria. And with respect to the parking, I don't
12	think the Board has any option but to grant the application.
13	So while I do give the ANC's issues and concerns
14	great weight, I, as Mr. Smith said, I don't agree with their
15	reasons. Thank you.
16	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you. I wasn't sure if
17	Chairman Hood was with us or not.
18	ZC CHAIR HOOD: Yes, I'm on. Can you hear me?
19	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes, Chairman Hood.
20	ZC CHAIR HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
21	I would agree in part, and disagree in part. I
22	have an issue with 703.2, Subtitle 701, but I believe that
23	the Applicant has mitigated Subtitle C, 1506.
24	I'm hearing I'm fine with that. But when
25	Subtitle C, 703.2, I don't think there's anything in this

record, even though everybody's pointing to the one that --1 the one out of the four or five, or whatever they meet. 2 3 But the ANC was clear, adverse impacts. I don't see anything in this record that deals with adverse impacts 5 which a special exception is required. So, and to say the regulations meet one and we 6 7 have to do this, I disagree with that. I've always disagreed 8 with that in the BZA for years. 9 I mean, just as far as disagreeing with we have 10 to do this. No, that's not true. What is, is you have to interpret the special exception and on the face of this, 11 12 there's nothing in this record. I think the Applicant could have done a little 13 I'm not saying put a parking on the spot, but what in 14 this record mitigates adverse impacts in which the ANC voted 15 unanimously against both parts. 16 17 I think Subtitle C, 1506.1 can be mitigated. I don't see where 703.2 is, and I'll just leave it at that. 18 But I know where the votes lie and those are my comments. 19 20 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll be voting -- I 2.1 don't know if you want to break it up, because I would not 22 like to vote against Subtitle C, 1506.1, but I will be voting against 703.2, depending upon how ask to vote. 23 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. 24 25 Chairman, I can break it up. BZA CHAIR HILL:

1	Okay, I'm going to go ahead does anybody have
2	anything that they'd like to add or comment on after hearing
3	Chairman Hood?
4	Okay. I can go ahead and make a motion to approve
5	Application Number 21047 for a special exception pursuant to
6	Subtitle X, 901.2 under Subtitle C, 1506.1 from the penthouse
7	setback requirements of Subtitle C, 1504.1.
8	And ask for a second, Ms. John?
9	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Second.
10	BZA CHAIR HILL: The motion was made and seconded.
11	Mr. Moy, if you'll take a roll call?
12	Oh no, shoot, I'm sorry, I'm sorry, I totally read
13	the wrong case. I'm sorry, I had the wrong reading in front
14	of me.
15	Okay, so I'll try again. So I'm going to make a
16	motion to approve Application Number 20983 from Subtitle X,
17	901.2 for special exceptions under Subtitle C, 703.2 from the
18	minimum vehicle parking oh no, well, yes, okay from the
19	minimum vehicle parking requirements in Subtitle C, 701 and
20	ask for a second, Ms. John.
21	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Second.
22	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you. So, Mr. Moy, if you'd
23	take a roll call vote on the parking requirements?
24	MR. MOY: When I call your name, if you'll please
25	respond to the motion made by Chairman Hill to approve

1	special exception from the minimum vehicle parking
2	requirements of Subtitle C, Section 701.
3	Yes, I think that's what you said on your motion.
4	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes.
5	MR. MOY: The minimum vehicle parking requirements
6	of Subtitle C, Section 701 pursuant to Subtitle C, Section
7	703.2 and Subtitle X, Section 901.2.
8	This motion to approve was seconded by Vice Chair
9	John. Mr. Smith?
10	MEMBER SMITH: Yes.
11	MR. MOY: Mr. Blake?
12	MEMBER BLAKE:
13	MR. MOY: Vice Chair John?
14	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Yes.
15	MR. MOY: Chairman Hill?
16	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes.
17	MR. MOY: Zoning Commission Chair Anthony Hood?
18	ZC CHAIR HOOD: No.
19	MR. MOY: Staff would record the vote as 4 to 1
20	to 0.
21	This is on the motion made by Chairman Hill to
22	approve. The motion to approve was seconded by Vice Chair
23	John who also voted to approve, as well as approval from Mr.
24	Smith, Mr. Blake, Vice Chair John, Chairman Hill.
25	Voting no is Zoning Commission Chair Anthony Hood.

1	The motion carries on a vote of 4 to 1 to 0.
2	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay, all right, thank you, Mr.
3	Moy.
4	All right, I'm going to make another motion to
5	approve Application Number 20983 from Subtitle X pursuant
6	to Subtitle X, 901.2 for special exceptions under Subtitle
7	C, 1506.1 from the penthouse setback requirements of Subtitle
8	C, 1501.1 and ask for a second, Ms. John.
9	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: So this would be Subtitle
10	C, 1506.1?
11	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes.
12	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Okay. Second.
13	MR. MOY: When I call your name, if you'll please
14	respond to the motion made by Chairman Hill to approve the
15	application for the special exception from the penthouse
16	setback requirements of Subtitle C, Section 1504.1 pursuant
17	to Subtitle C, Section 1506.1 and Subtitle X, Section 901.2.
18	This motion to approve was seconded by Vice Chair
19	John. Mr. Smith?
20	MEMBER SMITH: Yes.
21	MR. MOY: Mr. Blake?
22	MEMBER BLAKE: Yes.
23	MR. MOY: Vice Chair John?
24	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Yes.
25	MR. MOY: Chairman Hill?

1	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes.
2	MR. MOY: Zoning Commission Chair Anthony Hood?
3	ZC CHAIR HOOD: Yes.
4	MR. MOY: I'm sorry, my signal was a little bit
5	fuzzy when you spoke, Chairman Hill.
6	BZA CHAIR HILL: I think he said yes.
7	MR. MOY: Okay, thank you.
8	ZC CHAIR HOOD: Oh, yes, yes, I said yes. And
9	thank you for (audio interference).
10	MR. MOY: Okay, I hear you now, sir.
11	Staff will record the vote as 5 to 0 to 0, this
12	is on the motion made by Chairman Hill to approve.
13	The motion to approve was seconded by Vice Chair
14	John who also voted to approve, as well as approval from Mr.
15	Smith, Mr. Blake, Vice Chair John, Chairman Hill, and Zoning
16	Commission Chair Anthony Hood.
17	The motion carries on a vote of 5 to 0 to 0.
18	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay, thanks. And, Chairman
19	Hood, you're welcome for splitting it up.
20	Okay, let's see, all right, the next one before
21	us is, whatever the next one is, Mr. Moy.
22	MR. MOY: It would be Application Number 21047 of
23	Kesher Israel Congregation of Georgetown. This is a self-
24	certified application for a special exception pursuant to
25	Subtitle X, Section 901.2, Subtitle C, 1506.1 from the

penthouse setback requirements of Subtitle C, 1504.1 and area variances from Subtitle X, Section 1002 from rear yard requirements of Subtitle D, Section 210.1, and from the lot occupancy requirements, Subtitle D, Section 210.1.

