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REGULAR PUBLIC MEETINGS

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THURSDAY

OCTOBER 24, 2024

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The Regular Public Meeting of the District of Columbia Board of Zoning Commission convened via WebEx, pursuant to notice at 4:00 p.m. EDT, Anthony Hood, presiding.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

ANTHONY HOOD, CHAIRMAN ROBERT E. MILLER, VICE CHAIRMAN JOE IMAMURA, MEMBER TAMMY STIDHAM, MEMBER GWEN WRIGHT, MEMBER

OTHERS PRESENT:

ELLA ACKERMAN, Zoning Staff JACOB RITTING, Legal Staff HILLARY LOVICK, Legal Staff

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CHAIRMAN HOOD: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Today's date is October 24, 2024, and the time is 4:03 p.m. This is the Zoning Commission's regular virtual public meeting via Webex, 1602 meeting session, 18th of 2024. Again, today's date is Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. We'll be following our regular agenda items. Joining me are Vice Chair Miller, Commissioner Wright, Commissioner Imamura, and Commissioner Stidham, as well as our Office of Zoning staff, Ms. Ella Ackerman, as well as our Office of Zoning Legal Division, our legal staff, Mr. Ritting and Ms. Lovick. If you have any problems reaching us for this meeting or if needed, if you called up or have any issues, please call our OZ Hotline number at (202) 727-0789.

So, unless there are any preliminary matters - let me see if there are any preliminary matters. Ms. Ackerman, any preliminary matter?

MS. ACKERMAN: No.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. We'll follow our agenda as captioned. First, final actions on Commission case number 24-05, The Bennett Corporation map amendment at Square 3657.

Ms. Ackerman?

MS. ACKERMAN: At the conclusion of the September 16 hearing the Commission took proposed action to approve this case,

and it was referred to the MCPC for a 30-day comment period. On October 3, the MCPC staff filed a letter at exhibit 29, stating that map amendment falls under an exception of the MCPC submission guidelines and is exempt from MCPC review. This case is ready for the Commission to consider final action. Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN HOOD: Thank you, Ms. Ackerman. Colleagues, you've heard Ms. Ackerman who teed it up for us. First, let me say happy belated birthday, which was yesterday, to Vice Chair Miller. I hope you enjoyed your day, even though you were on BZA. I'd like to start off with you first, if you have any questions or comments.

VICE CHAIRMAN MILLER: It's no longer my birthday. get to start off first. Thank you for accommodating me yesterday. Yes. So, this is Zoning Commission Case 24-05, the Bennett Corporation map amendment at Square 36-57, I think it's 700 Monroe Street, Northeast. The map amendment is from MU-3A to MU-2. There was no opposition at our September public hearing, when we took proposed action at the end of that hearing. It was noted at the hearing and in our deliberations on proposed action that the map amendment is consistent with the comprehensive plan, or at least not inconsistent. That's the standard for review. Not inconsistent with the comprehensive plan, including especially the future land-use map designation which was increased. density was increased by the Council in its last set of amendments the land-use map. In 2021 it went to medium density commercial, a mixed-use medium density commercial and medium density residential. And the MU-2 proposed map amendment is, as I said, not inconsistent with that designation. I believe that there are nearby properties which have a similar designation.

I just note that the Applicant pointed out, and I think OP had pointed out that even though the small area plan calls for a slightly less dense development, and maybe encourages PUDs with development, that small area plan predates the land-use map change which increased the density and similar to the terms of the comprehensive plan itself to begin the framework element. The land-use element takes precedence over any other element. The small area plans are supplemental guidance when we need that guidance here. The comp plan was amended after the small area plan was adopted many years ago.

So, I'm prepared to move forward. I think this will facilitate, finally, finally, finally, development on a site that's been challenging from a zoning perspective in the past. So, I'm ready to move forward, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

I would just also note that the, because it is a map amendment, OP has recommended, and I would also agree, that the, I think the Applicant had no objection to the IZ plus designation being applied in this case, which is a higher threshold of affordable, higher amount of affordable housing that's required. I think closer to 20 percent rather than the 10 to 12 percent.

With that, I'll turn it over back to you, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you. 1 2 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Thank you, vice chair. Let's see if we have any other comments or questions. 3 Commissioner Imamura, any questions or comments? 4 5 COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. 6 questions. The only comment that I have, that I'm in agreement 7 with Vice Chair Miller. He always does a great job summarizing 8 the issues of the case, and that's why he's the vice chair. But 9 I'm prepared to vote in support. 10 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Thank you. And Commissioner Stidham? 11 COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: No questions or comments. Ι'm 12 prepared to support. 13 CHAIRMAN HOOD: And just for the record, Commissioner 14 Wright is not participating. She was not here at the time when we heard this case. 15 16 So, I don't necessarily have any comments. I think 17 even though this is a map amendment, I appreciate the hearing as 18 noted. There was no opposition. Not only that, when you start 19 looking at what's going to happen, Bennett School, which is the 20 school who is proposing the map amendment all in one. 21 relocate, may not. I'm sure he's going to do what's in the best 22 interest of Bennett. He was for Ward 5 for the city. So, looking 23 forward to voting in favor of this case. 24 With that, would someone like to make a motion?

