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The Public Hearing of the District of Columbia Zoning Commission convened via teleconference, pursuant to notice at 4:00 p.m. EDT, Anthony J. Hood, Chairperson, presiding.

ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

- ANTHONY J. HOOD, Chairperson
- ROBERT E. MILLER, Vice Chair
- GWEN WRIGHT, Commissioner
- TAMMY STIDHAM, Commissioner

OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

- MIKE SAKINEJAD, Zoning Data Coordinator
- SHARON S. SCHELLIN, Secretary

ALSO PRESENT:

- MAXINE BROWN-ROBERTS, DC Office of Planning
- CYNTHIA GIORDANO, ESQUIRE, Saul Ewing, LLP
- TERESA EDMONDSON, Howard University
- DERREK NIEC-WILLIAMS, Howard University

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(4:00 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. We are convening and broadcasting this public hearing by videoconferencing. My name is Anthony Hood, and I'm joined by Vice Chair Miller, Commissioner Wright, and Commissioner Stidham. We're also joined by the Office of Zoning staff, Ms. Sharon Schellin and Mr. Mike Sikinejad, who will be handling all of our virtual operations this evening, as well as our Office of Zoning Legal Division, we have Ms. Hillary Lovick. I will ask all others to introduce themselves at the appropriate time.

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5 additional supporting documents during the hearing, then please
6 be prepared to describe and discuss it at the time of your request
7 when submitting.

8 The subject of this evening's case is Zoning Commission
9 Case Number 20-08E, Howard University Campus Plan amendment and
10 further processing at Square 2882, Lots 951, 950, 953, 1037, 952,
11 2345 through 2525, again, Sherman Avenue, Northwest, July 21st,
12 2025. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the
13 provisions of 11-Z DCMR, Chapter 4, as follows: preliminary
14 matters; applicant's case -- the applicant has up to 60 minutes,
15 but I believe this is pretty straightforward; if we can hit the
16 highlights and the issues about the parking lot and how that's
17 going to be used and the time limit and other issues that have
18 arisen by the ANC, I think that would be the best utilization of
19 our time -- and then we'll have the report of the -- of other
20 government agencies; then we'll have the report of the Department
21 of Transportation and the report of the Office of Planning; report
22 of the ANC -- I believe, in this case, we have ANC 1B and 1E,
23 and they have identified who will be representing them --
24 testimony of organizations and individuals, organizations, five
25 minutes, individuals, three, respectively; and we'll hear in the

1 order from those who are in support, opposition, and undeclared;
2 then we'll have rebuttal and closing by the applicant.

3 At this time, the Commission will consider any
4 preliminary matters. Does the staff have any preliminary
5 matters?

6 MS. SCHELLIN: Yes, sir, just briefly. There are no
7 experts to consider. ANC 1B and ANC 1E are represented by Miguel
8 Deramo and Michael Ray, respectively. I don't see either of them
9 on so far. ANC 1B -- 1E, rather, provided a report at Exhibit
10 15 in support. So far, ANC 1B has not provided a report. OP's
11 hearing report is at Exhibit 17, recommending approval. And DDOT
12 submitted a report at Exhibit 16, and they had no objection. And
13 so this is ready for the Commission to proceed. My understanding
14 is the applicant will take about five to ten minutes and then be
15 ready to proceed with questions, as there is no opposition and
16 the record is full. Thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you. And let me ask my
18 colleagues -- tonight we're going to start with Commissioner
19 Wright, Commissioner Stidham, Vice Chair Miller, and then myself
20 in our questioning for this evening. Ms. Giordano, if you don't
21 mind, you may introduce everyone and you may begin. I think
22 you're on -- you're on mute, Ms. Giordano.

23 MS. GIORDANO: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, members of
24 the Commission and staff. We will be brief. As indicated by
25 Ms. Schellin, the record is full. I'm going to introduce our

1 two witnesses, which are representatives of Howard University.
2 There is Derrek Niec-Williams. I'm sure that you remember him.
3 He's been before you a number of times. And Teresa Edmondson is
4 in charge of the community affairs. She's the new Maybelle
5 Bennett. I think she has also appeared before you. You want to
6 bring them up? There they are. There they are. Okay. So,
7 basically, what we are proposing is a five-year limited use on
8 the Banneker South and North parking lot. The Campus Plan has
9 indicated that the site will be for apartment-style housing.
10 We're not changing that. We're just adding this temporary use.
11 And, with that, I will ask Mr. Niec-Williams to comment.