The property is located in the R-3/GT zone. The property located 2801 through 2803 N Street, Northwest, and 1308 28th Street, Northwest, Square 1235, Lots 161, 163, and 800.

The Board will recall, you last heard this at your hearing on February 28, 2024. Participating is Chairman Hill, Vice Chair John, Mr. Blake, Mr. Smith, and Zoning Commission Chair Anthony Hood.

BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay. Okay, as you all know, we heard this case and there was concern and opposition to it from the kind of immediate neighbors.

And they had an opportunity to work with the Applicant concerning their requested relief.

The ANC had worked with the Applicant and had an opportunity to, again, work with the Applicant to address some of their concerns. So that was on the community side of the application.

Concerning the penthouse setback, I, again, didn't have any issues with it because I believe they had shown how they weren't able to move the elevator so in a way that would enable them to adhere to the penthouse setback.

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1 In terms of the area variances, again, they are 2 able to meet this, I believe, and also in a way that is practically indifferent. 3 4 It's practically difficult for them to meet this 5 criteria. I believe that they are also meeting the first and second prong of the variance standard. 6 7 going to refer back to the Planning's report concerning those particular standards. And 8 9 I'll go ahead and read through some of them again. 10 believe that the Applicant has made the case, and I will be voting in favor of the application. 11 12 Mr. Smith, do you have anything you'd like to add? I don't have anything to add. 13 MEMBER SMITH: Ι agree with your assessment on this particular case. 14 15 And the reasons and metrics are applied, they meet the standards for relief for both the special exception and 16 17 also for the area variances that were requested by the Applicant. 18 19 Given the size of this lot, of these lots and the 2.0 very tight nature of the fabric there in Georgetown, 2.1 agree with your assessment in this case. 22 I do know that the ANC has recommended some conditions. But I do not believe that those conditions are, 23 24 for the most part, within the purview of the Board to address

adverse impacts that relate to zoning.

1	Some of them mostly relate to the structure that
2	will be handled by the Department of Buildings at the time
3	of building permit.
4	I do believe that the Applicant did put in or
5	did make some recommendations to install landscape buffers
6	in neighboring properties.
7	But that condition will probably it's the one
8	that I would probably recommend that we do add, given that
9	I do think that one would address some adverse impacts
10	relating to privacy or the relating to the adjacent
11	properties.
12	Other than that, I will recommend approval that
13	one.
14	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you. Mr. Blake?
15	MEMBER BLAKE: I agree that Applicant has met the
16	burden of proof to be granted the variance and special
17	exception relief provided.
18	The issue I have with the conditions provided by
19	the ANC is, again, consistent with Board Member Smith's
20	comments about them being primarily construction related.
21	However, the first one, I, too, think is a little
22	bit afar. The intent of the landscaping buffer was to
23	mitigate the visual impact on the immediately abutting
	properties.

And the only one there that would have been

included on the Applicant's property is the one to the north. 1 2 The other landscape buffers would be installed on the opposition parties' properties which is outside of the 3 purview of the Board. 5 So for that reason, I do not believe that that condition could also be included in our order. 6 7 BZA CHAIR HILL: So just so I'm clear, you're in 8 favor of the landscape buffer to the north? 9 MEMBER BLAKE: I'm not in favor of any of the --10 just to be clear, I am not in favor of any of the conditions in the order because construction related primarily. 11 12 With respect to Mr. Smith's comment on the first condition, the issue there is that the majority of those 13 issues, first, it's for visual impact which is not an area 14 15 for us to focus on necessarily. Although, the respect for privacy, that would be 16 17 In this case, they had proposed it for visual impact. 18 19 And second, the buffers were intended to be on the 2.0 opposition party's property, not on the Applicant's property, 2.1 except for the one to the north. 22 So in combination, I just don't think we should include that for that reason. 23 24 BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay. Vice Chair John? 25 BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1	So I agree with everything so far. The only thing
2	I would point to is that this is an application for a special
3	exception and two area variances.
4	And I believe the Applicant has met the criteria
5	for the area variances which require an exceptional condition
6	leading to a practical difficulty. And it is a lesser
7	standard for an area variance than a use variance.
8	And I see that in the Applicant's 12 point
9	presentation, the Applicant has detailed how the application
10	meets all of these criteria.
11	I'm also going to give great weight to the Office
12	of Planning's report. And with that, I also agree that we
13	should not include the conditions in the final order.
14	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay.
15	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: For the reasons already
16	stated by everyone else.
17	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay. Mr. Smith, are you fine
18	with that?
19	MEMBER SMITH: Yes, I'm fine with that.
20	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay.
21	MEMBER SMITH: And looking back at the record, I
22	agree with Mr. Blake's assessment in this case.
23	So I'll take my recommendation.
24	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay, thank you. Chairman Hood?
25	ZC CHAIR HOOD: I would agree with all the

1	comments I've heard. I would just only ask, the Applicant
2	doesn't always have to be strictly here on the Board of
3	Zoning Adjustment or the Zoning Commission or whatever you
4	have it.
5	But sometimes you can work with communities and
6	get through some of those issues. And I call that the good
7	neighbor policy. So I will be voting in favor of this
8	application because I think the record is complete.
9	Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
10	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you, Chairman Hood. All
11	right, I'm going to go ahead and make a motion then
12	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Mr. Blake has a
13	BZA CHAIR HILL: Oh, I'm sorry, Mr. Blake, you had
14	your hand up?
15	MEMBER BLAKE: Yes, I just wanted to also mention
16	that there was a request for additional design flexibility
17	that the Applicant made.
18	I don't think we should necessarily include as a
19	condition of the order, but it should certainly be referenced
20	and mentioned in the order.
21	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay, I'll read that.
22	Okay, so what you're saying, Mr. Blake, and thank
23	you for pointing this out, is their request would be
24	mentioned in the order so that it could be referred to but
25	not as a condition?

1 MEMBER BLAKE: That is correct. 2 Okay. And so what the reference BZA CHAIR HILL: would be is a statement in the order that said, approval is 3 subject to the plans shown in Exhibit 38 with the flexibility 5 to modify the approve plans as required to secure final approval from the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts and Old 6 7 Georgetown Board or respectively -- or respective staffs, provided such modifications do not substantially alter the 8 9 exterior design shown on the approved plans and provide 10 further that -- and provided further that the zoning relief granted is not increased or affected. 11 12 So I would ask OZ to add that into order. That also being the case, I would then make a 13 motion to approve Application Number 21047 as captioned read 14 by the Secretary and ask for a second, Ms. John. 15 16 BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Second. 17 BZA CHAIR HILL: Motion made and seconded. 18 Mr. Moy, take a roll call? 19 When I call your name, if you'll please MR. MOY: 2.0 respond to the motion made by Chairman Hill to approve the 2.1 application for the relief requested as well as references 22 in the order with respect to flexibility as cited in the 23 Chairman's motion. 24 The motion was seconded by Vice Chair John. 25 Mr. Smith?