I'll make a motion,

VICE CHAIRMAN MILLER:

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1	Chairman, thank you, that the Zoning Commission take final action
2	on case number 24-05, The Bennett Corporation map amendment at
3	Square 3657, 700 Monroe Street, Northeast, with the IZ plus
4	designation being applied to the map amendment as well, and ask
5	for a second, please.
6	COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Second.
7	CHAIRMAN HOOD: It has been moved and properly
8	seconded. Any further discussion?
9	(No response.)
10	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Not hearing any, Ms. Ackerman, would
11	you do a roll call vote, please?
12	MS. ACKERMAN: Commissioner Miller?
13	VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.
14	MS. ACKERMAN: Commissioner Imamura?
15	COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Yes.
16	MS. ACKERMAN: Commissioner Hood?
17	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yes.
18	MS. ACKERMAN: And Commissioner Stidham?
19	COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: Yes.
20	MS. ACKERMAN: Staff reports the vote 4 to 0 to 1 to
21	approve case number 24-05 for final action. And that is without
22	Ms. Wright participating, correct?
23	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yes. Four, zero, one, correct.
24	All right. So, let's keep moving. Let's go to time
25	extensions on Commission case number 22-04A, Captain Reed 2640,

LLC, et al. Two-year PUD time extension at Square 3842 and 3846.

Ms. Ackerman?

MS. ACKERMAN: The Applicant is requesting a two-year PUD time extension. The Applicant has stated issues with filing the building permits necessary. At exhibit 4 we have the OP report in support, and we have not had any reports come in from the ANC. This case is ready to deliberate.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. So, with that, let's see what our comments are. And we'll start off with Commissioner Imamura.

COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will try to follow Vice Chair Miller's lead here and provide a summary as best I can.

So, the Commission, we approved a consolidated PUD back in February 2023 with a related map amendment from the PDR-2 to the MU-6A and MU-4 zones. And that also included approximately, over 680 residential units and over 22,000 square feet of PDR maker space. That order also provided that the project was going to be delivered in two phases. And this is important because this is at the crux of a time extension request. So, it would be construction Phase I, and then construction of Phase IIA building, Phase IIA building, Phase IIA building. Phase II, the building permit application will be filed by February 24, 2025, and a two-year validity period for Phase IIA and IIB contingent upon the issuance of first certificate of occupancy for Phase I. And a seven-year sunset provision for the overall project if no

certificate of occupancy was issued for Phase I by February 24, 2030. So, with the time extension request now, Phase I of the PUD could be filed by February 24, 2027, and construction of Phase I would commence by February 24, 2028. And the order would expire if no certificate of occupancy for Phase I is issued by February 24, 2032.

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So, the standard of review includes three parts. The extension request served to all parties. That's been done. No substantial changes in any of the material facts, which there doesn't seem to be. And that the Applicant demonstrates substantial evidence here, here in this case, and the inability to obtain sufficient project financing for development, which according to the Applicant's justification, they've had a difficult time obtaining financing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, which we've seen before. It's also with many that the Applicant has taken steps to move the project forward, including turning to a horizontal public use agreement, proposing the alley and dedicating a street, and filing a raze permit and subdivision applications, all in accordance with the original order.

So, with that, Mr. Chairman, this seems to be pretty straight forward to me. And it's a very important project for the community, particularly with the number of residential units at over 680, and the PDR maker space. So, I'm prepared to vote in support.

Vice Chair Miller, how did I do?



1	VICE CHAIRMAN MILLER: Fantastic. Thank you.
2	CHAIRMAN HOOD: All right. Vice Chair Miller, it says
3	you are muted. Do you have any comments?
4	VICE CHAIRMAN MILLER: No. I think Commissioner
5	Imamura has covered it all. I'm prepared to support it as well.
6	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. And Commissioner Stidham?
7	COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: No comments or questions. I'm
8	prepared to support.
9	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Commissioner Wright, you're
10	participating in this one, right?
11	COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: I am prepared to support.
12	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. All right, great. So, I don't
13	have anything else, and I appreciate the recap.
14	So, with that, would somebody like to make a motion?
15	COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: I can make a motion. I move for
16	approval of the time extension for zoning case number 22-04A,
17	Captain Reed 2640, LLC, two-year PUD time extension at Squares
18	3841 and 3846, and ask for a second.
19	COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Second.
20	CHAIRMAN HOOD: It's been moved and properly seconded.
21	Any further discussion?
22	(No response.)
23	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Not hearing any. Ms. Ackerman, could
24	you do a roll call vote, please?
25	MS. ACKERMAN: Commissioner Stidham?

1	COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: Yes.
2	MS. ACKERMAN: Commissioner Imamura?
3	COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Yes.
4	MS. ACKERMAN: Commissioner Hood?
5	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yes.
6	MS. ACKERMAN: Commissioner Miller?
7	VICE CHAIRMAN MILLER: Yes.
8	MS. ACKERMAN: And Commissioner Wright?
9	COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Yes.
10	MS. ACKERMAN: Staff reports the vote five to zero to
11	zero to approve case number 22-04A for final action.
12	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Next we have, under proposed action,
13	Zoning Commission case number 23-29, Martins View, LLC,
14	consolidated PUD and related map amendment at parcels 252/0082,
15	252/0083, 252/0092, and 252/0086.
16	Ms. Ackerman?
17	MS. ACKERMAN: At the conclusion of the hearing on
18	October 10, 2024, the Commission asked the BNCA to resubmit a
19	revised supplemental filing including only what was requested by
20	the Commission. The BNCA filed these comments at exhibit 46 with
21	the captions at exhibit 46A, B, and C. The Applicant responds
22	to these comments at exhibit 47. The case is ready for the
23	Commission to deliberate. Thank you.
24	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Thank you, Ms. Ackerman. Let me kind
25	of do a recap on this case, Zoning Commission case 23-29. And I

want to thank all, especially our staff, for everything they've done for this case. And one of things I'm a firm believer is, everybody doesn't do zoning every day. And I realize that. So, what we want to try to do is make sure that our records and what we deal with especially germane to what we have to look for, what we're looking into, and what our process is, and what we have to do for the City.

