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1 PROCEEDINGS

- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Ladies and gentlemen, this
- 3 is a public meeting of the Zoning Commission for the
- 4 District of Columbia. Today's date is Monday,
- 5 January 9th, 2017. We're located in the Jerrily R.
- 6 Kress Memorial Hearing Room.
- My name is Anthony Hood. Joining me this
- 8 evening are Vice Chair Miller, excuse me,
- 9 Commissioner May and Commissioner Turnbull. We're
- 10 also joined by the Office of Zoning staff, Ms. Sharon
- 11 Schellin, Office of Attorney General, Mr. Ritting,
- 12 Office of Planning staff, Ms. Steingasser, Mr.
- 13 Lawson, Mr. Mordfin, Ms. Fothergill, and I believe we
- 14 have someone new. Could somebody introduce our new
- 15 person?
- MR. LAWSON: We do. Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 17 I'd like to introduce our newest development review
- 18 staff member, Crystal Myers. She joined us very
- 19 recently, just a couple months ago. So, this is her
- 20 first Zoning Commission meeting.
- CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Well, Ms. Myers,
- 22 welcome aboard and welcome to the D.C. Zoning
- 23 Commission. Okay.
- Copies of today's meeting agenda are
- 25 available to you and are located in the bin near the

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- 1 door. We do not take any public testimony at these
- 2 meetings unless the Commission requests someone to
- 3 come forward. Please be advised, this proceeding is
- 4 being recorded by a court reporter and is also
- 5 webcast live. Accordingly, we must ask you to
- 6 refrain from any disruptive noises or actions in the
- 7 hearing room, including the display of any signs or
- 8 objects. Please turn off all electronic devices, and
- 9 with the people I see in the audience, I especially
- need to read that about being disruptive. But
- anyway, I've been wanting to say that for a long time
- so, these guys won't be mad with me.
- Ms. Schellin, do we have any preliminary
- 14 matters?
- MS. SCHELLIN: No, sir.
- 16 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. If not, let's go
- 17 straight with the agenda. Consent calendar, minor
- 18 modification and technical corrections. Oh, okay.
- 19 I'm sorry. Let's go straight to B, modification of
- 20 significance, Zoning Commission Case No. 04-13A,
- 21 Metropolitan Baptist Church, modification of
- consequence at Square 277. Ms. Schellin.
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. As the Commission will
- 24 recall this case was deferred from last month's
- 25 agenda to allow the ANC time to provide a report.

- 1 Staff contacted the ANC advising them of this and as
- 2 of last week no report was received. I asked Ms.
- 3 Hanousek of the office to contact the ANC and she
- 4 spoke with Adam Beebe and was advised that the ANC
- 5 has taken no action on this case. He advised that
- one commissioner moved to protest the case, but that
- 7 motion failed, and he said there would be nothing
- 8 coming in writing on this case from the ANC. So,
- 9 we'd ask the Commission to proceed with action on
- 10 this case.
- 11 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Ms.
- 12 Schellin. And colleagues, I see the applicant seem
- 13 to have spoken for the ANC, but that concerns me
- 14 because what I'm hearing the ANC saying they're not
- 15 going to do anything. But at least the way I read
- the letter, which is Exhibit 9, something was done.
- 17 Let me make sure I'm talking about the right
- 18 -- okay. Yeah. I wanted to make sure I was on the
- 19 right case because some of this stuff runs together.
- But apparently, according to what the
- 21 applicant has given us, there was some action taken
- 22 and their original issue and everything was reversed.
- 23 But yet, we get comments from our own staff who made
- 24 a call to the ANC and none of that was mentioned, so,
- 25 you know, I really don't know what the prevailing

- 1 conclusion is on this because that baffles me. But
- 2 let me open it up for any comments. So, any other
- 3 findings someone may have. Commissioner May,
- 4 anybody?
- MR. MAY: Mr. Chairman, you know, as I recall
- 6 we essentially left this open. We had an indication
- 7 of what had occurred at the ANC meetings earlier in
- 8 December when we took it up on December 12th, but we
- 9 didn't have an official submission from them and we
- 10 were inclined to give them the time to provide that
- 11 submission to us so we understood exactly what went
- 12 on.
- You know, it is a little confusing comparing
- 14 what Ms. Schellin reports to what the applicant
- 15 reports on this but, you know, the bottom line is
- that we gave the ANC plenty of time to respond and
- 17 they haven't, and I think what we have before us is
- not an unreasonable request and I'm prepared to move
- 19 forward.
- 20 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Anybody else? All
- 21 right.
- MR. MILLER: Mr. Chair, I would concur with
- 23 that.
- CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. I have no problems
- 25 moving. Somebody like to make a motion?