1	MEMBER SMITH: Yes.
2	MR. MOY: Mr. Blake?
3	MEMBER BLAKE: Yes.
4	MR. MOY: Vice Chair John?
5	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Yes.
6	MR. MOY: Chairman Hill?
7	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes.
8	MR. MOY: Zoning Commission Chair Anthony Hood?
9	ZC CHAIR HOOD: Yes.
10	MR. MOY: Staff would record the vote as 5 to 0
11	to 0, and this is on the motion made by Chairman Hill to
12	approve.
13	The motion to approve was seconded by Vice Chair
14	John, who also voted to approve the application as well as
15	approval from Mr. Smith, Mr. Blake, Vice Chair John, Chairman
16	Hill, and Zoning Commission Chair Anthony Hood.
17	The motion carries on a vote of 5 to 0 to 0.
18	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay. All right, Mr. Moy, you
19	can call our next decision case.
20	ZC CHAIR HOOD: That's it for me, thanks,
21	everybody. Have a good day.
22	BZA CHAIR HILL: Bye, Chairman Hood.
23	MR. MOY: The next case before the Board is
24	Application Number 20996 of 106 13th Street, LLC. This is
25	a self-certified application pursuant to Subtitle X, Section

1	1002 for a use variance from Subtitle U, Section 301 to allow
2	a restaurant use on the second floor of an existing building.
3	The property is located in the RF-1 zone at 106
4	13th Street, Southeast, Square 1036, Lot 60.
5	And if you'll recall, the Board last heard this
6	at its deliberations on January March the 6th, last March
7	the 6th, 2024. Participating is Chairman Hill, Vice Chair
8	John, Mr. Blake, Mr. Smith, and Zoning Commissioner Stidham.
9	Thank you, sir.
10	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay. So there are a couple of
11	things first, and it's going to take me a little while. So
12	y'all can I've got a few things I'd like to say.
13	Commissioner Stidham, welcome.
14	Let's see, so there are motions to well, there
15	is a motion to reopen the record for a letter from
16	Councilmember Charles Allen.
17	And it being that it is the Councilmember who is
18	an elected official and who represents this ward, I would be
19	open to opening the record to allow this letter into the
20	record. So that's my first comment.
21	The other is that there was a motion so let me
22	do that first. I mean, does anyone have anything they'd like
23	to say about that? And if so, raise your hand.
24	Okay, seeing no one raised their hand, Mr. Moy,
25	if you could go ahead and reopen the record to allow the

1	letter from Councilmember Allen into the record?
2	MR. MOY: Yes, sir, yes, sir.
3	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay. So the other was a motion
4	to reopen the record from a Jessica Gardner. And I
5	appreciate her request. However, I think that the record is
6	very full. We've had a lot of comments from the community.
7	We've had a lot of witnesses at the last hearing.
8	So I don't think that we would necessarily get any
9	new information other than just people being in support of
10	this particular application. So I would be inclined to deny
11	the request to reopen the record for people to submit further
12	testimony, and the public, that is, at large.
13	And because, again, we've had very full hearing
14	on this and I do believe that the public has had a good
15	opportunity to comment on this application.
16	Does anyone have anything to say about any of
17	those things? If so, raise your hand.
18	So no one is raising their hand. Mr. Moy, we're
19	going to go ahead and deny that motion to reopen the record
20	for Ms. Jessica Gardner.
21	MR. MOY: Yes, sir.
22	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay. So now that brings me back
23	to a few things that I'd like to talk about concerning this
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25	MR. MOY: Mr. Chairman?

BZA CHAIR HILL: 1 Sure. 2 Sorry to interrupt, we also have filing MR. MOY: 3 from March the 11th, you see on your Exhibit 26 from the 4 Applicant asking for postponement to continue. 5 So that's -- that should be on your list as well. BZA CHAIR HILL: Got it, okay. So this leads into 6 7 some of the things I want to talk about. So I'm talking to my fellow Board Members, I have 8 9 a bunch of things I'd like to say. And a lot of it is even 10 directed just kind of to the public at large, because this has been a very commented upon case within the community. 11 12 I'd like to mention a couple of things. -- I've heard that the public is actually reaching out to 13 individual Board Members. So I would like for the public to 14 15 be very clear that we're just a volunteer organization. We basically get a small stipend. 16 17 We are here serving weekend and week out every Wednesday to look at the applications that are before us, 18 19 compare them to the regulations that we're supposed to apply, 2.0 and then. make a determination upon those regulations, 21 getting input from the ANCs, the public, and the Office of 22 Planning. 23 However, I'd just like to point out to the public 24 that we, again, are not elected officials and we are not

supposed to be dealing in ex parte communications anyway.

So all you're doing is hurting your case if you try to reach out to us individually in any way. And so I would definitely not do that anymore if anyone, if you -- you know, if you are doing that or have done that, we've had people reach out to us, please do not do that anymore.

Okay, so, and please, Board Members, bear with me because there's a lot of things I want to kind of say here.

So we, the Board, have to follow our regulations.

Right? And we look at what is before us in terms of a -- and

I am going to ask for a little bit of information at the end

of this.

So we are supposed to look at the regulations and, again, determine whether or not we think they're meeting or not meeting the regulations. Again, taking information from the ANC, the Office of Planning, and other different departments between in the city.

So under the general procedures for the general provisions under 1001, I'm speaking specifically to what we're supposed to look at for a use variance.

The first prong is by reasons of exceptional narrowness, shallowness, or shape of a specific piece of property at the time of the original adoption of regulations or by reason of exceptional topographical conditions or other extraordinary or exceptional conditions of a specific piece of property the strict application of any regulation would

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result in -- okay, so that's the first thing. 1 That's what we have to kind of look 2 exceptional property? 3 at. Right? 4 Then, the second prong is, due to the exceptional 5 circumstances, is there an exceptional and undue hardship that allows upon the property owner this relief to be 6 7 granted? And I point out exceptional undue hardship because 8 9 this is a use variance, meaning, again, it's the highest 10 standard that we're supposed to look at. Meaning, that there's a third prong which is, that 11 12 provided that the relief can be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially 13 impairing the intent, purpose, and integrity of the zone 14 plan. 15 16 So if this were an area variance, as we've spoken 17 in a previous case, it would be exception, practical It's a little bit of a lower bar. difficulties. 18 19 It's are there practical difficulties. 20 So practical difficulties, maybe, you know, is it 2.1 impractical to change the second floor? 22 And so really the exceptional undue hardship is, again, that they cannot meet the criteria that are within the 23 24 matter of right other options allowed by or

exception.