12 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: Hello and good afternoon. I'm
13 Derrek Niec-Williams. I am the Executive Director for
14 Campus -- sorry -- dated title -- I'm the Assistant Vice
15 President for Planning and Architecture at my beloved alma mater,
16 Howard University. I have an address at 2244 10th Street
17 Northwest here in the District.

18 And so, again, to take the Chairman's lead, focusing
19 primarily on the community conversation, which circled around
20 just site beautification, in general, and so we have agreed to
21 certain language with the community, particularly ANC 1E,
22 surrounding fencing. So there will be wrought iron, you know,
23 metal fencing to match what has been installed at the north
24 parking lot. In addition, we will work on landscaping elements,
25 as well as screening, to come along certain sections of the fence

1 | to speak to the University's brand, and, actually, we'll be
2 | working with some students from the university side that will be
3 | embedded in our team to help us, you know, iron out those
4 | particular aspects of the site.

5 | So, generally, you know, I think that the record more
6 | or less speaks for itself. We have a fairly cloistered site,
7 | and have, you know, a prospective five-year use that, in the
8 | event that we need any additional time, we'll naturally come back
9 | through the process and get some sort of an extension, but, at
10 | this point, we do not actually foresee the need for any additional
11 | time beyond the five-year limitation that's been put on the site.

12 | So, with that, you know, highlighting the issues that
13 | the Chairman asked us to specifically speak about, the only other
14 | notable items is that this will affect roughly 50 parking spaces,
15 | which, ultimately, is, you know, an unstriped surface parking lot
16 | and that's actually something that's called for in the Campus
17 | Master Plan, is a reduction of our overall site -- parking.

18 | So, besides that, overall, this will house laboratory
19 | space, office space, and classroom space for the Physics
20 | Department, as we perform a renovation of their existing building
21 | on the campus. So, with that, again, tried to keep brevity in
22 | mind, and we'll turn it back over to the powers that be for any
23 | questions that might arise. I'll pause for just a moment to see
24 | if Teresa Edmondson would like to say anything about the community
25 | process, but my understanding, you know, having been through a

1 | lot of those meetings, is that we received all the support, having
2 | presented several times in several rounds to the neighbors.

3 | MS. EDMONDSON: Hi. Teresa Edmonson. I am the Manager
4 | of the Community Association in the Office of External Affairs.
5 | I have been here before, but thank you for having me, Chairman
6 | and Commissioners.

7 | Yes, our engagement process was -- we went back and
8 | forth a few times with the 1E Zoning and Economic Development
9 | Committee, Commissioner Ray, who was spoken of earlier, and --
10 | chairs that committee, and one of the things that they
11 | really -- this is a -- this is an ANC Commission that is
12 | extremely supportive of Howard University, so they really wanted
13 | us to beautify the space -- that was the language they used,
14 | "beautification" -- as far as, you know, the fencing and signage
15 | and just making it more of a Howard brand that the folks in the
16 | neighborhood could know that this was actually part of the
17 | University, since it is a little bit separate from the main
18 | campus. But it was a good -- it was a good engagement process,
19 | and here we are with the support of the ANC Commission. You had
20 | spoken about 1-B. I don't know if 1B would even weigh in, because
21 | this is -- this sits in 1-E proper.

22 | MS. GIORDANO: That's correct. 1B was added because
23 | the Campus Plan's being amended, and they are adjacent.

24 | MS. EDMONDSON: And they were -- they were 1B prior.
25 | Fantastic. Understood. Any questions of me?

1 (No response.)

2 MS. EDMONSON: Okay.

3 MS. GIORDANO: So I'll just go back and say that we
4 submitted a PowerPoint presentation in the record, which, on
5 slide eight, includes a site plan, so I'm assuming the Commission,
6 if they approve this, will reference the site plan in their
7 approval.

8 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Silence must mean you all are
9 complete.