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- MR. MILLER: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I would move
- 2 that the Zoning Commission take action on zoning
- 3 modification consequence for Zoning Commission Case
- 4 No. 04-13A, Metropolitan Baptist Church at Square
- 5 277, and ask for a second.
- 6 MR. MAY: Second.
- 7 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. It's been moved and
- 8 properly seconded. Any further discussion?
- 9 [Vote taken.]
- 10 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Ms. Schellin, would you
- 11 record the vote?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. Staff records the vote
- 13 four to zero to one to approve final action in Zoning
- 14 Commission Case No. 04-13A, Commissioner Miller
- 15 moving, Commissioner May seconding, Commissioners
- 16 Hood and Turnbull in support, Commissioner Shapiro
- not present, not voting.
- 18 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Next, let's go to
- 19 final action. Zoning Commission Case No. 15-31, 777
- 20 17th Street, LLC., consolidated PUD and relate map
- amendment at Square 4507. Ms. Schellin.
- MS. SCHELLIN: Exhibits 44 through 46 are the
- 23 applicant's post-proposed action filings. Exhibit 47
- 24 is the NCPC report advising of no federal issues.
- 25 Ask the Commission to consider final action this

- 1 evening.
- 2 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Colleagues, I think I
- 3 would be in favor of this. I think there have been,
- 4 excuse me, some revised roof plans and that others
- 5 may have asked for, and I think there have been some
- 6 proposed benefits and amenities, and we have some
- 7 correspondence on that. But as Ms. Schellin has
- 8 already mentioned, we also have NCPC report.
- Anything else? Any other comments?
- MR. MAY: Mr. Chairman, you know, I think
- 11 there was one issue having to do with the setback on
- 12 the rooftop for the planters and I think that that
- 13 has been -- the drawings have been changed to make
- 14 sure that the setback is there and so I'm satisfied
- 15 that the final remaining issues for this case are
- 16 resolved and I'm ready to move to final approval.
- 17 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Any other comments on
- 18 this?
- All right, so not hearing any I would move
- 20 approval of Zoning Commission Case No. 15-31 and ask
- 21 for a second.
- MR. MILLER: Second.
- 23 CHAIRMAN HOOD: It's been moved and properly
- 24 seconded. Any further discussion?
- [Vote taken.]

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- 1 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Ms. Schellin, would you
- 2 record the vote?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Staff records the vote four,
- 4 to zero, to one to approve final action in Zoning
- 5 Commission Case No. 15-31, Commissioner Hood moving,
- 6 Commissioner Miller seconding, Commissioners May and
- 7 Turnbull in support, Commissioner Shapiro not
- 8 present, not voting.
- 9 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Next, we have Zoning
- 10 Commission Case No. 16-07, W-G 9th and O, LLC.,
- 11 consolidated PUD and related map amendment at Square
- 12 399. Ms. Schellin.
- MS. SCHELLIN: Exhibits 38 through 40A are
- 14 the applicant's post proposed action filings.
- 15 Exhibit 41, again NCPC report advising of no federal
- issues, and we'd ask the Commission to consider final
- 17 action this evening.
- 18 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Let me open it up.
- 19 Any comments?
- MR. MAY: So, again there was a rooftop
- 21 setback issue that was -- at proposed action. The
- 22 applicant agreed to change the -- well, to withdraw
- 23 the request and modify the drawings. They've done
- 24 that so that's okay. And then I think they also
- 25 improved the Inclusionary Zoning offering and

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- 1 increased the amount of the relative square footage
- that would be provided at 50 percent AMI, so I think
- 3 that was one of the things that we raised at the last
- 4 -- when we took proposed. So, I'm inclined to move
- forward with this as well.
- MR. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I also wanted to
- 7 commend the applicant on strengthening the affordable
- 8 housing proffer.
- 9 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Any other comments? Somebody
- 10 like to make a motion?
- MR. TURNBULL: Mr. Chair, I would move that
- we approve Zoning Case No. 16-07, W-G 9th Street, 9th
- and O, LLC., consolidated PUD and related map
- 14 amendment at Square 399.
- MR. MILLER: Second.
- 16 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. It's been moved and
- 17 properly seconded. Any further discussion?
- [Vote taken.]
- 19 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Ms. Schellin, would you
- 20 record the vote?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Staff records the vote four,
- to zero, to one to approve final action in Zoning
- 23 Commission Case No. 16-07, Commissioner Turnbull
- 24 moving, Commissioner Miller seconding, Commissioners
- 25 Hood and May in support, Commissioner Shapiro not