1 And therefore, it's kind of a taking of 2 government taking what you can do with your property. 3 So that's why this is something that I think the 4 Board is finding more difficulty with. 5 So I'm going to kind of point that out. And that, again, even though I mentioned it and Chairman Hood, in a 6 7 previous case, we on the Board, and I know that I have a 8 different opinion at this point with my fellow Board Members, 9 are looking at the regulations and whether or not we think 10 they're meeting the criteria for us to grant the relief. So that being said, I am interested in hearing --11 12 getting a little bit more information from the Applicant as to some of the questions that I have. 13 14 that's why, if the Applicant now And so 15 requesting to reopen the record, and you'll forgive me, because I'm trying to like read through a lot of things that 16 17 I'm thinking about. And you all can add anything at the end if you'd like. 18 19 But the Applicant is asking to reopen the record to allow some information. 20 2.1 I would take whatever information they'd like to supply for the Board to take under consideration. 22 23 I think that it could be helpful if there could be a more concise summary of their argument to take a look

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1	I think the record has a lot of information in it.
2	And so I think that if the Applicant could provide
3	a more concise argument, that might be an easier place for
4	me to be able to synthesize the information.
5	And some of that additional information that I
6	would be interested in is, again, the condition of the space
7	before the Applicant's improvements on that second floor.
8	Because what I'm trying to understand is, what is
9	the exceptional situation with that second floor? Right?
10	And I know that some of this is in the record, but
11	if they could synthesize it in a way that might be more
12	helpful to me, the cost of the renovation that it would cost
13	to rehab the back into a residential use.
14	I'm curious, again, I think they did mention, but
15	are the utilities separately metered?
16	How could that second floor be configured for
17	residential use?
18	How can they make it a functional layout?
19	What efforts did the Applicant actually undertake
20	to make the second floor usable as a residential space?
21	What efforts did the Applicant undertake to market
22	the second floor as a residential space?
23	And then, lastly, I think like a demolition permit
24	or something that showed that the Applicant was allowed to
25	demolish whatever was there and then, turn it into the space

that they've turned it into now, which seems to be ready for 1 2 a restaurant use. Right? 3 I am curious, so back in -- and Exhibit 103 was 4 the first Office of Planning's report from this application. 5 And they referenced back in Application 20445, which was back in 2022, that the Applicant had tried to make an argument for 6 7 the second floor as a restaurant use. 8 And the Office of Planning did not agree with the 9 Applicant at that time. 10 And the Office of Planning, however, did agree that probably, or not probably, the Office of Planning agreed 11 12 the basement actually did create an exceptional situation leading to a practical difficulty that would have 13 allowed the Board to grant the relief requested. 14 And that relief was requested and the basement was 15 16 allowed to be included as a restaurant use, which, again, was 17 something that was a difficult standard for the Board to also walk through. 18 19 And so I would be curious, and I'm speaking, 2.0 again, to the Applicant and their counsel, you know, what did 2.1 it look like back in 2022? Right? 22 And I know that it might be in the record there, 23 but if it could be understood to me that, in 2022, this is 24 what it looked like and it was so bad that we had to make

these changes and we couldn't make it a residential use, we

couldn't do what we needed to do with it to make it fit 1 within the regulations. 2 3 Therefore, it would be a taking if you wouldn't 4 allow us to do this -- what we're asking for now. 5 And again, I'm kind of -- I'm reiterating some of this, but, you know, what attempts did they make to rent that 6 7 second floor? In the arguments, the Applicant argues that the 8 9 units were removed due to neglect. I didn't really see where 10 the neglect was. Like, you know, again, 11 showing what the 12 practical, you know, the exceptional situation in terms of that second floor was so bad that they had to do what they 13 did with it. 14 Okay? 15 And so that's -- and y'all got something else, I'll stop at the very end of this. 16 17 I would like to refer back to, again, the Office of Planning's second report which, on page 2 again, it said, 18 19 should be find that the Applicant's Board arguments, 2.0 particularly ones related to economic hardship, do present 2.1 an exceptional condition leading to an undue hardship, OP 22 continues to concur that the expansion of the restaurant to 23 the upper floor would not constitute a significant and undue 24 hardship to the neighborhood.

Meaning, the third prong could be met as far as

the Office of Planning was concerned.

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Finally, the intent of the -- and I'm reading, again, just the Office of Planning's report -- finally, the intent of the zoning regulation is generally not to permit an expanded use of a nonconforming use.

This is both to limit commercial encroachment into the low density to resident areas, and to maintain the integrity of areas zoned to be at the resident-pedestrian nodes.

As such, this proposal would typically be considered inconsistent with the intent of the RF-1 zone.

In this case, the non-residential use in a portion of the building is longstanding. And while the zoning regulations do not anticipate expansion of such use, if the Board determines that the Applicant's case for an exceptional condition leading to an undue hardship has been met, such an expansion would not, in this instance, appear to significantly detrimental to the integrity to the zone.

Again, referring to the third prong.

I mention all this because, I would also like, after we get this information, for the Office of Planning to take a look at the information that is given to us and then, provide the Board with their view of the additional information.

Yes, I guess I keep repeating myself, but, you

know, why'd you make the change to the second floor? 1 And then, oh, and then, finally, and I don't know 2 3 anybody has anything to add, then finally, to the Applicant, I don't know if this is a good argument or not 5 yet. I suppose you're here at the end and, you know, 6 7 a little bit additional more time in attorney's fees may or may not help you, I just don't know. 8 9 What I'm trying to say is like, I don't know 10 whether this is good money after bad, but I know that this is what at least I'm kind of interested in. 11 12 Does anybody have anything they'd like to add? And if so, raise your hand. Commission Stidham? 13 14 COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: And I'm sorry that I missed 15 the last hearing, but I did listen to the entire thing last night and did spend some time going back over the record. 16 17 think I agree with you, there Ι additional information that I think would be helpful 18 19 understand. It's unclear to me if there was ever a legal 20 2.1 residential use of the second floor. I noted somewhere in the record that there wasn't 22 a CFO for the use of the second floor as a residential, but 23 24 there was a CFO for the use of all three levels, I believe

it was, for the deli.

