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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Zoning Commission

Special Public Meeting

Case No. 11-02B [Department of General Services and
D.C. Public Schools - Request for Minor Modification
to University of District of Columbia Campus Plan at
Square 1964.]

6:20 p.m. to 6:26 p.m.
Monday, June 6, 2016

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

2 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. We're ready to get
3 started with our special public meeting. Just a
4 little note that we will have our regular hearing at
5 6:30. We have a special public meeting which starts
6 at 6:15.

7 This meeting will please come to order. Good
8 morning, ladies and gentlemen, this is a public
9 hearing of the Zoning Commission for the District of
10 Columbia.

11 My name is Anthony Hood. Joining me are Vice
12 Chair Cohen, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner May,
13 and Commissioner Turnbull. We're also joined by the
14 Office of Zoning staff, Ms. Sharon Schellin.

15 Copies of today's meeting agenda are
16 available to you and are located in the bin near the
17 door. We do not take any public testimony at our
18 meetings unless the Commission requests someone to
19 come forward.

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21 recorded by a court reporter and is also webcast
22 live. Accordingly, we must ask you to refrain from
23 any disruptive noises or actions in the hearing room,
24 including the display of any signs or objects.
25 Please turn off all electronic devices so not to

1 disrupt these proceedings.

2 Does the staff have any preliminary matters?

3 MS. SCHELLIN: No, sir.

4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Commissioners, we
5 have a special public meeting today as you know.
6 Case No. 11-02B. This is, excuse me, a consent
7 calendar item, Department of General Services and
8 D.C. Public Schools request for minor modification to
9 the University of the District of Columbia's Campus
10 Plan at Square 1964.

11 And as we know in the file, we have some
12 letters of support from the ANC. We do have a letter
13 of support with concerns which were raised and I
14 think they're asking us to take action on this and I
15 think they kind of need us to kind of move with this
16 so they can get ready for the school year the next, I
17 think, two years, I think is what I read.

18 So with that, teeing it up, let me open it up
19 for discussion. We have the merits of the case or
20 request in front of us. Any discussion on this?

21 There's no discussion?

22 MS. COHEN: Yes.

23 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Vice Chair Cohen.

24 MS. COHEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I refer
25 to the -- if I can open it. The Van Ness Street

1 Resident's Association, which is not opening. I know
2 that they indicated that they were concerned about
3 traffic, and I don't believe that I saw anything in
4 the file about any traffic between -- I can't open
5 it. I don't know what's going on.

6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I think one of the things
7 they -- the way I took the letter --

8 MS. COHEN: Yeah.

9 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: -- Vice Chair, was that
10 they were asking if they still worked collaboratively
11 with, I think Ms. Viehe-Naess, who is -- I don't know
12 if she's the president or what. But I know they've
13 asked that the -- we requested, the Zoning Commission
14 requests officials of the Murch School to consult
15 with us in order to develop plans for construction
16 management and traffic management so that the
17 additional traffic from the school is not directed on
18 to the neighborhood streets.

19 And I know that was one of the things I think
20 Ms. Viehe-Naess and her group were a party when we
21 did the regular campus plan. And I think -- I don't
22 know how. I guess we could put that in any kind of
23 order is to ask that they work along together as they
24 proceed with the trailers and the traffic.

25 Now some of those may be germane to the

1 original campus plan with using that soccer field,
2 which used to be the football field, or whatever you
3 want to call it. So.

4 MS. COHEN: Though, Mr. Chairman, if it can
5 be indicated in the zoning order I have no objection
6 to moving forward tonight.

7 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. I would agree. I
8 really think, though, with the urgency of what's
9 needed and what's trying to be done, I'm sure that
10 all parties will be working together collaboratively,
11 trying to make less impacts, because I think at the
12 end of the day it's a benefit for the Murch School.
13 So any other comments, questions? Commissioner
14 Miller.

15 MR. MILLER: Yeah, and I would just note that
16 we have the letter in support from the ANC single-
17 member district commissioner as well. And I am
18 supportive of moving forward as well.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I guess I should ask
20 first, does anybody want this to come off the consent
21 calendar?

22 Okay. Not hearing any objections. Any other
23 conversation or questions?

24 Okay. Would somebody like to -- we'll
25 entertain a motion.

1 MR. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I would move that
2 the Zoning Commission take consent calendar action
3 item approval of Zoning Commission Case No. 11-02,
4 11-02A, minor modification to an approved campus
5 plan, proposed placement of temporary trailers for
6 Murch School at UDC and ask for a second.

7 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I'll second it, but I
8 think it's 11-02B. Did you say A or B?

9 MR. MILLER: Oh, okay. I said A. I'm sorry.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: B. Is it A or B?

11 MS. SCHELLIN: It's B.

12 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: It's B. But we'll do A
13 and B. I don't know what A is but we'll do B.

14 MS. SCHELLIN: That's already been approved.

15 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Oh, A has already been
16 approved. That's the red one. Maybe we'll do it
17 again.

18 Okay. So I'll second that motion. Again,
19 colleagues, with the caveat that I'm sure DGS will be
20 working with the community to make sure that we don't
21 have any issues and try to work together. I think
22 that's going to happen anyway.

23 Any other discussion?

24 [Vote taken.]

25 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Ms. Schellin, would you

1 record the vote?

2 MS. SCHELLIN: Yes, sir. Staff records the
3 vote five to zero to zero to approve final action in
4 Zoning Commission Case No. 11-02B, Commissioner
5 Miller moving, Commissioner Hood seconding,
6 Commissioners May, Cohen, and Turnbull in support.

7 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Ms. Schellin, does this
8 require anything else from us?

9 MS. SCHELLIN: No, sir.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Anything else on
11 this special public meeting?

12 MS. SCHELLIN: No, sir.

13 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So with that we
14 will convene again at 6:30. This special public
15 meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

16 [Hearing adjourned at 6:26 p.m.]

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