So, as we know, there were four main issues, contested issues raised at the public hearing. It was size and scale of the project, traffic and parking impacts, costs, utility costs for returning Martins View residents, and the CBA agreement with the ANC being lacking community input. At the end of the public hearing we asked the parties to meet to discuss the outstanding issues and to provide submissions update on those meetings. And we did that because we were trying to see if we can have more discussion, more input, more coming together because at the end of the day we realize that the residents are the ones who are going to have to go with whatever is going to be done there.

Prior to the October 10 meeting we received a submission from Bellevue that was outside the scope of our request. At the October 10 meeting we sent the submission back. And the reason why, because, you know, we can't prejudice anyone by allowing other things into the record. And most of what was pretty much the same as we had already heard at the hearing. And we asked officers on the staff, our staff to help me - we asked

our staff to help Bellevue in providing a submission which was responsive to our request.

With OZ staff's help, our staff, - again, I want to thank our staff for doing that. That was an unusual request for the most part, but we appreciate them helping, try to help prepare a case for us. Bellevue has now submitted a revised submission to the record that is responsive to our request, and the Applicant provided its response. So, through all of that we're here. But I do want to put this out early, and then we can go back through some of the issues as we talk through them. There is no emphasis with the PUD's proposed map amendment to an RA-2 zone and the properties moderate density residential designation on the front. Because the moderate density residential designation cites the RA-2 zones as consistent zones. And the proposal is a PUD that will exceed the IZ requirements. And I said that for the record.

Let me now go back. Let's go through, the best we can, through the issues. The issues that were raised at the meeting. The other thing that we did, along with the issues, we asked them to go back. We asked for a response from the meeting. Not rehashing the case, not re-arguing the comments, but just from the meeting that was had. And with the staff's help, I think now we have something to move forward with.

I want to talk about, first, project size and scale, the increased utility cost, which I think is something that's been divulged, traffic impacts, alternate cost analysis, and CDA

with the Bellevue Neighbors Civic Association, BNCA is what I'll call it. So, one of the things we've been trying to decide this morning, we heard at the hearing, was that the project size and scale are excessive and will block the viewshed and eliminate valuable green space in the neighborhood. I know people are probably tired of me mentioning about the viewsheds. buy viewsheds. And I actually, I learned that from the Supreme Court. I didn't learn that here. But when they sent something back to us years ago, I learned that we don't buy a viewshed. You buy what's up to your property line, but you don't buy a view. So, then the Applicant had a response. And I'm sure all of us are familiar with the Applicant's response. They talk about the size and scale are not inconsistent with the comp plan and the Bellevue small area plan will advance housing goals as well as providing public benefits and the initiative with the flexibility requested. One of the things that I'm a firm believer. Well, I know sometime it maybe looks a little dense, but sometime - the argument has always been that you build more, you can bring the price down. I have yet to see that, but maybe I'm not looking at it. Maybe eventually it will show its head and I will be able to realize while we're increasing the envelope that we're making things more affordable for those who need it. And that's, I think is the goal. I don't think we always achieve that, but I think if we strive for it at some point in time, we will get that. And I think that's the case here.

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I know that - I think some of the residents were speaking of the size, and that was the issue. But I often wonder if we reduce the size - and I know we've done it recently on another case - then what will that do for affordability? So, let me just open it up, and let's talk about - anybody wants to add onto size or scale? Let me open it up and let me start with Vice Chair Miller, I guess.

VICE CHAIRMAN MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman for that excellent summary of what is happening in this case so far. And we do appreciate the participation of all the persons at the hearing, including the Applicant, and Office of Planning, and others in the government, but especially amongst the citizens, the Bellevue Neighborhood Civic Association, and the ANC. And the ANC is supportive, supports this project. I believe it's an 8-D, as in dog, I think.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yeah, 8-D. Yes. And I will say distinguished, 8-D, distinguished. Yes.

VICE CHAIRMAN MILLER: That's very appropriate. So, among the other issues, beyond the project size and scale which you stated, which is consistent with what OP recommended and what the Applicant stated, the size and scale - and the opponents haven't objected to the comprehensive plan, size and scale is not inconsistent with the comprehensive plan designation.

So, the other issues that were raised by the opposition was the increased utility costs. It's a concern that the project

would result in increased costs for returning Martins View tenants. Remember, this is an existing, very old apartment I think it's four buildings that are going to be complex. replaced with five buildings. It's going to be - those - that housing needs to be replaced. I think everyone acknowledges it, including the opposition in terms of bringing it up to modern day standards and quality. So, the concern was the project would result in increased utility costs. And there were discussions between the Applicant and the community, which has resulted in a commitment being made by the Applicant to subsidize utility costs up to \$100 a month for all seniors who are returning to the Martins View development that were 65 years of age or older. So, there's that subsidy commitment. They think that will cover any of those costs for the returning seniors. The Applicants further stated that utility cost in the long term will not be so high because the project will be lethal certified. It will be a more efficiently run, energy wise, building or project.