- present, not voting.
- 2 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Thanks. Next, Zoning
- 3 Commission Case No. 97-16D, Lowell School,
- 4 Incorporated, one-year PUD time extension at Square
- 5 2745F. Ms. Schellin.
- 6 MS. SCHELLIN: Yes, sir. As stated, this is
- 7 a request for a one-year time extension, PUD time
- 8 extension. If the Commission will recall the
- 9 applicant filed some time ago, a minor modification
- 10 for the parking and play area of the PUD, which the
- 11 Commission did approve and the ANC then requested a
- 12 reconsideration of that order and it was granted.
- 13 The Commission then ruled that a hearing would be
- 14 held on the modification, or on that modification
- 15 request.
- After conversations with the community the
- 17 applicant decided to move forward with the original
- 18 plan and not the modification.
- 19 However, the order was going to expire
- November 26th, 2016, so the applicant requested this
- one-year time extension that is before you this
- evening.
- Exhibit 5 is an ANC for a report in support
- of the request for extension. And Exhibit 7 is an OP
- 25 report in support. So, we'd ask the Commission to

- 1 consider the request for the time extension this
- 2 evening.
- 3 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Ms.
- 4 Schellin. Colleagues, I'm actually very happy in the
- findings on this case. I think we may have helped
- 6 get to that point, but see, that kind of stuff
- 7 doesn't get reported.
- But anyway, so I'm really happy with the
- 9 report from the ANC. I think it's Chairperson Black,
- 10 or Commissioner Black in 4A in this case. There were
- 11 some outstanding issues from the community with even
- 12 getting that extension with Lowell, and I think
- they've all worked it out and it looks like they are
- 14 very collaborative and they are working together, and
- 15 nothing but a letter of support from ANC 4A at this
- 16 time, which we did not have previously.
- But with that, let me open it up. Any
- 18 comments or questions?
- MR. MILLER: Yeah, I just wanted to concur,
- 20 Mr. Chairman, with your comments and commend the
- 21 applicant and the community for working together to
- reach this resolution and go back to the original
- 23 plans for this area of the school.
- CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Any other questions or
- 25 comments?

- All right. With that, I would move approval
- 2 on this Zoning Commission Case No. 97-16D Lowell
- 3 School, Inc., one-year PUD time extension at Square
- 4 2745F and ask for a second.
- 5 MR. MILLER: Second.
- 6 CHAIRMAN HOOD: It's been moved and properly
- 7 seconded. Any further discussion?
- 8 [Vote taken.]
- 9 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Ms. Schellin, would you
- 10 record the vote?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. Staff records the vote
- 12 four, to zero, to one to approve final action in
- 20 Zoning Commission Case No. 97-16D. Commissioner Hood
- 14 moving, Commissioner Miller seconding, Commissioners
- 15 May and Turnbull in support, Commissioner Shapiro not
- 16 present, not voting.
- 17 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Let's go to hearing
- 18 action in Zoning Commission Case No. 16-21, North
- 19 Capitol Hospitality, LLC., map amendment at Square
- 20 617. Mr. Mordfin.
- MR. MORDFIN: Good evening Chair and Members
- of the Commission. The applicant is requesting a map
- amendment from the M-U-4 to the M-U-5-A to permit the
- 24 redevelopment of a vacant property at the northwest
- 25 corner of North Capitol Street and Hannover Place