10 MS. GIORDANO: We are complete.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Good. Good. All right.
12 Before I go to Commissioner Wright, I do want to ask one or two
13 questions. And it's always good to see you, Mr. Niec-Williams
14 and Ms. Edmondson. Ms. Edmondson, you obviously had some big
15 shoes to fill, and obviously, from at least this record, and I
16 think it's pretty straightforward, you have filled those shoes.
17 How long have you been doing community engagement for Howard
18 University? Well, they call -- is this a real HU or is it
19 Hampton? I get confused, but anyway --

20 MS. EDMONSON: Now, there you go. This is HU, you
21 know, and I've been doing it since November of 2022, so, actually,
22 for a minute now, uh-huh.

23 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So, obviously, you just --
24 you picked up and you've done it well, because when I look at
25 the record, I see support -- nothing but support. I don't see

1 any opposition, and it looked like you all had mitigated any of
2 the issues that ANC, I think, 1E --

3 MS. EDMONDSON: Uh-huh.

4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: For some reason, 1E is on my mind,
5 and I'm not looking at what ANC it was. So, anyway, we appreciate
6 it. And, also, Mr. Niec-Williams, is Mr. Rashad Young still at
7 Howard University?

8 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: Yes, sir.

9 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. I'm just -- all right. So I
10 really don't have any -- oh, I do. I was trying to locate it,
11 and it may be in here, and I just may have missed it. I know
12 you talked about the 50 parking spaces. What are they being used
13 for? Are they parking spaces now that people are using?

14 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: Yes. Yeah, I can -- I can highlight
15 that. So, yeah, there are about 178 -- not about -- exactly 178
16 surface parking spaces. They're unstriped. I would say that
17 right now they are being used for campus parking, but the vast --
18 you know, about maybe 60 or 70 of those spaces for a good time
19 now have been used as staging for construction laydown for the
20 steam plant modernization project, so like some of the large
21 pipes and, you know, deliveries, and what not. So a lot of the
22 spaces have actually been out of commission, you know, not really
23 used on a daily basis by the campus population for quite some
24 time now.

25 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So we already have the

1 | evidence that we can do without those 50 parking spaces because
2 | of the work that's being done on the steam plant; so is that a
3 | fair characterization?

4 | MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: Yeah. Yeah. Those 50 spaces have
5 | not been used for the past at least year, as they staged, you
6 | know, construction equipment and, you know, materials for that
7 | project, which is now, knock on wood (indicating) wrapping up.

8 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. All right. I don't
9 | necessarily have any other questions. I appreciate Commissioner
10 | Wright letting me go first. I just wanted to get that up and
11 | give her time. But, anyway, I'll turn it over to Commissioner
12 | Wright.

13 | COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Thank you. I want to agree with
14 | the Chair. It really seems like Howard University does an
15 | excellent job with community outreach, and the cases that have
16 | come forward to this Commission have been well supported by the
17 | community. And I know that takes a lot of legwork and a lot of
18 | talking, and we really appreciate the fact that Howard is so
19 | committed to working with the surrounding community, so
20 | congratulations on that.

21 | In terms of this specific project, I would just
22 | emphasize, as I think we all have emphasized, that this is for
23 | five years only, and that eventually this property will have some
24 | other kind of redevelopment, probably for housing, but that this
25 | use of the temporary classroom space is for five years only. I

1 know that you've agreed to a condition about beautification,
2 including, you know, an upgraded fence and, again, perhaps some
3 kinds of artwork or other kinds of treatments on the fence, which
4 all sound great. Do you have a plan for going back to the ANC
5 with some more information about those beautification efforts
6 before you actually implement them? That's my question.

7 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: The answer is, yes, we do. So the
8 installation process is likely to occur starting in -- some point
9 in October, around Homecoming time. So we will be engaging on a
10 monthly basis, as part of the process for both involving the
11 students, but also having them involved in that process of
12 community engagement, as well as the process of learning about
13 site planning and beautification and what not. So, again, we
14 wanted to make sure that that's an exposure and a curricular-
15 enhancement opportunity that we couldn't let pass us by.

16 COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: That sounds great. I would just
17 say that the actual condition language about the beautification
18 should be worked out with our legal staff, but, hopefully, it can
19 include not only the language about -- that you will undertake
20 beautification, including upgraded fencing and signage, but that
21 you will continue to coordinate with the ANC and the community,
22 as the beautification is implemented. So I think some sort of
23 language like that in the final condition would be -- would be
24 helpful, and I'm sure the Office of Zoning Legal Department can
25 help you craft that. That's all I had. Thank you so much.

