

**GOVERNMENT
OF
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

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SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

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TUESDAY,
JANUARY 9, 2007

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The Special Public Meeting convened in Room 220 South, 441 4th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001, pursuant to notice at 3:00 p.m., Geoffrey H. Griffis, Chairperson, presiding.

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT MEMBERS PRESENT:

GEOFFREY H. GRIFFIS	Chairperson
RUTHANNE G. MILLER	Vice-Chairperson
CURTIS ETHERLY, JR.	Board Member
JOHN A. MANN, II	Board Member (NCPC)

ZONING COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENT:

ANTHONY HOOD	Vice-Chairperson
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OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

CLIFFORD MOY	Secretary
BEVERLY BAILEY	Sr. Zoning Specialist
ESTHER BUSHMAN	General Counsel

D.C. OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:

LORI MONROE, ESQ.

OFFICE OF PLANNING STAFF PRESENT:

MAXINE BROWN-ROBERTS

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WELCOME:

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VOTING OF OFFICERS:

Motion for Geoffrey Griffis to Remain Chair
and Ruthanne Miller to Remain Vice Chair: 8

Vote to Approve Chair and Vice Chair Remaining
the Same: 8

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1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 3:28 p.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIS: And I would
4 like to call to order our Special Public
5 Meeting and I would ask the indulgence of Mr.
6 Hood, the Zoning Commissioner, to please
7 remain with us and sit as we have our annual
8 much, what, anticipated -- let's get right to
9 it. We need to vote for our officers.

10 Of course, there are two officers
11 on the Board. The Board votes and we have the
12 Chair and the Vice Chair. I will take any
13 discussion on that at this point, but let me
14 just make one statement that I have been
15 honored to serve as Chair of the Board for the
16 past few years and I am very interested in
17 continuing in that service. In fact, I enjoy
18 serving with everybody here and, in
19 particular, also the Vice Chair.

20 I think, if I may make a
21 suggestion, and then I will let it open to the
22 Board, that we continue with the status quo

1 with our officers. I think that we have a
2 great working rapport that should continue.
3 I don't think -- well, there it is. I will
4 leave it at that.

5 COMMISSIONER HOOD: I would agree
6 with your comments, Mr. Chairman. Typically,
7 I think, in the past year, too, the Zoning
8 Commission usually checks with all five and
9 that has not been done and since it hasn't
10 been done, I'm going to speak for them and I
11 would agree with exactly what you said and any
12 repercussions I will stand here and take.

13 CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIS: He is going
14 to take the heat for the Commission, don't
15 worry.

16 BOARD MEMBER ETHERLY: Mr. Chair,
17 now that we have determined that Mr. Hood is
18 going to take the heat and rightfully so with
19 his Zoning Commission colleagues, I will agree
20 with your suggestion.

21 I think this Board continues to
22 operate very, very efficiently, very

1 diligently and oftentimes to perhaps
2 detractors of this Board, I think this Board
3 continues to process an incredible amount of
4 work, a Herculean amount of work in a very
5 timely and balanced fashion.

6 It's not easy as an officer of
7 this Board, speaking now both for -- not for,
8 but speaking both about the Chair and the Vice
9 Chair.

10 It is not easy on this Board to
11 oftentimes juggle the incredible amount of
12 demands that are related to conducting the
13 business of this Board and moving it forward
14 in an organized fashion, but I think most
15 importantly dealing oftentimes with the
16 competing perspectives and arguments that are
17 brought before this Board with respect to both
18 our contested and oftentimes our even non-
19 contested cases.

20 And perhaps on a decision day like
21 today, it is no exception and I think that is
22 a testament to the leadership that we have

1 with this body. So I am in full support of
2 maintaining the status quo, but I think that
3 phrase does not do justice to the quality of
4 leadership that we have for this body. Thank
5 you, Mr. Chair.

6 CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIS: Thank you
7 very much, excellent words.

8 BOARD MEMBER MANN: Mr. Chairman?

9 CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIS: Yes?

10 BOARD MEMBER MANN: I would also
11 like to voice my support for your proposal.

12 CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIS: Thank you.

13 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Well, I would
14 also like to say that it has been an honor to
15 work with the Board and Mr. Griffis as the
16 Chair, and I have enjoyed it and would like to
17 continue in that capacity. And I also agree
18 that this Board, regardless of who has what
19 title, works extremely well together and
20 everyone brings something different to the
21 table. That is greatly appreciated.

22 COMMISSIONER HOOD: So with that,

1 Mr. Chairman, I would move that Geoff Griffis
2 be the Chairman, continue to be the Chairman.
3 Also, Ruthanne Miller continue to be the Vice
4 Chairman.

5 BOARD MEMBER ETHERLY: Second, Mr.
6 Chair.

7 CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIS: Excellent.
8 We do have a motion before us. It has been
9 seconded. I tend to -- I just need to say one
10 thing, that Ms. Miller is absolutely correct.
11 Everyone brings equal amounts to this and in
12 differing ways, and I think that is incredibly
13 important.

14 With that though, we do have a
15 motion before us. It has been seconded. I
16 would ask for all those in favor to signify by
17 saying aye.

18 ALL: Aye.

19 CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIS: And opposed?
20 Abstaining? Thank you all very much. Is
21 there anything else for us to do today?

22 COMMISSIONER HOOD: Thanks for

1 letting me participate.

2 CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIS: Yes, of
3 course.

4 BOARD MEMBER ETHERLY: Thanks for
5 taking the heat, Mr. Hood.

6 CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIS: Your five
7 bucks is in an envelope on the table inside.
8 If there is nothing further, thank you all
9 very much, Mr. Moy, Ms. Monroe, Ms. Bushman,
10 Ms. Bailey. Let's adjourn.

11 (Whereupon, the Special Public
12 Meeting was concluded at 3:32 p.m.)

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