- 1 Northwest. The requested map amendment would allow
- 2 for an increase in building height and nonresidential
- 3 FAR. M-U-5 zones are designed to permit medium
- 4 density, compact use development on arterial roads
- 5 such as North Capitol Street, designated as a
- 6 principle arterial roadway by DDOT.
- 7 The applicant is nonconsisent with the
- 8 generalized policy map, which recommends main street
- mixed-use corridor, a designation encouraging
- 10 redevelopment in support of transit use, enhancing
- 11 the pedestrian environment, and fostering economic
- 12 and housing opportunities.
- The application is not inconsistent with
- 14 several of the Comprehensive Guiding Plan principles,
- including that the District needs residential growth
- and nonresidential growth, which creates jobs,
- opportunities for less affluent households.
- In-fill opportunities along corridors are an
- important component of invigorating and enhancing
- 20 neighborhoods, and growth in the District benefits
- 21 not just the District but the region as well by
- 22 creating a critical mass to support new services.
- The applicant is also not inconsistent with
- 24 several of the area elements of the Comprehensive
- 25 Plan, including land use, by encouraging in-fill

- 1 development and facilitating the re-use of vacant
- 2 lots, economic development, the goal of which is to
- 3 revitalize neighborhood commercial centers and
- 4 attract new industries, urban design, which includes
- 5 to improve the District's avenues and boulevards to
- 6 reinforce the form and identity of the city, create
- 7 more memorable and distinctive gateways, and focus
- 8 improvements on symbolic streets that suffer from
- 9 poor aesthetic conditions, such as North Capitol
- 10 Street.
- 11 And finally, the near Northwest area element,
- which contains -- which includes that the most
- 13 significant challenge within that area is retaining
- 14 the physical and social fabric of the area.
- An application should also not be
- inconsistent with the quidance of a small area plan.
- 17 In this case, the Mid-City East Small Area Plan
- 18 adopted in 2014 recommends that the corner of
- 19 Hannover Place and North Capitol Street Northwest,
- the location of the subject property, be moderate
- 21 density commercial and medium density residential,
- 22 consistent with the application.
- Therefore, the Office of Planning finds that
- 24 the applicant is not inconsistent with many of the
- 25 aspects of the Comprehensive Plan and has supported

- 1 many of its policies, goals, and principles.
- 2 Therefore, OP recommends that the Commission set down
- 3 the subject application. Thank you.
- 4 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Mr.
- 5 Mordfin. Let's open it up. Any comments or
- 6 questions of Office of Planning?
- 7 Okay. Vice Chair Miller?
- 8 MR. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So,
- 9 this is one of those areas where it makes a lot of
- 10 sense. Particularly with the Small Area Plan and all
- 11 the community outreach around and development around
- 12 that. But it's also one of those cases where the
- 13 future land use map hasn't yet been changed. And
- 14 that's the Comprehensive Plan. The Small Area Plan
- is just supplemental guidance to the Comp Plan.
- So, I just think it's somewhat of a timing
- issue. But there's a lot of information in both the
- 18 OP report and the applicant's statement that supports
- 19 the Comp Plan map designation, but I think we just
- 20 have to make sure that that is strong enough to
- 21 support a not inconsistent reading with just the Comp
- 22 Plan, even if the Small Area Plan didn't exist
- 23 because I just think that's important.
- CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Again, the request is
- set down. Any other questions or comments?

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- MR. TURNBULL: Mr. Chair, I was asking the
- 2 Vice Chair, are you looking for more information from
- 3 OP then?
- 4 MR. MILLER: I guess by either hearing from
- 5 the OP or the applicant, just more information to
- 6 support the map, the zoning map designation in the
- 7 absence of a land use map designation which we
- 8 understand is coming, but won't be in effect before
- 9 we take action, if we were to take action. So, we
- 10 just have to beef up that -- those arguments for that
- 11 map.
- MR. TURNBULL: Okay.
- MR. MILLER: For the zoning map change.
- MR. TURNBULL: Well, Mr. Chair, with that
- 15 caveat I would be in support of also setting this
- down.
- 17 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Somebody like to make
- 18 a motion?
- MR. TURNBULL: Mr. Chair, I would move that
- 20 we set down Zoning Commission No. 16-21, North
- 21 Capitol Hospitality, LLC., map amendment at Square
- 22 617.
- MR. MILLER: Second.
- CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. It's been moved and
- 25 properly seconded. Any further discussion?