There seems to be a history of the use 1 commercial use of this building and a lack of a record 2 related to a residential use of this building. 3 4 And to understand that, would be really helpful 5 in understanding if there was ever a residential and maybe we can figure why there wasn't or if there was. 6 7 You know, the -- I agree that I need to better understand why the changes to the second floor were made, 8 9 whether code issues related to floor the second that 10 prohibited the use of the first floor for the restaurant use 11 or is it a separate issue and when those changes were made, 12 just a why and when those changes were made and for what 13 reasons. 14 And a little bit more, when -- I believe the use prior to the purchase by this particular owner, and I believe 16 it was 2018, was a commercial use, but not for the second 17 floor. 18 Curious what the use of the second floor during That gives a little bit 19 that previous commercial use was. 20 to the intent when the owner was purchasing the property. 2.1 And I think that's it. I found in the record some of my questions related to what was previously there with the 22 23 demo plans from 2020. summary would be really 24 think a clear

helpful about all of the bars we're trying to meet and where

1	the Applicant is on those, and a better understanding of the
2	second floor would be good.
3	This is a hard one to sort of parse out.
4	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay, thanks, Commissioner.
5	Does anybody else have anything they would like?
6	And if so, raise your hand.
7	Okay. Mr. Moy, then, do you want to help me with
8	dates?
9	MR. MOY: Yes, sir. Before I do that, just a
10	couple of questions for my edification, I suppose. So this
11	would return to the Board for another decision meeting
12	session?
13	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes.
14	MR. MOY: Okay. And you would allow the Office
15	of Planning to submit a supplemental report that would
16	evaluate the filings that will be submitted the filing
17	that would be submitted by the Applicant, right?
18	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes, please.
19	MR. MOY: Okay. So I'm thinking, given the number
20	of additional information from the Applicant, today is March
21	13th, if we give the Applicant, and you can shorten this by
22	a week if you wish, of course, if the Applicant, let's say,
23	filed by March 27th and require OP a week to evaluate and
24	file into the record by April 3rd.
25	And back for a decision the following week which

1	would be April 10th.
2	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes.
3	MS. DEMARE: Sorry to interrupt, but I just want
4	to make sure that everyone knows that all parties would need
5	an opportunity to respond.
6	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay, thank you.
7	So then that means the ANC?
8	MS. DEMARE: Yes.
9	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay.
10	So then, sorry, go ahead, Mr. Moy.
11	MR. MOY: No, go ahead.
12	BZA CHAIR HILL: So I was going to point out,
13	you're asking for information to be submitted by the
14	Applicant. But what was the date again?
15	MR. MOY: If we give the Applicant, let's say, two
16	weeks, so that would be March 27th.
17	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes.
18	And then, you were going to ask for a report by
19	the you were going to ask for something allow the
20	Office of Planning a week, so they could give us something
21	by the 3rd?
22	MR. MOY: Right, right.
23	BZA CHAIR HILL: And then, also leave the record
24	open for something from the ANC by the 3rd?
25	MR. MOY: Yes, or would you want ANC be able to

1	respond to the supplemental report from the Office of
2	Planning?
3	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you.
4	Then, if we allow the ANC, I guess, until the 8th?
5	MR. MOY: March
6	BZA CHAIR HILL: April 8th.
7	MR. MOY: April that would be a Monday?
8	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes.
9	MR. MOY: Okay.
10	BZA CHAIR HILL: I'm just thinking that the
11	like if we're going to come back for a decision on the 10th,
12	the Office of Planning is going to give us their report by
13	the 3rd, then, I mean, I want to be able to have time to look
14	at the well, I guess if you give the 27th, the 3rd, I
15	mean, yes, the 3rd, we can give them until that Tuesday
16	before we decide, I guess, the 9th?
17	Mr. Moy, I'm sorry, I took over your little
18	your dates.
19	I mean, what date do you think you would like to
20	give the ANC to respond?
21	MR. MOY: Well, typically, I think it'd be wise
22	to at least give the ANC response at least a week.
23	But then, that would put off your decision date
24	another week. So instead of April the 10th, it would be
25	April the 17th.

1	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes, the 17th won't work for me.
2	MR. MOY: Well, unless you want to go later. If
3	we go later, we're looking at April the 24th.
4	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes, the 17th nor the 24th won't
5	work for me.
6	MR. MOY: Oh, okay, okay.
7	Well, I'm sorry, I forgot.
8	Well, let's have the response from the ANC and any
9	other parties, let's say
10	BZA CHAIR HILL: Why don't we give them
11	(Simultaneous speaking.)
12	MR. MOY: If they need more time, they'll write
13	something into the record.
14	BZA CHAIR HILL: Or you could give can you give
15	the Applicant until March 22nd? That's a week and a half.
16	MR. MOY: Sure.
17	BZA CHAIR HILL: And if they need more time, they
18	can let us know. Right?
19	MR. MOY: Yes.
20	BZA CHAIR HILL: And then, the Office of Planning
21	could give us their report by the 29th of March, that's a
22	week later.
23	MR. MOY: Right.
24	BZA CHAIR HILL: And then, we can get the ANC
25	report by the 5th of April. That's a week later.

Okay. And then back for decision making 1 MR. MOY: on Wednesday, April the 10th. 2 3 BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes, okay. So once again, the submissions would be 4 5 Fridays, Applicant, March 22nd, OP supplemental on report, March 29th, response from the ANC and if there are 6 7 any other parties, Friday, April 5th, back for decision 8 making, Wednesday, April the 10th. 9 BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay, great. Okay, does the 10 Board have anything they'd like to add about this? And if 11 so, raise your hand. 12 I'm going to just reiterate again, the public is doing no favors to this Applicant by reaching out 13 to the Board because it's not -- it's ex parte communication 14 15 and we are here as volunteers with a small stipend. But basically, you know, volunteers. 16 17 And so please do not reach out to the Board. 18 And the record is closed except for t.he information asked from the Applicant and then responses --19 20 I'm sorry, and then the Office of Planning. 21 responses by parties. 22 So, okay. All right, Mr. Moy, I'm going to close Okay, we're back on decision for 4/10. 23 24 Okay, I'm going to try to get through -- unless we've got -- if we can try to get through all of our --

1	mean, I'm sorry, our decision stuff first, and then, we'll
2	take a break.
3	So, Mr. Moy, if you want to call our next one,
4	please?
5	MR. MOY: Sorry for the delay, I'm reshuffling
6	things here.
7	Okay, all right, so the next case before the Board
8	is an expedited review case. And that is Application Number
9	21077 of John Moody.
10	This is an amended self-certified application
11	pursuant to Subtitle X, Section 901.2 for the following
12	special exceptions under Subtitle D, Section 5201.1 from
13	accessory structure building area requirements, Subtitle D,
14	Section 5003.1, accessory structure location requirements,
15	Subtitle D, Section 5004.1(a).
16	The property located in the R-1B zone at 1216
17	Holly Street, Northwest, Square 2955, Lot 10.
18	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay, thanks, Mr. Moy.
19	Okay, yes, this is an expedited review for, again,
20	the accessory structure building area requirements and the
21	location of that accessory structure.
22	After reviewing the record and, in particular, the
23	Office of Planning's report, as well as the feedback from the
24	ANC and the Applicant, I believe that they're meeting the
25	criteria for us to grant the relief requested.

