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ZONING COMMISSION

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SPECIAL MEETING
1099th MEETING SESSION (5th OF 2000)

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THURSDAY
APRIL 13, 2000

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The Special Meeting of the District of Columbia Zoning Commission convened at 6:45 p.m. in the Office of Zoning Hearing Room at 441 4th Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C., Anthony J. Hood, Chairperson, presiding.

ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

ANTHONY J. HOOD	Chairperson
CAROL J. MITTEN	Vice Chairperson
HERBERT M. FRANKLIN	Commissioner
KWASI HOLMAN	Commissioner
JOHN G. PARSONS	Commissioner

OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

Jerrily R. Kress	Director
Stefanie D. Brown	Office of Zoning
Kenneth Karkeet	Office of Zoning

OTHER AGENCY STAFF PRESENT:

Steven Cochran	Office of Planning
John Fondersmith	Office of Planning

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(7:00 p.m.)

COMMISSIONER HOOD: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. This is a special meeting of the D.C. Zoning Commission, at 7:10 on Thursday, April 13.

We are going to take up some issues that were dealt with in our last meeting dealing with case number 99-05 C. That is a PUD and Map Amendment - Ft. Lincoln/Premium Distributors.

Ms. Kress, who is filling in for Mr. Bastida? I am sorry, Ms. Brown.

MS. BROWN: Good afternoon.

We have before you the requested information. The applicant submitted the information that you requested at the April 10th meeting as well as the materials that are before you. I placed them right there in front of you. All of the samples are right before you. Mr. Hood, you see them right there before you.

COMMISSIONER HOOD: Right.

MS. BROWN: I also amended the draft order to include the line which, regarding the National Park Service, which is a portion of the decision on page --

COMMISSIONER HOOD: Page 10?

MS. BROWN: Yes, page 10, number 9. That is all that I have.

COMMISSIONER HOOD: Colleagues, I believe those were the two most outstanding issues we had dealing with the Ft.

1 Lincoln application.

2 Take a minute to peruse it.

3 MR. COCHRAN: Excuse me, Mr. Chair. Steve Cochran,
4 Office of Planning.

5 Would it be possible for me to see a copy of the
6 language that was submitted for the bike trail?

7 COMMISSIONER HOOD: Also colleagues, I have in
8 front of me some materials, if you want to pass them down, look at
9 them?

10 (PAUSE)

11 MR. COCHRAN: Again, I believe everything is in
12 order. I am just waiting to see what the Office of Planning
13 thinks.

14 MR. COCHRAN: Looks great.

15 COMMISSIONER HOOD: Colleagues, everything is in
16 order. If there are no other comments, I could hear a motion.

17 COMMISSIONER FRANKLIN: I move approval of the
18 application as we received it here tonight.

19 COMMISSIONER HOLMAN: I second it.

20 COMMISSIONER HOOD: Okay, it has been moved and
21 properly second. All those in favor?

22 (Ayes)

23 Any opposition?

24 (None)

25 So ordered. Staff could you record the vote?

1 MS. BROWN: Staff record the vote as 5 to 0 to
2 approve Order number 918 as amended, with Mr. Parsons making the
3 motion and Mr. Holmes second the motion.

4 Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER HOOD: Also, while we are in out
6 special meeting, there was something else that was brought to my
7 attention.

8 We set down the Solar Building, but I don't believe
9 we set a date.

10 MS. KRESS: I would like to respond to that. We
11 were to work out with Office of Planning dates, and we have not
12 been able to coordinate.

13 As you know, our schedule is wide open. We are
14 looking to hear from Office of Planning on the dates convenient to
15 them.

16 COMMISSIONER HOOD: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER PARSONS: I have a special request.
18 I, myself, am out of the city for much of May. Is there any way
19 that we can do this in April? Or do we need to notice this, and
20 so forth.

21 MS. KRESS: For the Solar building, yes you would
22 need to re-notice that because that was stopped in the public and
23 not continued to a date certain.

