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The Public Hearing of Case No. 10-32B by the District of Columbia Zoning Commission convened at 6:30 p.m. in the Jerrily R. Kress Memorial Hearing Room at 441 4th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20001, Anthony J. Hood, Chairman, presiding.

ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

ANTHONY J. HOOD, Chairman
MARCIE COHEN, Vice Chair
PETER G. MAY, Commissioner (NPS)
ROBERT MILLER, Commissioner

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OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

SHARON S. SCHELLIN, Secretary

OFFICE OF PLANNING STAFF PRESENT:

JENNIFER STEINGASSER, Deputy Director,
Development Review & Historic
Preservation
STEPHEN MORDFIN

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

2 6:34 p.m.

3 CHAIRMAN HOOD: We're ready to get
4 started.

5 Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.
6 This is the Zoning Commission of the District
7 of Columbia for June the 26th, 2014. The time
8 is approximately 6:30 p.m.

9 We're located in the Jerrily R.
10 Kress Memorial Hearing Room.

11 My name is Anthony Hood, Chairman.
12 Joining me are Vice Chair Cohen, Commissioner
13 Miller and Commissioner May.

14 We're also joined by Ms. Sharon
15 Schellin from the Office of Zoning. Also, the
16 Office of Planning, Ms. Steingasser and Mr.
17 Mordfin.

18 Tonight's hearing is Zoning
19 Commission Case Number 10-32B, Georgetown
20 University Campus Plan Amendment and Further
21 Processing in Square 1321.

22 We will follow the typical

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1 procedure for our hearings and we would ask you
2 to refrain from your disruptive voices or
3 actions in the hearing room.

4 Okay. Ms. Schellin, do we have any
5 preliminary matters?

6 MS. SCHELLIN: Yes, just a couple
7 of things. The Applicant is going to file his
8 affidavit of maintenance. He just forgot to
9 bring that with him this evening, but he has --
10 and he can state for the record this evening
11 that the signs have been maintained. He even
12 told me that they're still up this evening.
13 So, he can state that for the record.

14 There is one expert witness. Maybe
15 two. Another one from O.R. George.

16 But, so other than expert
17 witnesses, that's all I have.

18 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay.

19 MS. SCHELLIN: Oh, I'm sorry. One
20 other thing. The ANC, they don't meet until
21 Monday. In the record, we do have a letter
22 requesting that the record remain open for ten

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1 days after this evening's hearing so that they
2 can submit an official written report to be
3 given great weight and the Applicant has agreed
4 to that. I believe they also made a written
5 submission agreeing to that.

6 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Anything
7 else?

8 MS. SCHELLIN: That's it.

9 CHAIRMAN HOOD: All right. Thank
10 you, Ms. Schellin.

11 Mr. Moore, good evening. We will
12 -- you might want to pull up and turn your mike
13 on and if you can identify yourself so we can
14 get started.

15 MR. MOORE: Good afternoon,
16 Chairman Hood, Ms. Cohen, Mr. Miller.

17 I'm Jerry Moore, III, Venable LLP.

18 Oh, he came in. Mr. May, so sorry,
19 sir. My bad.

20 I'm Jerry Moore, III, Venable LLP,
21 appearing on behalf of the Applicant's agent,
22 Medstar Georgetown University Hospital.

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1 The application before you seeks an
2 amendment to and a further processing of the
3 2010/2017 Georgetown University Campus Plan.

4 As the record suggests, this
5 hearing represents the culmination of many
6 planning sessions among the medical Medstar
7 family and even more discussions among the
8 hospital, the university and the neighboring
9 community leadership. That, I think, is
10 exactly what this Commission has urged going
11 forward from the 2010 to 2017 Campus Plan Case.

12 We've endeavored to submit the bulk
13 of our case into the pre-filed record. There
14 you will see substantial evidence of the public
15 need for this medical relief facility among the
16 citizens of the District of Columbia as
17 corroborated by the award of a certificate of
18 need by the State Health, Planning and
19 Development Agency.

20 That location of the small building
21 addition is in the interior of the university
22 campus away from non-university property.

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1 That the insignificant effect that the proton
2 therapy addition will have on the bulk and
3 height of campus buildings. That the
4 negligible number of new employees, traffic and
5 off-street parking that the proton therapy
6 center will generate.