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- 1 [Vote taken.]
- 2 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Ms. Schellin, would you
- 3 please record the vote?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. Staff records the vote
- 5 four, to zero, to one to set down Zoning Commission
- 6 Case No. 16-21 as a contested case, Commissioner
- 7 Turnbull moving, Commissioner Miller seconding,
- 8 Commissioners Hood and May in support. Commissioner
- 9 Shapiro not present, not voting.
- 10 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Next, Zoning
- 11 Commission Case No. 16-25, D.C. Boathouse, LLC., map
- 12 amendment at Square 6. Ms. Fothergill.
- MS. FOTHERGILL: Good evening, Chairman Hood
- and Members of the Commission. For the record, I'm
- 15 Anne Fothergill with the Office of Planning.
- OP recommends that the Zoning Commission set
- 17 down D.C. Boathouse, LLC.'s request for a map
- amendment of 2601 and 2641 Virginia Avenue Northwest,
- 19 within the Foggy Bottom West End Neighborhood. The
- 20 proposal would not be inconsistent with the
- 21 Comprehensive Plan.
- The map amendment would rezone both
- 23 properties in Square 6 to M-U-2. The building at
- 24 2601 Virginia Avenue Northwest was originally built
- as a hotel and most recently was used as a dormitory

- 1 for George Washington University.
- 2 2641 Virginia Avenue Northwest is currently
- 3 operating as a gas station with gas pumps and a small
- 4 building.
- 5 The Comprehensive Plan future land use map
- 6 shows the subject properties striped for mixed-use,
- 7 high density residential and medium density
- 8 commercial uses. The proposed map amendment to M-U-2
- would be consistent with these land use designations
- 10 and would allow for commercial uses in this location
- which would not be permitted under the current R-A-5
- 12 zoning.
- The permitted height is the same in both
- zones, and the FAR and lot occupancy could increase
- 15 with the Inclusionary Zoning bonus.
- The Watergate site, directly across Virginia
- 17 Avenue is zoned M-U-2 and has the same future land
- 18 use map designation.
- The generalized policy map shows the subject
- 20 properties as institutional uses which reflects the
- 21 previous ownership and use by George Washington
- 22 University.
- The applicant has entered into a memorandum
- of agreement with the West End Citizen's Association,
- 25 and they support the proposed map amendment and

- 1 development. The map amendment is not inconsistent
- 2 with the Comprehensive Plan, and the Office of
- 3 Planning recommends that the D.C. Boathouse, LLC.
- 4 application be set down for a public hearing. And
- 5 I'd be happy to take any questions. Thanks.
- 6 MR. TURNBULL: So, Ms. Fothergill, George
- 7 Washington University has no ownership of any of the
- 8 parcels?
- 9 MS. FOTHERGILL: That's right.
- MR. MAY: Where are we going to go for gas?
- MS. FOTHERGILL: The gas station will
- 12 continue, in that location.
- MR. MAY: Really? And they're going to build
- 14 up over it or something?
- MS. FOTHERGILL: The proposal involves an
- 16 expansion of the --
- MR. MAY: Oh.
- MS. FOTHERGILL: -- building.
- MR. MAY: Of the building, but they're going
- 20 to leave the gas station as it is?
- MS. FOTHERGILL: That's my understanding,
- 22 yes.
- MR. MAY: Okay. Well, that's much more
- 24 helpful because it's the closest gas station to my
- office, and I occasionally need gas. It's a hybrid,

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- 1 so I don't need it very often, but -- and I do drive.
- 2 But only for work.
- 3 CHAIRMAN HOOD: I wish more people were here
- 4 to hear that, because every time you -- most people,
- 5 it's crowded, they think you always ride a bicycle.
- MR. MAY: I'm sure there's a big crowd out
- 7 there watching in class.
- 8 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Watching, I'm sure. Yes.
- 9 MR. MAY: Yeah.
- 10 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Yeah. Any other questions or
- 11 comments?
- I think we have an issue, colleagues, whether
- 13 this is a rulemaking or a contested case, I think we
- 14 need to discuss that.
- Let me ask the Office of Planning, Ms.
- 16 Fothergill. This is being proposed to us now as a
- 17 rulemaking case, correct? Oh, maybe Ms. Steingasser.
- 18 Somebody could help me. Yeah.
- MS. SCHELLIN: I can ask a question to the
- 20 applicant. Is the owner of the gas station part of
- 21 the petition? They are not? But you're asking that
- 22 that property also be rezoned.
- CHAIRMAN HOOD: Do we know, Ms. Schellin, if
- you can find -- do we know if all property owners are
- in agreeance? Because I think we ran into this issue