1	I didn't see particularly any issues or concerns
2	I had. I thought that the architectural plans are very
3	helpful.
4	And concerning a shadowing or a light or, you
5	know, air, privacy issues, I didn't see any undue impacts.
6	And so I was going to be voting in favor of the application.
7	Mr. Smith, do you have anything you'd like to add?
8	MEMBER SMITH: No, sir, your assessment of the
9	case and I'm in support of the application.
10	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you. Mr. Blake?
11	MEMBER BLAKE: I have nothing to add. I'm in
12	support of the application as well.
13	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you. Welcome, Commissioner
14	Miller. Commissioner Miller?
15	ZC VICE CHAIR MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I agree with
16	you and my colleagues. Thank you.
17	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you. Vice Chair John?
18	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: I agree with your comments,
19	Mr. Chairman. I'm in support.
20	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you. All right, I'm going
21	to make a motion to approve Application Number 21077 as
22	captioned and read by the Secretary and ask for a second, Ms.
23	John.
24	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Second.
25	BZA CHAIR HILL: The motion made and seconded.

1	Mr. Moy, if you'd take a roll call, please?
2	MR. MOY: When I call your name, if you would
3	please respond to the motion made by Chairman Hill to approve
4	the application for the relief requested.
5	A motion to approve was seconded by Vice Chair
6	John. Zoning Commissioner Rob Miller?
7	ZC VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.
8	MR. MOY: Mr. Smith?
9	MEMBER SMITH: Yes.
10	MR. MOY: Mr. Blake?
11	MEMBER BLAKE: Yes.
12	MR. MOY: Vice Chair John?
13	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Yes.
14	MR. MOY: Chairman Hill?
15	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes.
16	MR. MOY: Staff would record the vote as 5 to 0
17	to 0, and this is on the motion made by Chairman Hill to
18	approve.
19	The motion to approve was seconded by Vice Chair
20	John who also voted to approve the application, as well as
21	approvals from Zoning Commissioner Rob Miller, Mr. Smith, Mr.
22	Blake, Vice Chair John, and Chairman Hill.
23	Motion carries 5 to 0 to 0.
24	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you. May I ask if somebody
25	else would start the deliberation on this one?

1	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Okay. Hearing no one, I
2	will try to start.
3	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thanks, Vice Chair John, way to
4	step up, Vice Chair John. I appreciate it.
5	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: I always do my best.
6	So this is a new two-story
7	MR. MOY: Hold on, I'm sorry, ma'am, I should
8	maybe call the case first.
9	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Oh.
10	BZA CHAIR HILL: Oh, I thought you called it.
11	Okay, that sounds
12	MEMBER SMITH: I didn't know what you wanted me
13	to step up on.
14	BZA CHAIR HILL: It's like
15	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Now that you know, Board
16	Member Smith, you're welcome.
17	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay. I mean, I'm like I'm
18	already talked so much, my brain is tired.
19	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: And I need coffee, I'm in
20	desperate need of a second cup of coffee.
21	BZA CHAIR HILL: We're going to get it right after
22	this, I think. I think we've got one more maybe, I don't
23	know.
24	So, please, Mr. Moy, call the case. Thank you.
25	MR. MOY: Okay, all right, all right. Before the

1	 Board in its public meeting session is Application Number
2	20505-A, that's A as in alpha, of Michael Farquhar. This a
3	modification of consequence a request for a modification
4	of consequence pursuant to Subtitle Y, Section 703 to amend
5	approved plans.
6	The property location in the R-3/GT zone at 1963
7	39th Street, Northwest, Square 1310, Lot 102.
8	I would just like to add for the record, Mr.
9	Chairman, that, again, it's the Application Case Number is
10	20505-A.
11	The has been some misunderstandings about whether
12	the letter is B or C. We've been having issues with our
13	ISIS. That's being corrected as I speak or may have already
14	been correct.
15	But I just want the record to reflect that it's
16	identified as 20505-A.
17	Other than that, that's all I have for you, Mr.
18	Chairman.
19	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay, thanks.
20	All right, Vice Chair John, thank you.
21	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Okay. Okay, so this, I
22	believe, is properly before us as a modification of
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	consequence.
24	And so this accessory structure was previously
25	approved by the BZA and there was an issue with an easement

1	and the location of the easement, and how the accessory
2	structure would be sited on the property.
3	And so the Applicant was able to agree with the
4	neighbor who was in opposition concerning where the easement
5	would be.
6	And so based on that agreement, the Applicant was
7	able to revise the site of the accessory structure so that
8	the building footprint is located on the original lot which
9	did not have an easement on that Lot 79.
10	I should say, that there were two lots, 79 and 80,
11	and there was a question as to whether or not the siting
12	encumbered an easement.
13	So there is really this is the same accessory
14	structure, it's just sited differently on the lot and no new
15	there's been no changes to the structure except to move
16	it from one place to the next.
17	So I would give great weight to the Office of
18	Planning's report recommending approval.
19	I don't know if we received anything from ANC.
20	I'm looking at the ANC
21	BZA CHAIR HILL: We got something from I don't
22	think we got we got an email.
23	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: I don't think we got
24	anything from the ANC. Someone please correct me.
25	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes, we did. We did get their

1	report.
2	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Okay.
3	BZA CHAIR HILL: And their report is an approval.
4	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Okay. So based on that, I
5	will be in support of the application.
6	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay. And they say, should grant
7	the relief requested by the Applicant.
8	ZC VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes, it's ANC 2E, I
9	believe.
10	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Yes.
11	ZC VICE CHAIR MILLER: In support a letter of
12	support. I don't have the exhibit number, but it's a letter
13	dated March 7th.
14	BZA CHAIR HILL: It's Exhibit 10.
15	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Okay.
16	BZA CHAIR HILL: Right, should grant BZA should
17	grant the relief requested by the Applicant because this
18	really would not visibly intrude on the character and scale
19	of the house along this block.
20	It does not intend to affect the use of the
21	neighboring properties.
22	Okay, thank you, Vice Chair John, thank you very
23	much.
24	Mr. Smith?
25	MEMBER SMITH: I have nothing to add over the

1	other statements made by Vice Chair John.
2	I agree with her assessment of this case and will
3	give the OP staff report great weight, and the ANC is also
4	in support of the application.
5	So I will support the application.
6	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you. Mr. Blake?
7	MEMBER BLAKE: The application is clear, though,
8	that the application initial application was for the
9	accessory apartment and not the building itself.
10	The building relief is not right.
11	So the structure itself was never in question, but
12	this does remove the issues by the party in opposition who
13	is actually in support of the modification.
14	I'll be in support of the request.
15	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you.
16	Vice Chair Miller?
17	ZC VICE CHAIR MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
18	Yes, I agree with your comments and those of my
19	colleagues and support the application.
20	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you. I appreciate Vice
21	Chair John taking the lead on that discussion. And I would
22	agree with, again, her wonderful assessment.
23	I'm going to make a motion to approve Application
24	Number 20505-A as captioned and read by the Secretary and ask
25	for a second, Ms. John.