7 A summary of the discussions and
8 agreement that has been reached between the
9 university and the hospital regarding the
10 assembly of an updated campus plan in 2017
11 including an updated medical facilities plan
12 and an illustration and discussion of the
13 proposed plans, sections, elevations and
14 building addition.

15 To highlight these record
16 submissions, we would ordinarily offer four
17 witnesses, but with this record, we will only
18 offer two to summarize their thoughts that are
19 already of record. Those would be Lauralyn
20 Lee, an Associate Vice President for Community
21 Engagement and Strategic Initiatives at
22 Georgetown University and also available to

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1 respond to university-related questions is
2 Robin Morey, University Vice President of
3 Planning and Facilities Management and Dr.
4 Anatoly Dritschilo, Chairman of the Department
5 of Radiation Medicine, Georgetown University
6 School of Medicine.

7 With us this evening is also Don
8 Preston, the Vice President of Design and
9 Architecture at Architron, the firm that was
10 hired by the university hospital to design this
11 facility and Osborne George a Principal at O.R.
12 George and Associates who we offer tonight as
13 an expert in transportation matters. I
14 believe that Mr. George has been accepted by
15 this Commission as an expert in his field on
16 numerous prior occasions. His report as well
17 as that of the D.C. Department of
18 Transportation is in the record.

19 We are confident that the
20 Commission will listen closely and favorably to
21 the presentation of each witness.

22 With that, I will call Ms. Lee to

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1 testify before you.

2 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Before you
3 bring up the -- actually, what I wanted to do
4 first, what we normally do is we deal with your
5 proffered expert witnesses.

6 Your presenters can come up to the
7 table. All of the ones who are going to be
8 presenting.

9 We can stop the clock, Ms. Schellin.

10 Do we have resumes and what are you
11 proffering? We know about Mr. George. We've
12 already accepted him previously as an expert in
13 transportation.

14 MR. MOORE: I have the resume of Mr.
15 Preston, the architect.

16 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. If you can
17 give us that and you're not proffering the two
18 who are at the table as experts. Are you?

19 MR. MOORE: No.

20 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER MAY: Mr. Chairman.

22 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yes.

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1 COMMISSIONER MAY: Isn't it
2 usually our practice to have another copy of Mr.
3 George's resume in the record for this case?

4 MR. MOORE: Commissioner May, this
5 is in the record.

6 COMMISSIONER MAY: It is in the
7 record? I haven't seen it. Is it in the
8 record?

9 CHAIRMAN HOOD: I can see --
10 actually, at least what I got tonight unless it
11 was in the pre-hearing --

12 MR. MOORE: I have it if you need
13 it.

14 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yes, we would
15 probably need it for the record if we don't have
16 it.

17 Okay. So, but we'll still keep
18 this. We just need it for the record, but let's
19 look at -- and, Mr. Moore, if you can give it
20 to Ms. Schellin.

21 I'm sure Ms. Steingasser doesn't
22 mind helping us.

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1 Okay. Colleagues, Mr. Preston is
2 being offered as an expert in architecture and
3 he does have the resume for Mr. George. So, we
4 will consider him an expert. We've done it in
5 the past.

6 But, Mr. Preston any comments? Any
7 objection? Okay. So, we will accept Mr.
8 Preston as --

9 MR. MOORE: Thank you. Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN HOOD: -- an expert.

11 MR. MOORE: Thank you. Ready?

12 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yes.

13 MR. MOORE: Okay.

14 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yes, begin.

15 MR. MOORE: Ms. Lee --

16 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Oh, let me see.
17 First, do we have any other preliminary
18 matters, Ms. Schellin?

19 MS. SCHELLIN: Just if Mr. Moore
20 could confirm what I said about the posting.
21 If he can confirm that for the record so we have
22 him saying that.

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1 MR. MOORE: I've maintained the --
2 the posting of the signs at three locations.
3 At 38th and Reservoir Road, 37th and O and
4 Prospect Street at 37th Street and I have
5 personally checked -- I have personally erected
6 the signs and I personally maintain them.

7 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. All right.
8 Mr. Moore, you may begin.