1 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you. And Commissioner
2 Stidham. But, Vice Chair, before we -- when you're doing yours,
3 could you also get an ANC report, if you don't mind? Okay. Vice
4 Chair -- I mean, I'm sorry, Commissioner Stidham.

5 COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: Thank you, and thank you for the
6 very brief presentation and your good work on this project. I
7 really don't have anything to add, other than to echo what has
8 already been said and the need to insure that, as you develop
9 those beautification members (sic) -- the beautification
10 materials, that you're sure to coordinate with the community to
11 insure you're meeting their expectations for the project. But,
12 otherwise, I think the project is fairly straightforward. Thank
13 you.

14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you, Commissioner Stidham.
15 And, Ms. Schellin, I didn't see DDOT, so I asked the Vice Chair
16 to do the DDOT report, along with his comments, so thank you.
17 Vice Chair.

18 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank
19 you -- I'm going to turn off my video -- thank you to the Howard
20 University team, Cynthia Giordano, Teresa Edmondson, and Derreck
21 Niec-Williams. Good to see you all. This is very
22 straightforward. I echo the commendation of your community
23 engagement with ANC 1E and including those conditions regarding
24 the five-year temporary and the -- all the fencing, signage,
25 landscaping, and screening that you're going to do.

1 The only questions I had were, I think I saw that there
2 are already three modular units on the -- on the Banneker, I
3 guess, North parking -- what's referred to as Banneker North
4 parking lot, because of the failure of the steam plant and the --
5 when did that -- when did that happen and when did -- how long
6 have those modular -- and I know you got ZA -- Zoning
7 Administrator approval, because of the emergency situation, but
8 how long have they been there? I should know that, because I
9 used to play tennis regularly across the street?

10 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: 2018.

11 VICE CHAIR MILLER: 2108. Yeah, I thought I saw some
12 there. So the only other question I had was the -- on -- I saw
13 some reference to -- that some of the spaces that will be reduced,
14 I guess, by the Banneker South, the new -- one new modular unit,
15 because the three existing are going to remain, I guess, for five
16 more years, so some -- I guess, is it 50 additional spaces from
17 the modular south and the staging that are going to removed there,
18 because there's already been removal from the -- from the modular
19 units that have been there for seven years now?

20 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: Right. So the numbers that we
21 referenced, 178, that is only the number of parking spaces at the
22 South lot, and so 50 spaces would be removed in order to
23 accommodate the proposed lab modular that we're putting there to
24 accommodate the Physics Department. For context, the long-term
25 plan for the site, which would include two residential towers to

1 house our students, calls for about 150 underground spaces to be
2 split between those two buildings. So just to give you net-net
3 that that was what the Master Plan, you know, DDOT, all the
4 parties ultimately agreed on as sort of the right number of spaces
5 for the prospective use on the site in the future, if that helps
6 contextually.

7 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes, that is -- that does help
8 contextually. Thank you. And I think I saw some reference that
9 the 9:30 Club occasionally uses those 50 spaces, but they'll --
10 there's parking elsewhere on your campus that will be provided
11 for -- that's available for them -- for that use, if needed; is
12 that correct?

13 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: Excuse me. That's correct. There
14 is a parking agreement that we have within a radius of the 9:30
15 Club to provide a certain number of parking spaces on an -- on
16 an as-needed basis, and so we don't expect any sort of disruption
17 as a result of this to that agreement, and have discussed that
18 with the 9:30 Club as well.

19 VICE CHAIR MILLER: And do you know where that would
20 be accommodated elsewhere on the campus already?

21 MR. NIEC-WILLIAMS: Well, it could be accommodated on,
22 you know, the campus or on any university-owned property within
23 a mile radius of the 9:30 Club. So, at present, the large parking
24 lot that is at the -- a little bit closer, actually, between
25 Georgia Avenue and 8th Street is a great -- a prime candidate and

1 | example of a surface lot that could be used for that sort of a
2 | function. And this is during evening hours, right, for their
3 | function as a nightclub.