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In addition, the Applicant, as a result of those discussions with the community, said that parking would be offered at half the normal rate to returning tenants. So, that's the - and that is the commitment that's been made in a community benefits agreement with the Applicant separately, and are into with the ANC. And I would suggest that we pull out at least that commitment as well as making one other dealing with residential permit parking costs that the Applicant has agreed to commit to.

We should pull that out of the CBA and put it as conditions of our zoning order in this PUD if we get to that point, which I would support getting to that point.

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So, I'll leave it at that and leave it. And ask the chairman and other commissioners to maybe fill in whatever other gaps exist in the discussion of the issues.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Thank you, vice chair. You went into the parking issue. I was trying to go just with the project size and scale first.

VICE CHAIR MILLER: Oh, sorry about that.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: So, we can all comment on that. Then I'll go to the increase. So, we know how you feel now. But until we call for the CBA and all. So, I was trying to do that so we can hear from everybody on each one of these issues. And we both, we see the responses that was said to us by the community about what was said about those issues. And then we also saw the Applicant's response. So, I just simply want to know by the Applicant's response that was set for the community saying which way, are we fine, everything is mitigated. That's kind of what I was trying to get at.

So, what I'll do now is go to Commissioner Imamura.

Same, let's do project size and scale so we can do all of them.

COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: I can stick with that, Mr. Chairman. I don't think I have anything more to add than what Vice Chair Miller has already stated, other than to say this.

That I think I at least developed a reputation that I am compassionate and understand the community's concern for scale and size, the massing of it. And arguably, they're consistent with the comprehensive plan. But this really goes to - and I understand their felling. It's in their neighborhood. This goes to sort of increasing density and urban design. But this really does provide sort of an edge, the park and the neighborhood there. And I'm in agreement that it is consistent with the comprehensive And I certainly understand the ask of the Applicant to 10 reduce, I think almost by half, the number of units. that we'll discuss a little bit later, Mr. Chairman, in a cost 11 But the point here is that the Applicant, I'm not 12 analysis. 13 certain or convinced that it would pencil out. So, there is a 14 very complicated formula for these types of projects to work. And it's not just by numbers, but it's architecturally too. So, 15 16 it impacts the architectural solution as well. But I think while 17 I hear the residents and their concern, I do agree that this is 18 - I'm in agreement that this is an appropriate scale, and it is 19 consistent with the comp plan here. I don't think I have anything 20 further to add. And I'm sure there's other topics. Thank you, 21 Mr. Chairman.

22 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Thank you.

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Commissioner Stidham, anything to add?

COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: No, sir. I agree with what has already been said related to the scale and the project size.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: And I don't have anything to add. 1 I 2 would agree with the vice chair and Commissioner Imamura as well. Let's go to, one of the other issues was, as we know, 3 increased utility costs and the project will result in increased 4 costs for returning Martins View tenants, including utilities and 5 6 parking fees, as the vice chair has kind of already kind of 7 alluded to. And we know what the response is and what the offer 8 was, and how the average state of utility costs will not be as 9 high since it has project goal. And they also had put a caveat 10 which we will talk to. We may want to - if we decide to get through all of this, we may want to try to make that a condition 11 12 of approval since they made that offer. So, that way it could 13 be substantiated. 14 Vice chair, did you want to add anymore on that or do 15 you want to -16 VICE CHAIRMAN MILLER: Thank you very much. No. 17 CHAIRMAN HOOD: All right. Commissioner Imamura, do 18 you want to add anything else on that? 19 COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Nothing more to add. 20 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Commissioner Stidham, anything on that? 21 COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: No. Not from me either. 22 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Traffic impacts. As we heard, the project will have negative impacts on traffic and parking, and 23 force neighbors to apply for RFPP restrictions for their streets 24 25 and RFPP permits. Again, the Applicant says - the response is,

agree to cover the cost of RPP residents within 200 feet. So, I think that takes it off the table. Then the Applicant is providing parking that exceeds DDOT minimums given in TDM measures, including public space improvements. I think one of the things we also may want to do, and I'll ask my colleagues to remind us when we get to the end of all this, is if we get to that point, let's make that also a condition of approval. And I will tell you, you know, I'm not all - if you've been around, and most of you have, I'm not all that enthused about RPP. just want to make sure that they give them the correct version for RPP. Because over the years they've come up with different versions of RPP. And I've always questioned here on the Commission, does it really work or is it just a sound piece. Some neighborhoods it works, some neighborhoods I think have different variations of RPP. So, hopefully, whatever they need tailored to that particular situation is what the DDOT then would provide for that area which will lessen the impact on that particular neighborhood. That's the way I see it.

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Let me hear from others. Vice Chair Miller, anything on that?

VICE CHAIRMAN MILLER: Only to add that the DDOT, unless - you may have mentioned this, Mr. Chairman. I might have missed it. But in the DDOT has recommended that the Applicant implement a transportation demand management plan, and the Applicant has agreed to that robust TDM plan which will mitigate - which

hopefully will mitigate any concerns about the traffic and
parking.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Imamura?

COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm not sure that I have much more add, other than to say that I think we all get a little aggravated when traffic in our neighborhood increases a little bit. But what traffic engineers won't tell you is that the traffic will eventually work itself out. So, that's what I see.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: Thank you. And Commissioner Stidham?

COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: Nothing. Well, just one other thing to add that I don't believe that you said, but I may have missed it, is that the parking that they're looking to provide exceeds the DDOT minimums. So, just to add that piece.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. All right. Let's keep moving. Alternate cost analysis. I'm going to come to you first with that. I think you mentioned it, Commissioner Imamura, the scopes of the alternate cost analysis. Go ahead and tee that one up for us if you don't mind.

COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Sure. I'm happy to do that, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. The Applicant has been asked to provide a cost benefit analysis to construct a smaller project and compare to the proposed project. So, the smaller being four to 500 units compared to the over 800 units that they're proposing. So, I've

always felt that - I certainly understand their point of view and their perspective, particularly their concern with scale, and mass and size. But for these types of projects, sometimes that doesn't always pencil out. And the formula, it's awfully complicated. I call it a formula, but there's a lot of moving parts. To reduce something of that scale impacts a lot of different elements of the proposed project, including the architectural design. So, it's not just a matter of height or mass, but there are other elements at play here. And so, I am not convinced that cutting it in half is really a fair and reasonable request.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: All right.

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Commissioner Stidham, anything to add?

14 COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: No. Nothing further for me to 15 add. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. And Vice Chair Miller?

VICE CHAIRMAN MILLER: No. Nothing to add. Thank you, Commissioner Imamura for summarizing that. Just going back for a second to the traffic impacts. I don't know if I mentioned it, but I think we would want the TDM plan to be a, a specific condition of the order as well.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. When we get to that point, we will add that to the ones we've already had as conditions of approval.

Okay. I don't necessarily have - I don't want to get



into the soap box of building less and the price going up.

Because I said that in the very beginning. I will just stand on

my earlier comments. And I will also associate myself with the

comments of Commissioner Imamura.

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And this is where the problem came in when we asked for them to go back and have a conversation about the meeting and report back. And they did and faced our staff again. The CDA with the Bellevue neighbors, they entered into a CBA with Bellevue neighbors, including a three-million-dollar microloan program for Bellevue residents. That was what was Then the Applicant's response to that. The Applicant's state they cannot agree to a three-million-dollar contribution to BCNA since the amount is too high and disproportionate to the other public benefits and amenities associated with the project. For some reason what I've noticed, not just in this case, is always get millions. What I've always learned on the Commission is you cannot buy - let me make sure I do this right. You cannot buy zoning - you cannot pay for zoning. I forgot how it goes, but I know money has something to do with it, but you can do a (indiscernible) or a benefit. And three million dollars to go to - and I get the microloan, and I get the program that's probably going to come down that they could have probably negotiated a little differently. But I don't want to get into agreements were made prior to our buildings. So, I would agree with the Applicant on this one because things do need to be

professional. I'll just leave it at that. 1 2. Commissioner Imamura, any comments, questions? COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: I'm in agreement with you, Mr. 3 I'm not sure that the three million dollars is a 4 Chairman. 5 (indiscernible) response. CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. And Commissioner Stidham? 6 7 COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: Nothing further from me. CHAIRMAN HOOD: And Vice Chair Miller? 8 9 VICE CHAIRMAN MILLER: I have nothing to add. I concur 10 with the statements that have been made about that issue. 11 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Now, there are a couple of issues 12 that came up, and I just wanted to make sure that they - I want 13 to just hit my colleagues if you thought that the Applicant's 14 response was adequate or not on the impacts on infrastructure, whether the project was too large for existing water and sewer 15 16 construction systems, the Applicant has a response. And they're 17 also working with the subject matter experts with DOE be 18 incorporated into the project. So, you know, I'm fine with that. 19 Any objections, any issues anybody want to push forward on that? 20 (No response.) 21 CHAIRMAN HOOD: More affordable units, project should 22 include more affordable units. Again, the Applicant's response, 23 the Applicant was proffering the set aside 17 percent of residential floor area to be reserved as IZ units for households 24

earning no more than 60 percent. The Applicant, I believe that

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they are far exceeding what's normally required. And I think 1 2 that I don't have any issues with how they're proceeding. So, anybody else have any comments on that? 3 VICE CHAIRMAN MILLER: 4 I think I concur with your 5 comments, Mr. Chairman. 6 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Indirect displacement of 7 surrounding residents. The project will lead to displacement of 8 surrounding residents through property tax increase. And what 9 the Applicant basically responded was the project will be a mixed 10 income community that will not result in materially higher cost 11 to residents in the broader community. And, you know, the 12 uncertainty and the unpredictability sometimes of residents and 13 especially property tax increases always thinks that it's pushing 14 those out. Sometimes it does. But I think in this case, as the Applicant says, the mixed income I think will kind of balance out 15 16 some of that tax increase because I think of the mixture that's 17 - mixture of incomes that will be residing there in that area. 18 Any other questions or comments on that? 19 (No response.) 20 CHAIRMAN HOOD: All right. The other thing is, as a 21 result of this, does anybody have anything outstanding they want 22 to talk about, any issues? 23 (No response.)

this though. I'm with the ANC. I get it. I heard what the ANC

CHAIRMAN HOOD: I don't want to get - and I will say

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has done. You all approved this project. And you reiterated to me, to the Commission, that you approve it. We heard you. Wе were just trying to make sure we can balance with everyone the best we could. And I know that you are elected officials, and we do not take that lightly. So much respect for you if you're listening. And if you look at this later, we have big respect for you. We didn't do that slapping you in the face or pushing you to the side because you are the elected officials, and you all - and I get the fact that you all have voted for once and then reiterated to vote for. And you stand by your initial vote. So, trust me, I got it. I got it. I actually read it a few times because you tried to send it home to me. But you've already dealt with this. So, I appreciate all the work. We may disagree, but we appreciate all the work that all of our ANC's and community leaders do.