9 MR. MOORE: Ma'am, would you state
10 your name for the record please?

11 MS. LEE: Sure. My name's
12 Lauralyn Lee.

13 CHAIRMAN HOOD: You want to turn
14 your microphone on. You want to speak into the
15 microphone. That seems to be a going theme.
16 Speak into the microphone.

17 MS. LEE: On the basics. My name
18 is Lauralyn Lee. I'm Associate Vice President
19 for Community Engagement and Strategic
20 Initiatives at Georgetown University.

21 MR. MOORE: And are you familiar
22 with this application?

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1 MS. LEE: Yes, I am.

2 MR. MOORE: Have you prepared a
3 statement to that effect?

4 MS. LEE: Yes, I have.

5 MR. MOORE: Would you give it
6 please?

7 MS. LEE: Certainly and in the
8 interest of time, I'm going to summarize my
9 statement and we'll submit the full statement
10 for the record.

11 I'm here on behalf of Georgetown
12 University to express the university's support
13 for the project under review.

14 As we envisioned when we created the
15 Georgetown Community Partnership as part of our
16 2010/2017 Campus Plan, we have continuously
17 engaged our community partners. We have
18 worked through the forum of the GCP to insure
19 that this project has the support of the
20 community and is consistent with the planning
21 principles to which the GCP has agreed and which
22 undergird the university's current campus

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1 plan.

2 Over the last two years through the
3 vehicle of the GCP Steering Committee, the
4 university has worked closely with
5 representatives of ANC 2E, ANC 3D, the Foxhall
6 Citizen Civic Association, the Citizens
7 Associations of Georgetown and the Burleith
8 Citizens Association to insure that any project
9 being proposed on the university's campus can
10 first be constructed in a way that allows the
11 university to fully satisfy its commitment
12 under the current 2010 Campus Plan and second,
13 is mindful and consistent with the ongoing
14 collaborative master planning process for the
15 campus that will form the basis of the next
16 campus plan which the university will file by
17 June of 2017.

18 This project meets those twin
19 goals.

20 Moreover, both the university and
21 the community members of the GCP Steering
22 Committee which includes both ANC 2E and ANC 3D

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1 enthusiastically welcome Medstar's commitment
2 memorialized in a letter of agreement between
3 the university and Medstar to engage
4 intensively with the GCP over the next year in
5 a master planning process to design the future
6 of the campus footprint.

7 I'm happy to discuss the details of
8 that agreement if helpful, but in the meantime,
9 on behalf of Georgetown University, I ask for
10 your support of the Proton Therapy Project.

11 Thank you.

12 MR. MOORE: Thank you. Questions
13 of this witness?

14 CHAIRMAN HOOD: We're going to ask
15 our questions at the end.

16 MR. MOORE: All right. Sir, would
17 you state your name? Turn your mike on. Make
18 sure your light's on. Would you state your
19 name for the record, sir?

20 MR. DRITSCHILO: I'm Anatoly
21 Dritschilo.

22 MR. MOORE: Are you employed?

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1 MR. DRITSCHILO: I'm a physician
2 employed by Medstar at Georgetown University
3 Hospital.

4 MR. MOORE: And are you familiar
5 with this application?

6 MR. DRITSCHILO: I am familiar with
7 the application.

8 MR. MOORE: And you have prepared a
9 statement to that effect?

10 MR. DRITSCHILO: I've prepared a
11 statement and I'll -- I can give you a brief
12 summary of that statement.

13 MR. MOORE: Thank you.

14 MR. DRITSCHILO: I serve as the
15 Chairman of the Department of Radiation
16 Medicine at Georgetown and the Lombardi Cancer
17 Center. I've been affiliated with Georgetown
18 and served as Chairman since 1979.

19 I also direct the residency
20 training program for radiation oncology and I
21 am the principal radiation oncologist to the
22 Pediatric Oncology Group for Georgetown

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1 University and the Lombardi Pediatric Oncology
2 Service which is relevant to the proton beam
3 therapy in terms of the treatment of children.

4 My interest in proton therapy
5 started more than 20 years ago and I visited a
6 variety of facilities both in Japan and the
7 United States. I participated in the
8 selection of the mevion machine as fitting our
9 needs best and with the FDA approval of the
10 mevion machine, this offers us the opportunity
11 to provide state-of-the-art cancer care and at
12 the same time, clinical research at the Medstar
13 Georgetown University Hospital facility.