- once before.
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes, they are in agreement.
- 3 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. So, in that case there
- 4 shouldn't be any unknown issues arise at a hearing, a
- 5 rulemaking hearing. Okay.
- All right. So, we'll proceed. Any other
- 7 questions or comments? Somebody like to make a
- 8 motion?
- 9 MR. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I would move that
- 10 the Zoning Commission set down for public hearing,
- 11 Case No. 16-25, D.C. Boathouse, LLC., map amendment
- 12 at Square 6 and ask for a second.
- MR. TURNBULL: Second.
- 14 CHAIRMAN HOOD: All right. It's been moved
- and properly seconded. Any further discussion?
- [Vote taken.]
- 17 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Ms. Schellin, would you
- 18 record the vote?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Staff records the vote four,
- 20 to zero, to one to set down Zoning Commission Case
- No. 16-25 as a rulemaking case. Commissioner Miller
- 22 moving, Commissioner Turnbull seconding,
- 23 Commissioners Hood and May in support, Commissioner
- 24 Shapiro not present, not voting.
- 25 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Next, Zoning

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- 1 Commission Case No. 17-01, Office of Planning Text
- 2 Amendment to Subtitles B and U, Continuing Care
- 3 Retirement Community. Ms. Myers.
- Oh, I'm sorry. Ms. Steingasser.
- 5 MS. STEINGASSER: Yes, sir. The Zoning
- 6 Commission may remember you considered this use and
- 7 corrections to the definition as part of technical
- 8 corrections to the ZR-16 case, 08-06G. There was a
- 9 lot of confusion and comments entered into the record
- 10 on this case, and the Commission took action on Case
- 11 08-06G, but removed this definition an any action on
- 12 this issue and asked that the Office of Planning come
- 13 back with some clarifying text amendments regarding
- 14 the special exception use and the definition.
- 15 This case represents that. We recommend it
- 16 be set down.
- I also draw attention to the fact that in
- 18 this case there's three separate uses that usually
- 19 make up a continuing care retirement community. It's
- 20 independent living, assisted living, and some kind of
- 21 license or skilled nursing care.
- The previous administration of the definition
- under a community based residential facility allowed
- by special exception, an applicant to have only one
- of those three. So, the Office of Planning has

- 1 brought forward that option, but we've also added a
- 2 limitation on the facility if it has only independent
- 3 living, because that would be nothing more than a
- 4 mixed-use -- I'm sorry, a multi-family building for
- 5 residents over 60, and it would be permissible by
- 6 special exception in the low-density R-1-A, R-1-B,
- 7 and R-2 Zones. So, we've put a limit on that as a
- 8 maximum limit of eight.
- 9 With that we recommend the case be set down.
- 10 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. I want to thank the
- 11 Office of Planning for moving swiftly on this. I
- 12 think this was done very expeditiously. Let me open
- 13 it up. Any comments or questions on this,
- 14 Colleagues?
- 15 Vice Chair Miller?
- MR. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So, I
- was wondering, in the definitely that you're
- 18 proposing for Community Care Retirement community, I
- 19 wonder if the, in the second sentence where you say -
- 20 I'm reading from page 2 of your report, "This
- 21 facility includes -- "well, it's a building, a group
- of buildings providing a continuity of residential
- 23 occupancy and health care for elderly persons.
- And then the second sentence, which is what I
- wanted to ask a question about reads, "This facility

- 1 includes dwelling units for independent living, and
- 2 assisted living facilities, plus a skilled nursing
- 3 care facility of a suitable size to provide treatment
- 4 or care of the residents; and it may also include
- 5 ancillary facilities for the further enjoyment,
- 6 service, or care of the residents."
- 7 And then the next sentence is having the
- 8 facility restricted to 60 years of age or older. So,
- 9 and then you have the special exception section,
- which in F2 of proposed 203.1, F2, those uses seem to
- 11 be in the alternative as opposed to in the
- 12 conjunctive. So, I'm wondering in that second
- 13 sentence of the definition whether you could just do
- 14 the same thing, have them in the alternative. This
- 15 facility includes dwelling units for independent
- 16 living, and strike the word "and", assisted living
- 17 facilities, strike the word, "plus", and change that
- 18 to an or; or a skilled nursing care facility of
- 19 suitable size, because that's the way you have it
- 20 defined in the special exception section that's
- 21 below, and then you have further restrictions if it
- is one or more of those things.
- If I'm making myself clear, the conjunctives
- 24 seem to be what caused the confusion in the -- when
- you brought forward the technical corrections and the