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What I would also now ask my colleagues, if we could maybe want to impose a condition of approval for the Applicant's comments regarding utility costs, however it's captioned \$100 for the next four or five years, or three years, or whatever they stated, and the cost of the RPP for residents within 200 feet. And I think Vice Chair Miller, you mentioned the TDM as well?

VICE CHAIRMAN MILLER: Yes, I did. And I think the RPP would fit into that. Yes.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. So, that will take all of that.

Okay. I know that some things that may not be outside of RPP

but I just wanted to be sure. I just wanted to capture 1 2. everything. Any objections to us making that a condition of approval? I'm sure our legal team is listening. 3 4 (No response.) CHAIRMAN HOOD: All right. I think I'm satisfied. 5 6 everybody satisfied with what's presented and the issues have 7 been mitigated? Let me hear from everyone quickly. Vice Chair Miller? 8 I'm satisfied with the 9 VICE CHAIRMAN MILLER: Yes. 10 Applicant's response and prepared to move forward with proposed 11 action tonight. 12 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Commissioner Stidham? 13 COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: Yes. I'm good and willing to 14 support moving forward. CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Commissioner Imamura? 15 16 COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. 17 I'm good and I just want to comment that I appreciate the 18 pragmatic approach that you took tonight to discuss and 19 deliberate all the issues for this particular case. 20 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. I thank all my colleagues. And 21 I really want to thank the legal team. Because a lot of times, 22 you know, I do have other things that I do. This is not my full-23 time job, like the rest of us. I want to really thank our legal

team for helping put some of this together. And I also want the

community to know, we hear you loud and clear but we have to

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strike that balance. And we also have to follow the regulations 1 2 and the law. So, that's where we are. And let me just say this to the Applicant. Continue to work with the community. Do that 3 throughout the whole project. Don't just get the approval here. 4 5 And, you know, even though this is proposed, don't just get the 6 approval here and then stop working with the community. 7 a ongoing process. And one other thing. I think that the - something I 8 9 want to mention. I think that the RPP subsidy for what they're 10 doing for members who are over 65, I think that's also part of our racial equity analysis. And it also ties into when we talk 11 12 about racial equity and ties into that displacement. So, let's 13 again, as we stated, we'll make those conditions of the approval. 14 Anything else? 15 (No response.) 16 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Would somebody like to make a motion? 17 COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: I can if I can scroll up faster. 18 I move to approve the proposed action for zoning case number 23-19 29, Martins View, LLC, consolidated PUD and related map amendment at parcel 252/0082, 252/0083, 252/0092, and 252/0086, and ask for 20 21 a second. 22 CHAIRMAN HOOD: I'll second it. It's been moved and 23 properly seconded. Any further discussion? 24 (No response.) 25 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Not hearing any, Ms. Ackerman, would



1	you do a roll call vote, please?
2	MS. ACKERMAN: Commissioner Stidham?
3	COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: Yes.
4	MS. ACKERMAN: Commissioner Hood?
5	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yes.
6	MS. ACKERMAN: Commissioner Miller?
7	VICE CHAIRMAN MILLER: Yes.
8	MS. ACKERMAN: And Commissioner Imamura?
9	COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: (No response.)
10	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Let's give him a moment. I thought
11	maybe he just had his camera off.
12	MS. ACKERMAN: Okay. We'll wait a moment.
13	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Ms. Ackerman?
14	MS. ACKERMAN: It's okay. Commissioner Imamura?
15	COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: I'm sorry. I lost connection
16	there for a brief moment. Yes.
17	MS. ACKERMAN: Okay. Great. Staff records the vote
18	four to zero to one to approve case number 23-29 for proposed
19	action. Commissioner Wright not participating.
20	CHAIRMAN HOOD: All right. Thank you all for that
21	discussion. Again, thank our legal counsel and also everybody
22	who (indiscernible) and I hope it works well for the residents.
23	Even though that's just proposed. And I don't think we asked
24	for anything that we would do at final.
25	Next we have hearing action Hearing action for Zoning



Commission case number 04-14H, Florida Rock Properties, Incorporated, modification with hearing to first-stage PUD at Square 708. Ms. Thomas?

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MS. THOMAS: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and members of the Commission. I'm Karen Thomas with the Office of Planning. And this afternoon we're asking the Commission to set down the modification of stage one and the stage two part to complete this long-standing development proposal for the area known as Florida Rock.

This site is one of the large remaining parcels to be developed which fronts the ballpark to the north of Potomac Avenue, South Capitol Street to the west, and Frederick Douglas Bridge to the southwest, and the Anacostia Riverfront to the south. Next slide.

There have been significant changes since this PUD was first approved. And this is the criteria for modification with In phases I and II, which were completed, we see hearing. noticeable public use of open space in this area due to the completion of the (indiscernible) park and the continuation of the riverfront walk. There also amendment was the comprehensive plan with particular focus on advance and racial equity and ensuring environmental resiliency. The Frederick Douglas Bridge and the Oval are now completed. And to support that completion, the Applicant dedicated over 6700 square feet of the property in 2015 to the District for construction of the bridge, and an additional 8100 square feet to open space to DDOT, which the Applicant will maintain.

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A quick recall of the earlier proposal included office and hotel uses for Phases III and IV respectively, with approximately 24,000 square feet of retail space. residential uses were proposed in the earlier iteration. what's different with this proposal is that the Applicant is now presented a modified Stage I and a Stage II plan mixed-use And overall, there are changes from the office and hotel uses to an all residential use of Phase III, and mixed-use building at the Phase IV. We have improved design and siting of the two buildings. And that came with considerable collaboration with OP. We have an increase in the open space square footage with preservation of the views to the river, an increase in the number of residential units from none at all to 590 units with related increase in affordable units to the overall PUD. Parking and loading will be underground. And the publicly accessible open spaces will be curated and a dog park will be included as well.