14 The particle radiations, if I can
15 just briefly describe it for you, what the
16 difference is, the particle radiations that are
17 produced by proton machines are low-energy
18 transfer, linear-energy transfer radiations.
19 They're similar to the conventional radiations
20 in their affects on tissues with some
21 variations, but there's a great advantage in
22 using protons in the ability to shape the beams

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1 to deliver the radiation more precisely and
2 since there is no exit beam, you can spare more
3 normal tissue. Hence the value of this
4 treatment for certain locations such as the
5 brain, head and neck, pediatric patients and
6 certainly areas along the spine.

7 So, there are certain areas where
8 there's a real advantage at least theoretically
9 and the clinical trials need to be done to
10 validate that.

11 The treatment of children's cancers
12 is recognized primarily as a real benefit for
13 this and many of the protocols that are
14 presented now to advance that treatment require
15 you to use protons and that's the treatment of
16 choice. So, this is consistent with our
17 pediatric cancer treatment system.

18 I have participated in developing
19 the clinical needs project based on the patient
20 numbers and we anticipate about 300 patients
21 annually at the proton therapy facility and
22 this is consistent with a single-room solution.

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1 This would pretty much be sufficient capacity
2 to take care of these patients.

3 So, and finally, I reemphasize for
4 you that protons are viewed as another tool for
5 the radiation oncologist. The innovation will
6 change the therapy of some cancer patients, but
7 not most and that we certainly need this as a
8 cancer center on the cutting edge of research
9 and development of new treatments to be able to
10 continue with our mission at the Lombardi
11 Cancer Center.

12 I thank you for allowing me to share
13 these comments with you.

14 MR. MOORE: Okay. Mr. Chairman,
15 Ms. Steingasser is here from the Office of
16 Planning and the Department of Transportation
17 report is in the file.

18 I'm going to ask Mr. Preston and Mr.
19 George just to come to the table and I'll offer
20 them for any questions that the Commission may
21 have particularly after Ms. Steingasser or Mr.
22 Mordfin gives a report of the Office of

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1 Planning.

2 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Is that the order
3 you want to do it in, Mr. Moore?

4 MR. MOORE: Yes, if that's -- Ms.
5 Steingasser first and then we'll respond if
6 there is anything to respond to.

7 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Well, Mr.
8 Moore, let me -- can I do it the way that the
9 Commission does it?

10 MR. MOORE: Absolutely. You're
11 the Chairman, sir.

12 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Okay. I
13 just went along with the program. You sounded
14 like you had it altogether. I didn't have
15 anything to do. I like it when it's kind of
16 easy for me.

17 Actually, what we're going to do is
18 we're going to ask our questions of your panel
19 at this point and then we will see if there's
20 anyone from the ANC. I don't see Mr. Lewis, but
21 anyway, we'll deal with that when we get there.

22 Okay. Commissioners, let's open

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1 it up. Any questions of the panel?

2 Commissioner May.

3 COMMISSIONER MAY: Yes. So, the
4 only thing that stuck out to me in the record
5 was the letter of July 29th, 2013 from Mr. Morey
6 who I see in the audience, but he doesn't need
7 to come and answer this.

8 The question really I guess is
9 whether the condition that was stated in that
10 letter which is that the Proton Therapy Project
11 be designed in a manner that allows the
12 university to comply with the campus plan
13 commitments and that's specific to, I think,
14 developing the bus turnaround. So, it's
15 absolutely clear at this point.

16 MR. MOORE: I would offer Ms. Lee to
17 respond to that question, Mr. May.

18 MS. LEE: Yes, at this point, we are
19 confident that we can comply with that
20 commitment and construct this project. It
21 doesn't interfere with the construction of a
22 bus turnaround.

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1 COMMISSIONER MAY: All right. I
2 just need you to get that clear for the record.

3 The only other thing is that the --
4 it would be helpful on a submission like this
5 to know a little bit more about the surrounding
6 site because it was kind of hard to figure out
7 exactly where this project will be built. I'm
8 sure this is a drawing that's readily available
9 from the architect.