1	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Second.
2	BZA CHAIR HILL: Motion been made and seconded.
3	Mr. Moy, if we can take a roll call?
4	MR. MOY: Thank you, sir. When I call your name,
5	if you will please respond to the motion made by Chairman
6	Hill to approve the application for the relief requested.
7	This is the modification of consequence. The motion to
8	approve was seconded by Vice Chair John.
9	Zoning Commissioner Rob Miller?
10	ZC VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.
11	MR. MOY: Mr. Smith?
12	MEMBER SMITH: Yes.
13	MR. MOY: Mr. Blake?
14	MEMBER BLAKE: Yes.
15	MR. MOY: Vice Chair John?
16	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Yes.
17	BZA CHAIR HILL: I think I lost Mr. Moy.
18	All right, I think Mr. Moy can repeat what I'm
19	about to say. He was going to ask for my vote, and I'm going
20	to say yes, and then let the record show that the vote
21	MR. MOY: Okay, here we go.
22	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay.
23	MR. MOY: Okay, I'm coming back.
24	BZA CHAIR HILL: Still not here.
25	MR. MOY: There we go.

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1	Vice Chair John, your vote?
2	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Yes.
3	MR. MOY: Okay, I think we're back, okay.
4	That's a yes from Vice Chair John.
5	Chairman Hill?
6	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes.
7	I lost him again.
8	MR. MOY: Okay. So staff would record the vote
9	as 5 to 0 to 0 and this is on the motion by Chair on the
10	motion made by Chairman Hill to approve.
11	The motion to approve was seconded by Vice Chair
12	John who voted to approve the application, as well as
13	approval from Zoning Commissioner Rob Miller, Mr. Smith, Mr.
14	Blake, Vice Chair John, and Chairman Hill.
15	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you, Mr. Moy.
16	We just have this party status issue and then we
17	can take a break before our meetings.
18	Although, Mr. Moy, can you call our next one?
19	MR. MOY: Okay. Mr. Chairman, if you can give me
20	a few minutes, I'm
21	BZA CHAIR HILL: Actually, that's fine.
22	MR. MOY: getting a
23	BZA CHAIR HILL: You guys
24	MR. MOY: message from my staff about one of
25	the requesters, Kim Patterson, may be I need to clear that

1	up.
2	Can we take a quick break now and then come back
3	so I can sort this out?
4	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes, yes, let's go ahead.
5	MR. MOY: And I can set up for the advanced party
6	status.
7	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay. Let's take a 15 minutes
8	break, you guys, okay? Thank you.
9	MR. MOY: Thank you, sir.
10	BZA CHAIR HILL: Bye-bye.
11	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the
12	record at 10:57 a.m. and resumed at 11:20 a.m.)
13	MR. MOY: For the record, the Board has returned
14	to its public hearing session after a very brief break, and
15	the time is now at or about 11:20 a.m. in the morning.
16	Very quickly, Mr. Chairman, this is directed to
17	our viewers today. We're having technical difficulties with
18	our website with reference to an access code call in. So
19	that's in the works for being corrected.
20	But for now, when our guests call in to get into
21	our panel, the (audio interference)
22	BZA CHAIR HILL: Mr. Moy, you're breaking up, in
23	and out. I didn't hear Mr. Moy?
24	MR. MOY: number is the same, which is 202-860-
25	2110 (audio interference) and it will ask you for the

1	BZA CHAIR HILL: Mr. Moy, Mr. Moy?
2	MR. MOY: Yes?
3	BZA CHAIR HILL: You broke up that whole line, I
4	didn't hear any of it.
5	MR. MOY: Oh, okay.
6	BZA CHAIR HILL: I don't think anybody heard
7	anything.
8	MR. MOY: Okay, I turned off my video, but can you
9	hear me clearly now?
10	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes.
11	MR. MOY: Okay, perfect, I'll do this. Once
12	again, we're having difficulties with our I guess it's the
13	website when people try to call in the access code when
14	signing up.
15	So for our viewers, I want to give you two numbers
16	now. When you call the telephone number, which is the same,
17	202-860-2110, once again 202-860-2100, it will ask you to
18	type in the access code number which is, and this is a long
19	number, 23142546672, again, 23142546672, and that will get
20	you in.
21	If that fails, then the other alternative is to
22	call Mr. Rob Reed, and that is the OZ hotline. And his
23	number is 202-727-5471, 202-727-5471.
24	So hopefully that will solve it for now and to
25	can be corrected. We have our IZ people working on that now.

1	So I apologize to the public for this difficulty. Okay?
2	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay.
3	MR. MOY: Okay. So before you now is, and it is
4	the last Board action in its public meeting session, and it's
5	to address request for advanced party status to Case
6	Application Number 21065 of Thirteenth 202, LLC.
7	The case application is scheduled for next week,
8	March the 20th.
9	So very quickly, Mr. Chairman, and you can cover
10	me as well, we have two individuals asking for party
11	advanced party status, a Gayle Petersen, and a Gail
12	Patterson.
13	The, let's see, and then, we have two other
14	requesters who did not ask for advanced party status, which,
15	normally, we would take up on the day of the hearing, which,
16	again, will be March 20th.
17	But I thought for Board efficiency, you may want
18	to entertain if they are available today.
19	But the Board has been trying to reach them, so
20	they may or may not be here today.
21	And they are as follows, Elizabeth Falcon, F-A-L-
22	C-O-N, but as of yesterday, she had not provided a
23	certificate of service, so that may not work today anyhow.
24	And then, there is a Donna Marie Alexander. And
25	once again, she may or may not be here today.

1	Which then, would meet these two last two would
2	be addressed their request next Wednesday, March 20th.
3	So that's all I have for you, Mr. Chairman.
4	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay, thanks.
5	Mr. Moy, the person who did have complete the
6	paperwork properly was Ms. Alexander, is that correct?
7	MR. MOY: It is Ms. Falcon, but staff just has
8	just staff has just told me just now within second that
9	Elizabeth Falcon has withdrawn her party status request.
10	So forget strike what I just said about
11	Elizabeth Falcon. She's off your list.
12	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay.
13	And then, there's still Patterson Petersen,
14	Patterson, and Alexander.
15	MR. MOY: Yes, Alexander, the seven-day response
16	for her filing, which she filed on let's see, when did she
17	file her deadline well, let me think oh, she filed
18	March 6th, so she's good in terms of timeliness.
19	But here, again, if when we try to reach her,
20	if she's not here today, then you'll have to address her
21	request next
22	BZA CHAIR HILL: That's
23	MR. MOY: Wednesday.
24	BZA CHAIR HILL: No, let's address everybody now.
25	So Falcon has withdrawn. Okay. So based upon the

1	location, and thank you so much for OZLD's putting this party
2	status map together, it's very helpful.
3	I don't see how Ms. Patterson is uniquely
4	affected. She's several blocks away and I would not be in
5	favor how she's more uniquely affected than the general
6	public. And so I would not be in favor of her party status.
7	What do my fellow Board Members think?
8	I'm going to start with you, Mr. Smith.
9	MEMBER SMITH: I agree with the assessment on her
10	getting her location relative to the property in question.
11	So I agree with you.
12	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay. Mr. Blake?
13	MEMBER BLAKE: For Patterson, I would agree with
14	your assessment.
15	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay. Vice Chair John?
16	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: I agree with your
17	assessment, Mr. Chairman.
18	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you. Vice Chair Miller?
19	ZC VICE CHAIR MILLER: I also agree, Mr. Chairman.
20	Thank you.
21	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay. I'm going to make a motion
22	to deny the party status of Ms. Kim Patterson and ask for a
23	second, Ms. John.
24	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Second.
25	BZA CHAIR HILL: Motion has been made and