4 | VICE CHAIR MILLER: Right. Well, thank you for those
5 | responses, and thank you again for all the community engagement
6 | that you've done. And that's it -- all I have, in terms of
7 | questions, Mr. Chairman. You can let me know when you want me
8 | to summarize DDOT and ANC comments.

9 | CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Give me one moment. I'm
10 | going to come back to you. I will say this, Ms. Edmondson. Years
11 | ago, I'm not sure if you're aware, but I don't even know if Mr.
12 | Mr. Niec-Williams is aware, you all did such a great community
13 | engagement. I thought about it from Commissioner Wright's
14 | comments. I would always refer other colleagues -- I'm not going
15 | to name them -- to reach out to Maybelle Bennett, because we
16 | were -- and I don't know -- I don't know if the Vice Chair
17 | remembers this, but we used to have so many problems, but I will
18 | tell you that that worked, because a lot of that has kind of
19 | leveled off as well. So I just wanted to make sure that, just
20 | in case I run into problems, since you seem to be doing so well,
21 | you may hear from other universities as you go along. That's
22 | been my status quo of doing that, because Howard has always had
23 | good community engagement, so continue -- you all continue the
24 | good work. I just wanted to say that on the record. Thank you.

25 | MS. EDMONDSON: Thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: All right. Okay. Vice Chair, let's
2 do -- I don't think we have Office of Attorney General, Ms.
3 Schellin, not in this case I don't think, so let's go to the Vice
4 Chair to give us the DDOT report. And I don't believe DDOT is
5 here. I don't see them. And then we'll go to Office of Planning.
6 Vice Chair, if you can just give us the summary of the DDOT
7 report.

8 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay. Thank you. Yes. At Exhibit
9 16, we have the report from Department of Transportation, dated
10 July 9th, in which they state they have no objection to the
11 approval of this Campus Plan amendment.

12 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: All right. Thank you. And,
13 certainly, you're not going to answer any questions. Vice Chair,
14 also get ready for the ANC report. Let's keep moving, and we'll
15 come back to that report as well. All right. Ms. Schellin, we
16 don't have anybody from the ANC here as well, correct?

17 MS. SCHELLIN: That was the case at the beginning of
18 the hearing. Let me just double-check. We do not.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. All right. Let's go to the
20 Office of Planning, Ms. Brown-Roberts. Ms. Brown-Roberts likes
21 us. I've been seeing her quite a bit.

22 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: I'm here, except that you're not
23 seeing me again.

24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: That's okay. Go right ahead.

25 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: So good evening, Mr. Chairman and

1 members of the Zoning Commission. Maxine Brown-Roberts on Zoning
2 Commission 20-08E for Howard University Campus Plan amendment and
3 further processing. And to conserve time, I will stand the record
4 of our report that was submitted with our support for the
5 proposed -- for the proposed Campus Plan amendment and also for
6 the further processing and that it meets the special exception
7 requirements and, therefore, this is something that we support
8 and recommend approval, also, with the five-year time period.
9 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I'm available for questions.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Brown-Roberts.
11 Always a great report, and we appreciate it. Let's see if we
12 have any questions of you. Commissioner Wright.

13 COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: No questions. Thank you for your
14 report.

15 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Commissioner Stidham.

16 COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: No questions either. Thank you,
17 Ms. Brown-Roberts, for your report.

18 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: All right. And Vice Chair Miller.

19 VICE CHAIR MILLER: No questions. Thank you, Ms. Brown-
20 Roberts.

21 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: You're welcome.

22 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: And, Ms. Giordano, you have any
23 questions of the Office of Planning?

24 MS. GIORDANO: I do not.

25 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. All right. Well, thank you,

1 Ms. Brown-Roberts.

2 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: You're welcome, Mr. Chairman.

3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: On Wednesday, I'm going to be there.
4 I'm going to see if your camera's working Wednesday. If it is,
5 I'm going to say something, but if it's not, you're all right.

6 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: I'll be there on Wednesday. We'll
7 see.

8 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: All right. Let's go to -- Ms.
9 Schellin, let's -- do we have anybody who's here in support,
10 opposition -- no. Vice Chair, can you do the ANC please -- the
11 ANC report?