10 MR. MOORE: Okay. Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER MAY: I see boards
12 moving and an architect moving them around.

13 If you're going to speak, you need
14 to be on a microphone. So.

15 MR. PRESTON: I'm Dan Preston,
16 Project Architect for the Proton Therapy
17 Project.

18 This aerial photograph here shows
19 the entire Georgetown University Campus. The
20 red dot in the center there, that Vanna White
21 is pointing out here, is the Proton Therapy
22 Project. So, you can see it has a 2700 square

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1 foot footprint located in the center of the
2 campus. So, it's a pretty small impact.

3 COMMISSIONER MAY: Okay. And I
4 mean at this point do we know exactly where the
5 bus turnaround is going to be. Is it going to
6 be right there at that little circle and part
7 of your approach or is it going to be further
8 south or further west?

9 MS. LEE: At this stage, our plan is
10 to put it in front of McDonough Gymnasium. So,
11 actually, not near where the proton beam
12 project will go, but further south of the -- in
13 front of the gymnasium.

14 COMMISSIONER MAY: McDonough? I
15 mean McDonough is all the way at the southern
16 end.

17 MS. LEE: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER MAY: So, the bus is
19 just going to come that far and then turn around
20 all the way at the lower end? It's not going
21 to go into the campus?

22 MS. LEE: The campus plan requires

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1 that the buses start to come in through Canal
2 Road.

3 COMMISSIONER MAY: Correct.

4 MS. LEE: So, they will come in
5 through Canal Road, turn around in front of
6 McDonough and then exit the campus.

7 What we're working on doing is
8 identifying sort of alternative like jitneys
9 and other ways that we can move people through
10 the campus --

11 COMMISSIONER MAY: So, you're not
12 going to run the buses all the way up to --

13 MS. LEE: At this stage, that's the
14 plan.

15 COMMISSIONER MAY: Okay.

16 VICE CHAIR COHEN: Can you do me a
17 favor? I left my binoculars at home. Can you
18 bring that a little closer?

19 And then if you -- to the turnaround
20 proposed and you have to be on a mike to speak
21 as well.

22 MS. LEE: I'm going to invite Robin

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1 Morey, our Vice President of Planning and
2 Facilities, to come to demonstrate where we're
3 planning on doing a -- okay. Great.

4 CHAIRMAN HOOD: If you can just
5 wait a minute, we'll give you -- okay. You got
6 a mike. Is it working?

7 MR. MOREY: Roger that. Okay.
8 Good evening. Robin Morey, Vice President of
9 Planning and Facilities Management, Georgetown
10 University.

11 Just real quickly, as Ms. Lee had
12 indicated, pointing at the map here with the
13 river to our south, McDonough Gym is the large
14 white building from the roof that you see there.
15 In Canal Road up to the McDonough Gym, the buses
16 will turn around at this location here and then
17 exit on Canal Road again. This was the
18 original proposed location that was envisioned
19 when I wrote the letter back in the summer of
20 2013.

21 And as Lauralyn also indicated, we
22 are also looking at doing a jitney or a transfer

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1 system that would accommodate the folks that
2 might be more physically impaired or so forth
3 to be able to get up to the north end of campus
4 since this is a significant grade.

5 We've done studies and walks and
6 measures with regard to the current bus stop
7 which I'm pointing out here. Which is the
8 southern end of Lot A just to the north of the
9 Kober-Cogan Building and if you were just
10 walking at a normal pace, it's about a
11 three-minute difference in walk between the
12 location at the south and the current location
13 where the Dupont bus drops off. Which is only
14 about half of the population that serves our bus
15 systems. The other half of the population, in
16 fact, already drops off to the south in almost
17 the identical location we're proposing.

18 Any questions?

19 COMMISSIONER MAY: That pretty
20 much clarifies it for me and these are the
21 drawings that I thought we were missing.

22 So, I appreciate that and I also

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1 appreciate the fact that you're -- the point of
2 the project and the importance of developing
3 new technologies for treating cancer. Being a
4 cancer survivor myself and having been treated
5 with a treatment that five years before I had
6 to be treated didn't exist, so, I appreciate it.