The Applicant has requested zoning relief, including flexibility to provide rest and request 75-foot waterfront setback to a portion of the case for building above grade and a portion of the below grade parking which would reduce a small portion of the required setback.

So, this go around, the Applicant intends to begin the



Phase IV project and the Phase III lot will be assigned interim uses for pop up retail, a dog park, and parking spaces, and it will also be used for construction staging.

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And in case you're thinking about it, the marina did not go away. In this case the Applicant would be required to file for a permit by May of next year or request an extension. So, that was approved in the previous PUD before. Next slide.

Again, since initial approval there have been significant changes for physical and regulatory which would impact any amendment to this PUD. And primarily, we have come to adoption of the 2021 comp plan with emphasis on equity and resilience, as I mentioned before. We have revised the zoning regulations in 2016. There are DOEE proposed DC current resilience plan for new development. And the generalized policy map changed the category of this site to a neighborhood enhancement area within a resilience focus area. The future land use map assigns a mixed-use medium density residential and medium-density commercial category. And the development would remain consistent with the density anticipated by the approved density of the original part. Next slide.

So, we believe the modification of this PUD would better respond to the visible development of the surroundings, which I'm sure we all have witnessed over time. We met several times again with the Applicants on the design and the site plan, as I said before, as well as on the principles of equity that

the comp plan demands be considered as part of this revised Florida Rock site. So, both the Applicant's submission and OP's set down report provide in-depth information on the project's consistency with the comp plan as viewed through the equity lens. There would be no displacement of residents. And a generous number of affordable units would be included, which would have happened had this project been already completed. The project's location and access to a number of desirable amenities will have a positive impact on the health and transportation for lower income residents, particularly with respect to access to connected open spaces, pods and by trail systems.

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Benefits of this project would not only be to the neighborhood, but to the District as a whole. And the requested flexibility from the waterfront setback would be considered reasonable when balanced against the benefits. And we will provide that analysis in our final report.

So, with that, Mr. Chair, I ask that this application be set down for a public hearing. I'd be happy to take your comments. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: Thank you, Ms. Thomas, as well. It's a well-done report. Let's see if we have any questions or comments.

Commissioner Stidham?

COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: Ms. Thomas, thank you very, very much for a very thorough and detailed report going through all

of the changes. Very helpful in us to understand what is being proposed versus what was originally approved. So, thank you for that first.

The change from hotel to residential is a pretty significant change. So, I'm curious if you're aware of any concerns from the community or opposition to this approach?

MS. THOMAS: At this time, no. We have not had any comments, community comments regarding that change. And I don't see any (indiscernible).

COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: Okay. When we do - if this does get set down and go to hearing, it would be important to understand what community engagement has occurred and what they have heard in response to that engagement.

I'm a bit concerned about the flexibility that is requested from the waterfront. To me, that is the 75-foot setback that is for the entire Anacostia is a very important piece of the overall health of the city, of the connectivity to the waterfront by the community as a whole. And I know in your report you mentioned that you will have the Applicant clarify the amounts and will work with them before you come back to hearing. I would request that, you know, anything underground is fine. But I would request OP to significantly work with the Applicant to reduce, if not eliminate, any intrusion into the above-ground 75 feet.

MS. THOMAS: I took note on that. Thank you.



COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: Okay. 1 Thank you. Chairman Hood, that's all I have. 2 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Thank you. 3 4 Commissioner Imamura, any questions or comments? 5 COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Thank you, Mr. 6 Appreciate the comments raised, the questions raised by 7 Commissioner Stidham. Ms. Thomas, thank you for working with the 8 Applicant to improve the design and site plan to increase open 9 public space. I think that one of the things I'd like to know a 10 little bit more, if we do move to set down, is how moving from this hotel use to residential will change some of the demographic 11 12 trends in the neighborhood or in the area. And additionally, I'm 13 interested in hearing more about the traffic impact of this 14 proposed change. And then if the Applicant can more clearly articulate, as you have in the report, I'd like to understand how 15 16 the relief required and the changes sort of fit together here. 17 So, more specifically, what benefits and amenities can fulfill 18 and how have the original proffered benefits and amenities 19 changed, and how is the requested relief changing, and that they 20 provide that for the record. So, those are my interests if we 21 move to set down. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. CHAIRMAN HOOD: Thank you. 22 23 Commissioner Wright? COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: I'm very excited because this is 24 25 really the first project I'm sort of getting in on the ground floor and learning about. And I have a few comments. Again, I think the change in use to residential is something that I think is definitely can be supported. We definitely need more residential in our city. I am a little concerned about there being only a 10 percent affordable. I think you mentioned it was a total of 590 units, and 59 affordable units. And I'd really like the Applicant to see if there is a chance to increase that number. I think 10 percent is a bit low.

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I'm also interested, because it will be a phased project with them building, I think you said Phase IV that's near the water first, and then Phase III, how the affordable units will come online. Will they have an equal number in each phase? What I don't think we would want to see happen is the waterfront building having only a smattering of affordable units and all of the other affordable units being put in the other building. So, I think that is something I'm interested in learning a little bit more about.

I'm also very interested in what Commissioner Stidham brought up about if there is a way to maintain above ground the 75-foot setback. I think that is important to the sort of public realm along the Anacostia Waterfront. And I'd be interested in exploring that a little bit more.