12 MS. SCHELLIN: There are no witnesses.

13 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Sure. At Exhibit -- can you hear
14 me?

15 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yes.

16 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Okay. At Exhibit 15, we have the
17 report from Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1E, dated June 25th,
18 2025, signed by the Chair, Brian Footer, and it's a very -- it's
19 short. It recommends approval of the application, given Howard
20 University's agreement to address the concerns listed and
21 the -- I'll read what the previous paragraph said. "Howard
22 University has applied for a temporary use to construct modular
23 classrooms while buildings on campus undergo renovations. The
24 lots are currently approved to be campus housing. The ANC met
25 with Howard University and identified two concerns. One, that the

1 time allowed for this temporary use should be limited to five
2 years with this application; and, two, that the lots used should
3 be beautified with graphic elements on the fencing and area
4 plantings. Howard University has agreed to limit this
5 application to five years and to include language on
6 beautification efforts." And that is the sum and substance of
7 the ANC report in support of this application.

8 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Vice Chair.
9 Appreciate you presenting that report. And I would also say that
10 this ANC, Commissioner Ray and Chair Footer and the whole entire
11 ANC, is very thoughtful in their deliberations and comments to
12 us, so I appreciate all the time that they take in doing that.
13 All right. Ms. Schellin, I think you had started off, so I'm
14 going to ask you again. Do we have anyone here in support,
15 opposition, or undeclared?

16 MS. SCHELLIN: We have no witnesses in any category.

17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you. Ms. Giordano, you
18 have any rebuttal? I don't think you have any rebuttal, but --

19 MS. GIORDANO: I have no rebuttal. And I just wanted
20 to say that we included on the last slide of our PowerPoint some
21 language regarding the beautification, and we can add to that to
22 address the issue of collaborating with the ANC going forward.

23 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Great. And I'm sure our
24 counsel can work with you all on that as well to make sure it
25 meets our standards. So, with that, colleagues, I think this is

1 pretty straightforward. I guess we can vote on this, even though
2 some -- but our counsel is working on some final language, so,
3 anyway, I don't -- they didn't turn -- Ms. Lovick, didn't turn
4 her light on, so we're going to keep going. Commissioner Wright,
5 would you like to make a motion please?

6 COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Sure. I -- let me get to the
7 staff report, so that I can reference it correctly. So I move
8 that we approve Zoning Case -- Zoning Commission Case Number 20-
9 08E, Howard University Campus Plan amendment and further
10 processing at Square 2882, Lots 951, 950, 953, 1037, 952, 2045
11 through 2525, Sherman Avenue Northwest, and that would be with
12 the conditions about the period of time of five years and the
13 language about the beautification efforts to be coordinated with
14 the ANC. So that is the motion.

15 COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: Second.

16 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. It's been moved and properly
17 seconded. Any further discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Not hearing any, Ms. Schellin, would
20 you do a roll call vote please?

21 MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. Commissioner Stidham.

22 COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: Yes.

23 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Hood.

24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yes.

25 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Miller.

1 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

2 MS. SCHELLIN: The vote is four to zero to one to
3 approve final action in Zoning Commission Case Number 20-08E, the
4 minus one being Commissioner Imamura, to approve this case for a
5 five-year period, which also includes both the Banneker South and
6 Banneker North, where three units have already been installed,
7 and the applicant will work with OZLD to finalize the
8 beautification language or efforts that Commissioner Wright
9 mentioned. And if we could have the applicant provide that draft
10 order within two weeks, that would be great. Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: And I believe they can provide a
12 summary order, if our counsel believes that it's appropriate,
13 okay, unless we have any objections.

14 MS. SCHELLIN: Okay.

15 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Before I close this hearing out, the
16 Zoning Commission will meet again I believe July the 28th?

17 MS. SCHELLIN: Correct.

18 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. July the 28th, 2025, and we
19 have Harvard University Center for Hellenic Studies, so -- and
20 we'll meet on these same platforms at four p.m. So, with that,
21 I want to thank Howard University, the residents, the ANC, and
22 the applicant and everybody on this case and all the work you
23 all do, and this hearing is adjourned. Have a nice evening.

24 (Whereupon, the above-entitled public hearing was
25 adjourned at 4:33 p.m.)

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