7 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Any other
8 questions up here? All right. Commissioner
9 Miller.

10 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Thank you,
11 Mr. Chairman.

12 I -- I saw conflicting information
13 about the number of additional employees or
14 number -- any number of additional patients. I
15 wonder if you could just clarify what you're
16 projection is.

17 I realize that this is designed to
18 serve primarily existing patients or maybe
19 existing referrals of patients as well with a
20 new type of therapy, but in one report, I saw
21 one additional employee and in another report,
22 I saw -- I think it was the OP report and then

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1 I think DDOT had said 12 and I'm not sure what
2 I saw from the Applicant.

3 MR. DRITSCHILO: Well, if it said
4 one, it had to be 12 with a typo.

5 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Okay.

6 MR. DRITSCHILO: So, we need an
7 additional -- if we have 300 patients on
8 treatment, we need two physicians.

9 Let's say the worse-case scenario
10 in terms of volume, we would have two additional
11 physicians. We'd have two additional nurses
12 and we would probably have maybe anywhere from
13 three to four therapists and then there's
14 usually some ancillary personnel such as a
15 secretary or receptionist. That type of
16 thing.

17 We can develop the whole list for
18 you, but that would be the support for that
19 center.

20 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Right.

21 MR. DRITSCHILO: Now, in addition
22 to that --

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1 COMMISSIONER MILLER: It would be
2 like two shifts? Like --

3 MR. DRITSCHILO: No. No. You
4 know, our plan -- if it's two shifts, it would
5 be four therapists because we have two at a
6 time.

7 Our plan also would be that if there
8 is an overall volume that's maintained so that
9 it would shift some patients from some of the
10 conventional treatment or cyberknife, then we
11 would make necessary adjustments in that, but
12 I'm assuming that 300 patients would come out
13 of the Medstar system for treatment in this
14 facility.

15 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Okay.
16 Thank you for that clarification.

17 Now, another question was I saw that
18 there is -- that the walls of this new facility
19 are going to be six to eight feet thick to, I
20 guess, prevent radiation from leaking outside
21 of it. I don't -- something dealing with the
22 radiation.

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1 Could you expand upon that and also
2 just provide is it the same kind of material and
3 thickness on the roof as well?

4 MR. DRITSCHILO: Yes. So,
5 typically, for a regular linear accelerator, we
6 have what's usually five feet or so. Five or
7 six feet. And frequently use high density
8 concrete which has some kind of metal like
9 material in it.

10 However, for this, this is
11 calculated as a 240 MeV energy of protons. So,
12 when they strike, they do generate some x-rays.
13 They're high-energy x-rays and this is all
14 determined by the physicists in terms of how
15 thick the walls have to be and so forth.

16 The ceiling would be thinner if
17 there's nothing built above that, but there is
18 something built above that. So, they have to
19 get it down to what the -- I would say the
20 Nuclear Regulatory Commission requires and
21 their safe limits they allow which are fairly
22 low. They're basically below the 500 millirem

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1 per year. Well below that.

2 So, and the background radiation at
3 least in the D.C. area is 150 millirem per year.
4 So, you're getting that just by being in this
5 building for the year.

6 So, it may be a little bit above
7 background, but they try and get as low as
8 possible to the background level.

9 Now, you know, you can never get to
10 absolute background, but certainly, it's very
11 close.

12 COMMISSIONER MILLER: And is the
13 radiation that you're protecting from being
14 leaked, is it the same as the other radiation
15 that you have in the hospital otherwise?

16 MR. DRITSCHILO: It's the same
17 because this is the scattered radiation that is
18 generated. It's not materially different from
19 the linear accelerator or a diagnostic x-ray
20 machine.

21 COMMISSIONER MILLER: So, not to be
22 glib or anything, but you're confident that the

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1 kids playing on the field right adjacent to that
2 are not at risk of radiation leakage?

3 MR. DRITSCHILO: I'll play out
4 there with my grandchildren.

5 COMMISSIONER MILLER: I'm glad to
6 hear that because I go by there all the time.

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Thank you. Vice
9 Chair Cohen.

10 VICE CHAIR COHEN: It's my
11 understanding that you are going to be going
12 underground two stories. Is that correct?