1	seconded. Mr. Moy, if you'd take a roll call?
2	MR. MOY: When I call your name, if you'll please
3	respond to the motion made by Chairman Hill to deny party
4	status request, in this case, advanced party status request
5	to Kim Patterson. And the motion was seconded by Vice Chair
6	John.
7	Zoning Commissioner Rob Miller?
8	ZC VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.
9	MR. MOY: Mr. Smith?
10	MEMBER SMITH: Yes.
11	MR. MOY: Mr. Blake?
12	MEMBER BLAKE: Yes.
13	MR. MOY: Vice Chair John?
14	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Yes.
15	MR. MOY: Chairman Hill?
16	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes.
17	MR. MOY: On a vote of staff would record the
18	vote as 5 to 0 to 0, and this is on the motion made by
19	Chairman Hill to deny.
20	The motion to deny was seconded by Vice Chair
21	John, who also voted to deny the request for advanced party
22	status as well as voting to deny from voting as well as
23	voting to deny from Zoning Commissioner Rob Miller, Mr.
24	Smith, Mr. Blake, Vice Chair John, and Chairman Hill.
25	Motion carries, sir, 5 to 0 to 0.

1	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay, thank you. So the next one
2	that I see is Ms. Elizabeth Falcon. And she is the oh no,
3	she's the one who withdrew her status her request.
4	MR. MOY: Yes, sir, yes, she withdrew.
5	BZA CHAIR HILL: Got it. So Ms. Alexander is an
6	abutting neighbor, it looks like. And so I would think that
7	she would be uniquely affected and we should offer her party
8	status. Mr. Smith, do you agree with that?
9	MEMBER SMITH: I agree because she's directly
10	adjacent to the property in question, so I'm in support.
11	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you. Vice Chair John?
12	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: I agree, Mr. Chairman.
13	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you. Mr. Blake?
14	MEMBER BLAKE: I'm in support.
15	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay, thank you. Vice Chair
16	Miller?
17	ZC VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes, I also support the
18	party status request.
19	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay. Then I'm going to make a
20	motion to approve the party status request of Ms. Donna Marie
21	Alexander and ask for a second, Ms. John.
22	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Second.
23	BZA CHAIR HILL: Motion has been made and
24	seconded. Mr. Moy, take a roll call?
25	MR. MOY: When I call your name, if you'll please

1	respond to the motion made by Chairman Hill to grant the
2	request for advanced to grant a request for party status
3	to Donna Marie Alexander. The motion was seconded by Vice
4	Chair John. Zoning Commissioner Rob Miller?
5	ZC VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.
6	MR. MOY: Mr. Smith?
7	MEMBER SMITH: Yes.
8	MR. MOY: Mr. Blake?
9	MEMBER BLAKE: Yes.
10	MR. MOY: Vice Chair John?
11	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Yes.
12	MR. MOY: Chairman Hill?
13	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes.
14	MR. MOY: Staff would record the vote as 5 to 0
15	to 0 to grant party status to Donna Marie Alexander.
16	This is the motion made by Chairman Hill, seconded
17	by Vice Chair John who voted to approve or grant, as well as
18	granting the request made by Zoning Commissioner Rob Miller,
19	Mr. Smith, Mr. Blake, Vice Chair John, and Chairman Hill.
20	The motion carries, sir, 5 to 0 to 0.
21	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay, thanks, Mr. Moy.
22	All right, I'm going to let y'all tell me what you
23	think about this next one which is the person who's directly
24	across the alley it looks like, Ms. Gayle Petersen.
25	I'm looking at her party status application. And

a lot of what she mentioned seems to be like general concerns 1 about construction, rat issues. 2 And the only thing that I see that really would 3 pertain to her perhaps directly is that she's speaking to 5 parking access. And so I don't know, I mean, we have some -- one 6 7 person signed or we've given an opportunity to one person to 8 have party status, so, you know, I guess they are --9 And I'm looking at the plans, they are demolishing 10 the garage. And so I guess there is some possibility that Ms. Petersen would be uniquely affected. 11 12 But her being across the alley, this is what I'm 13 unclear on. Would I get an opinion from those Board Members, 14 please? And whoever would like to go first, raise your hand. BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: So I think that she -- her 16 interest is in parking, which is slightly different from the 17 abutting neighbor. So I would support her being a party. 18 19 BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay. Mr. Smith? 20 MEMBER SMITH: I think her interest is parking, 2.1 but I think some of the other party status to the -- they did have some concerns were made for parking, trash, waste, 22 rodents, some of those are more construction related issues. 23 24 do think that she would be directly though she's across the alley from even

1	construction that would occur here at this yes, any
2	construction that would occur at this property.
3	So I am inclined to permit her party status.
4	BZA CHAIR HILL: All right, thank you. Mr. Blake.
5	MEMBER BLAKE: I support the request for party
6	status based on proximity.
7	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you. Commissioner Miller?
8	ZC VICE CHAIR MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
9	Yes, I also support the party status request.
10	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay. So I'll make a motion to
11	approve party status for Ms. Gayle Patterson, and ask for a
12	second, Ms. John.
13	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Second.
14	BZA CHAIR HILL: Mr. Moy, can you do a roll call?
15	MR. MOY: When I call your name, if you'll please
16	respond to the motion made by Chairman Hill to grant party
17	status to advanced party status to Gayle Petersen. This
18	motion was seconded by Vice Chair John.
19	Zoning Commissioner Rob Miller?
20	ZC VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.
21	MR. MOY: Mr. Smith?
22	MEMBER SMITH: Yes.
23	MR. MOY: Mr. Blake?
24	MEMBER BLAKE: Yes.
25	MR. MOY: Vice Chair John?

1	BZA VICE CHAIR JOHN: Yes.
2	MR. MOY: Chairman Hill?
3	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes.
4	MR. MOY: Staff would record the vote as 5 to 0
5	to 0, and this is on the motion made by Chairman Hill to
6	grant.
7	The motion to grant was seconded by Vice Chair
8	John who also voted to grant advanced party status, as well
9	as voting to grant party status from Zoning Commissioner Rob
10	Miller, Mr. Smith, Mr. Blake, Vice Chair John, Chairman Hill.
11	Motion carries, sir, 5 to 0 to 0.
12	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you. Could you tell me
13	again, Mr. Moy, when that hearing is?
14	MR. MOY: March 20th.
15	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay, great, thank you.
16	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the
17	record at 11:35 a.m.)
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