And then my third comment is, you know, this is a really, really prominent site on the water, near the bridge. And I think that particularly for that Phase IV, the building on the

water, there's an opportunity to do something that will be a really kind of landmark design, something that is architecturally really significant and will be a great gateway into the whole area. So, you know, I hope as the Applicant begins thinking about the architecture, that that can be a little bit of a focus of really how that building can be a gateway.

But I, you know, I'm supportive of the basic idea of converting to residential. And assuming this does get set down, I'm looking forward to additional conversations. So, thank you.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: Thank you.

And Vice Chair Miller?

VICE CHAIRMAN MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I thank my colleagues for their questions and comments, and thank Karen Thomas for your very comprehensive report on this project and your work in general at the Office of Planning. Thank you. And I agree with all the recommendations that you've made in working with the Applicant to try to improve the project.

I am supportive of setting this down for a public hearing. I think the change from hotel and office to residential is a beneficial one for the city, as noted by others. I share the concern that Commissioner Stidham has raised about the waterfront setback for the above-ground portion. Want more information on that. This is a large site. That 75-foot setback was something that was important for the public realm, public to be able to continue to have, to have access, important access to

the river. And as Commissioner Wright has noted, is a very prominent site, very visible. So, I think that if there is some encroachment to that 75 feet, we need to know why and whether it's really necessary, given the benefits of having the full setback there for the public.

I also share the concern that Commissioner Wright has suggested for the affordable housing. This is a significant modification to the original PUD which I think the original PUD predates all of us except maybe Chairman Hood having been here for the original PUD 20 years ago, whatever it was, when we - which predates when inclusionary zoning was adopted and was applied. But because it's a significant modification, I believe that - we believe that the inclusionary zoning does apply and that the affordable housing project should be more than just the minimum amount required under IZ for such a prominent location. And that to the extent it can be, the affordable housing set aside can be increased or that the income levels can be deepened for more affordability, I would be interested in seeing what the Applicant can come back with there.

And just in general, because this has gone on for a while, and Phase I and Phase II I think are completed but still part of the overall PUD, I think we need to understand more clearly - or I need to understand more clearly what public benefits and amenities which are being changed because the use is being changed, what exactly are the - what public benefits and

amenities that were previously committed to have been fulfilled, or what the status is of fulfilling them, or how they have been changed because of the proposed change in use from office and hotel to residential for Phase III and IV, and how does that affect the overall balancing test for planned unit developments which we must undertake as part of our comprehensive plan analysis and consistency analysis. So, I guess more information on the public benefits and amenities and how they change or how they've been fulfilled thus far, or when they will be fulfilled. I think there's - I think Ms. Thomas alluded to a marina. I'd be interested in knowing what the status of that is as well, and any other public benefits that were previously committed to or currently being committed to.

So, with that, Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the Applicant coming forward with this change, and I'm supportive of setting it down and hearing more about the project at the hearing.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Thank you all. I thank all of my colleagues for their comments. I actually don't have any. I've had mine over the past 25 years. I recall some like to Florda Rock. What I would say though is, I think I'm really concerned about, or really want to take on - I want to join in with all my colleagues on their comments. And when we get to the hearing, we're looking forward to having a discussion as Commissioner Wright has mentioned, have a discussion. And I'm hoping that the Applicant is listening and will come with some

1	answers to especially some of the questions and comments that
2	we've heard today.
3	So, with that, does anybody have anything else?
4	(No response.)
5	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Again, thank you, Ms. Thomas, as
6	always, for your report.
7	Would someone like to make a motion to set it down?
8	VICE CHAIRMAN MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I would move that
9	the Zoning Commission set down for a public hearing on Zoning
10	Commission case number 04-14H, Florida Rock, modification with
11	hearing to first stage PUD and second stage PUD Phases III and
12	IV, and ask for a second.
13	COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: Second.
14	CHAIRMAN HOOD: It has been moved and properly
15	seconded. Any further discussion?
16	(No response.)
17	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Not hearing, Ms. Ackerman, could you
18	do a roll call vote, please?
19	MS. ACKERMAN: Commissioner Miller?
20	VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.
21	MS. ACKERMAN: Commissioner Imamura?
22	COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Yes.
23	MS. ACKERMAN: Commissioner Hood?
24	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yes.
25	MS. ACKERMAN: Commissioner Stidham?



1	COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: Yes.
2	MS. ACKERMAN: And Commissioner Wright?
3	COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Yes.
4	MS. ACKERMAN: Staff records the vote five to zero to
5	zero to approve case number 04-14H for set down.
6	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. That's good. Thank you, Ms.
7	Ackerman. And, Ms. Ackerman, you're doing a fabulous job.
8	MS. ACKERMAN: Thank you. I'm taking notes at the same
9	time. So, I'm like going between things.
10	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Ms. Ackerman, do we have anything else
11	before us?
12	MS. ACKERMAN: No, we don't.
13	CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Colleagues, and to the public,
14	the Zoning Commission will meet again on Monday, October 28, in
15	this same platform at 4:00 p.m. And the subject of the case is
16	Commission case number 23-10A. And that case is the Georgetown
17	University. So, with that, I want to thank everyone for their
18	participation in this meeting tonight, and all the help that
19	we've gotten from our legal counsel and our staff. And with
20	that, this meeting is adjourned. Good night, everyone. Have a
21	safe weekend.
22	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the
23	record at 5:09 p.m.)
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