13 MR. DRITSCHILO: Well, the
14 building requires three stories, you know, and
15 the architectural plan is for -- you know,
16 there's like -- I should say dead area, but
17 basically some space for some of the equipment
18 below and then basically, a story for the --
19 where the main treatment is and then there's an
20 area for the gantry to move. So, it is
21 three-stories high and it does go down.

22 MR. PRESTON: Plus the offices on

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1 top.

2 MR. DRITSCHILO: Yes.

3 VICE CHAIR COHEN: Yes, so, it's
4 two down/two up.

5 MR. MOORE: Don, that's a question
6 for you.

7 MR. PRESTON: Yes.

8 VICE CHAIR COHEN: And my question
9 is during construction, how will you manage,
10 you know, the noise, the dust, all the issues
11 that occur during a construction period?

12 MR. PRESTON: All of that will be
13 worked out in concert with the university as
14 well as with Medstar.

15 We have a plan for how to build this
16 building in stages where people will be
17 directed in different ways. Because the lobby
18 has to be closed for a certain time, students
19 have to be directed around the site. It will
20 be fenced off. There will be temporary
21 walkways constructed and there will actually be
22 walkways constructed through the Lombardi

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1 Cancer Center at some point here.

2 So, it's a tough project, but it'll
3 all be managed in concert with all the invested
4 parties.

5 VICE CHAIR COHEN: How long will
6 this project take then since it is staged? I'm
7 just curious about that.

8 MR. PRESTON: About 14 months of
9 construction. Twelve to 14 months, but then we
10 have the equipment rig in and calibration.
11 That will take a few more months for that.

12 VICE CHAIR COHEN: Thank you.
13 That's all the questions that I have, Chairman.

14 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Thank you.

15 I don't have any questions. I
16 think everything was laid out in the
17 application that was presented for me.

18 Let's see if we have any -- again,
19 I don't see anyone here from ANC -- what was the
20 ANC? 2E. Okay. I don't know why I was
21 thinking 2C.

22 But, anyway, I don't see anyone here

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1 from ANC 2E which I know Ron Lewis is the chair
2 and they've asked us to leave the record open
3 and which we will do that so we can get the
4 input. I think they're going to be meeting on
5 Monday night. Which is June the 30th.

6 Which brings up a question. Mr.
7 Moore, what do you think the ANC -- I probably
8 shouldn't ask you this. If I was going to ask
9 you, I can ask you what the number's going to
10 be.

11 What do you think -- how do you think
12 the ANC is moving towards? Are they moving
13 towards being supportive?

14 MR. MOORE: We are hopeful, but not
15 presumptuous of the ANC.

16 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay.

17 MR. MOORE: They are -- I believe
18 that we have something to work with.

19 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay.

20 MR. MOORE: I would be surprised if
21 the ANC --

22 CHAIRMAN HOOD: If it went the

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1 other way.

2 MR. MOORE: -- didn't.

3 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Okay.

4 MR. MOORE: At least not oppose
5 this.

6 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Thank you.

7 All right. Let's see. Again, no
8 one's here from the ANC.

9 Let's go to the Office of Planning
10 and DDOT. If DDOT's not here, I'll read their
11 report.

12 Okay. Mr. Mordfin.

13 MR. MORDFIN: Good evening, Chair
14 and Members of the Commission.

15 The Office of Planning continues to
16 support this application for a campus plan
17 amendment and also for further processing and
18 is also available for any questions.

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Thank you. That
21 was a good report, Mr. Mordfin. Okay.

22 Any questions of the Office of

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1 Planning? Not seeing any.

2 Thank you, Mr. Mordfin.

3 Do you have any cross examination of
4 Office of Planning?

5 MR. MOORE: No.

6 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Also, DDOT
7 was our Exhibit 19. Basically what it says:
8 DDOT has reviewed the Applicant's request and
9 determined based on the information provided
10 there's no adverse impact to the transportation
11 system and that's DDOT's report.

12 Okay. Any other Government
13 agencies responding? I didn't see any in this
14 application.

15 Okay. Let's go to the persons who
16 are here who would like to testify in support
17 of this project. Are there any individuals or
18 organizations who would like to testify in
19 support?