24 So, yes we do need the 47 days notice.

25 COMMISSIONER PARSONS: That will take us out to

1 June 1.

2 MR. KARKEET: I don't want to belabor this, but Mr.
3 Bastida tentatively agreed to June 8.

4 COMMISSIONER PARSONS: Oh, fine, fine.

5 MR. KARKEET: And the public hearing notice will be
6 in the register next Friday, a week from tomorrow.

7 COMMISSIONER HOOD: Let me just say, if you can
8 check your schedule for June 8? Commissioner Mitten will be
9 recused on this case so I just want to make sure, hopefully, we
10 have a quorum.

11 MR. COCHRAN: Mr. Chair, we would find it helpful
12 of going through the formalities of meeting with the Office even
13 though I acknowledge, more often than not, we are the ones who
14 have had to postpone the meetings.

15 We had talked to the Office about scheduling
16 MedStar for June 8 also.

17 Do you think there would be the ability to do both
18 the same day?

19 n No, no.

20 COMMISSIONER HOOD: Unless we want to do all day.

21 MR. COCHRAN: That was sort of a devil's advocate
22 question.

23 COMMISSIONER HOOD: We have done all-day hearings,
24 but I don't think that will work. We might need to coordinate
25 that. I'll leave that to staff to coordinate those dates.

1 MS. KRESS: I am very happy. We have been trying
2 to get an answer. If we are ready today to schedule with Office
3 of Planning let's go right ahead.

4 We have got the commissioners here and their
5 schedules and Office of Planning.

6 MR. COCHRAN: I am doing both reports so I don't
7 see why I couldn't have my portion of the work done in time for
8 June hearings on either of those.

9 Certainly MedStar seems -- Well, everybody, of
10 course, wants their approval as soon as possible.

11 MedStar is hoping for a June date just to allow for
12 slippage into July. So, as far as we are concerned, it is up to
13 you whether we go with June or July for either one of those, or
14 schedule an additional meeting.

15 MS. KRESS: Right now, we do have every Thursday
16 available to us, as the Zoning Commission. Also, other days of
17 the week should you so choose, other than the ones that are
18 delegated to BZA.

19 What is your pleasure?

20 MR. COCHRAN: I feel fairly comfortable speaking 90
21 per cent for the department on MedStar. I don't feel -- because
22 it is a relatively non-controversial case.

23 I don't feel as comfortable, obviously, on Solar
24 building because we are going to have to have meetings with the
25 applicant and with the community and I can't begin to predict how

1 much effort we will be able to put in to reconcile the two sides
2 on some of the issues, particularly, obviously, the garage.

3 COMMISSIONER PARSONS: Why couldn't we go with
4 MedStar on June 1?

5 MS. KRESS: June 1? I am just asking. Do we have
6 time to notice for June 1? June 1 is too soon.

7 The first date that we can set something as of
8 today would be June 8, then June 15, June 22.

9 Just to remind you, June 12 is our regular Zoning
10 Commission meeting.

11 COMMISSIONER FRANKLIN: I am out of town on June
12 15, just to note that. June 22 is okay.

13 COMMISSIONER HOOD: We are looking at June 22 for
14 the Solar?

15 MR. KARKEET: June 22? It has already been sent to
16 the Register for June 8.

17 COMMISSIONER HOOD: So, the Solar bill is June 8.

18 MS. KRESS: It's MedStar for June 22.

19 COMMISSIONER HOOD: Okay, MedStar. We want to make
20 sure that we coordinate.

21 Mr. Cochran, were you aware of this?

22 MR. COCHRAN: No, I wasn't. I wish it was the
23 opposite. That Solar could come after MedStar.

24 You all have been rather cooperative with us
25 recently and I think we should return the consideration.

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COMMISSIONER HOOD: Okay, good. Enough said.

Thank you.

Are there any other concerns? I'll end this special meeting.

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.)