20 Any individuals or organizations
21 who would like to testify in opposition?

22 Okay. Mr. Moore, do you have any

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1 rebuttal?

2 MR. MOORE: No, I just have a brief
3 closing statement.

4 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. We'll take
5 your closing statement.

6 MR. MOORE: Thank you.

7 Members of the Commission, this
8 concludes our verbal and visual presentation in
9 support of this important case.

10 That together with the evidence
11 that has previously been submitted to the case
12 record amounts to substantial evidence that
13 this request to amend and further process the
14 2010-2017 Georgetown University Campus Plan to
15 approve a modest in-campus addition to the
16 Lombardi Cancer Center to allow for the
17 installation and use of a life-saving proton
18 therapy service should be granted.

19 You have read or heard that plans
20 have been made, equipment has been chosen and
21 agreement in terms of strong support with the
22 university has been reached.

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1 The impact of the campus plan is
2 modest if not negligible. The impact on
3 traffic and parking is equally negligible.
4 Our Certificate of Need is in hand.

5 Proton therapy is an important new
6 tool in the fight against childhood cancers.

7 That the D.C. Office of Planning
8 recommends approval of this application. That
9 experts have testified that this application
10 can be approved. It's not inconsistent with
11 the Zoning Plans and Map and without an adverse
12 impact on the use and enjoyment of neighboring
13 property.

14 Also, we are hopeful, but not
15 presumptuous that after months of sincere
16 discussions that ANC 2E will not oppose, even
17 perhaps support, this application.

18 As has been noted by SHPDA, that's
19 the State Health Planning and Development
20 Agency, the need for this new cutting edge
21 technology is great.

22 It's perhaps even more exciting and

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1 fortunate that it can become a reality with a
2 small addition to an existing approved building
3 on the interior of the Georgetown University
4 Campus. Even so, there is no reliable evidence
5 to the contrary.

6 Thus, for these reasons, Medstar
7 Georgetown University Hospital together with
8 Georgetown University respectfully asks the
9 Commission to schedule this application for a
10 vote and approve this project at its first
11 available opportunity in July 2014.

12 The public policy in favor of such
13 an expeditious resolution is easily, easily
14 discernible.

15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Thank you, Mr.
17 Moore, for that closing statement.

18 Ms. Schellin, do we have any dates?

19 MS. SCHELLIN: Yes, I think there
20 is so few items that were asked for. We're
21 leaving the record open for the ANC report.
22 Ten days. Which I calculated out to be July

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1 7th.

2 The maintenance -- affidavit of
3 maintenance which Mr. Moore said he could even
4 file tomorrow. He just forgot to bring it this
5 evening.

6 I believe Ms. Lee was going to
7 provide her full testimony.

8 So, if we just go with those
9 documents being due by 3:00 p.m., July 7th.
10 Allowing one week for the Applicant to respond
11 to the ANC report if they choose to do so.
12 Which would put us at July 14th. I think the
13 Commission could receive that document. I
14 could email it to you and we could put this on
15 the July 17th, 5:00 p.m. meeting agenda.

16 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Sounds good, Mr.
17 Moore?

18 MR. MOORE: That'll be fine.

19 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay.

20 MS. SCHELLIN: Are we looking for
21 draft findings of facts/conclusions of law?

22 MR. MOORE: I'm happy to prepare

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1 them.

2 MS. SCHELLIN: Three o'clock p.m.,
3 July 7th also to allow OAG an opportunity to
4 review it.

5 MR. MOORE: I'm sorry, Ms.
6 Schellin. What date was that?

7 MS. SCHELLIN: July 7th, 3:00 p.m.

8 MR. MOORE: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Do we have
10 anything else, Ms. Schellin?

11 MS. SCHELLIN: That's it.

12 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Mr. George,
13 you got off easy now I want you to know even
14 though the Board is blocking me a little bit.
15 Okay.

16 Mr. Moore, is it okay if we adjourn?

17 We don't usually have fun. I got to
18 have some fun. I know Mr. Moore. He'll let me
19 do that.

20 Okay. So, with that, I want to
21 thank everyone for their presentation and
22 participation in this hearing.

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1 This hearing is adjourned.
2 (Whereupon, the above-entitled
3 matter went off the record at 7:08 p.m.)

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