- 1 consternation from those who thought that they were
- 2 going to have to have all of them. While the special
- 3 exception criteria made clear that it's in the
- 4 alternative, the definition doesn't. So, I'm
- 5 wondering if you have a comment on that.
- MS. STEINGASSER: I don't have a comment, but
- 7 if that's how the Commission wants to set it down,
- 8 that would be fine.
- The inclusion of the word, "and" and also are
- 10 what changed there, and -- but if it makes it clearer
- 11 -- I'm kind of back and forth on it. We don't want
- 12 to encourage multifamily housing for seniors without
- 13 some kind of nursing or assisted living, that that is
- 14 the purpose of a continuing care retirement
- 15 community. So, that's why we tried to focus that by
- 16 having the word "and" in there. But I see the
- 17 disconnect you're making with the special exception.
- MR. MILLER: Right. And the special
- 19 exception criteria made clear that you have to have
- 20 certain things, if you only have one of those -- if
- you only meet one of those criterias. So, I think
- 22 that might -- I think it would be more consistent
- with what you're trying to accomplish.
- MS. STEINGASSER: Well, certainly for a
- 25 public hearing notice we could do it that way, and if

- 1 we get comments that make it clear, we'll be happy to
- 2 reconsider those.
- MR. MILLER: Okay. The other question I had
- 4 was, I didn't go back and look at the comments that
- 5 we got on those technical corrections that focused on
- 6 this section. So, the on facility that was being
- 7 proposed, or I don't know what stage or permitting it
- 8 was in, but it would now -- it clearly would have to
- 9 go through a special exception process under this.
- Before there was a technical correct proposed
- 11 were they under the impression that it was a matter-
- of-right?
- MS. STEINGASSER: I don't believe so. Under
- 14 the 1958 regulations it was a special exception, and
- it was administered under the community based
- 16 residential facilities, and they could then go
- 17 forward with just an independent living as a special
- 18 exception. They were worried that --
- MR. MILLER: They wouldn't be allowed at all.
- MS. STEINGASSER: -- they wouldn't be allowed
- at all because we were adding the word, "and."
- MR. MILLER: Right. Right.
- MS. STEINGASSER: Yeah. But, we were
- 24 informed that they were going to file a special
- 25 exception that next week, but we have not seen

- 1 anything yet.
- MR. MILLER: So, you've been in consultation
- 3 with some of those folks who --
- 4 MS. STEINGASSER: No, sir.
- 5 MR. MILLER: No.
- MS. STEINGASSER: We've met with a
- 7 representative back in April, and then prior to the
- 8 effective date of the ZR-16 regs, and then we got an
- 9 e-mail the day after this was considered in December,
- 10 and the CCRC was removed from the technical
- 11 corrections and we were told they would file
- something and we've never seen or heard back from
- 13 them. So.
- MR. MILLER: So, I guess I just would
- 15 encourage there to be outreach to that community that
- 16 -- and so that they can weigh in and we get the full
- 17 input at the time of the hearing.
- So, in addition to the and/or tweaking that I
- was suggesting in the definition, I wonder if the, on
- 20 the last sentence where you have, where either the
- 21 husband or wife -- I wonder whether you want to
- 22 somehow tweak that to make it work. Either the
- 23 husband or wife or domestic partner or whether --
- 24 maybe just whether either the partner. Since you
- 25 have, just to make it consistent with what you have

- 1 below in the special exception criteria. It may not
- 2 -- a couple may not be a husband and wife.
- MS. STEINGASSER: I absolutely agree. The
- 4 definitely should reflect F1.
- MR. MILLER: Right. Okay. Thank you.
- 6 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Any comments? I'm
- 7 looking forward to having the hearings and see how
- 8 we're going to hash some of those out.
- I would move that we set down Zoning
- 10 Commission Case No. 17-01, and ask for a second.
- MR. MAY: Second.
- 12 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Moved and properly seconded.
- 13 Any further discussion?
- [Vote taken.]
- 15 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Ms. Schellin, would you
- 16 record the vote?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. Staff records the vote
- 18 four, to zero, to one, set down Zoning Commission
- 19 Case No. 17-01 as a rulemaking case, Commissioner
- 20 Hood moving, Commissioner May seconding,
- 21 Commissioners Miller and Turnbull in support,
- 22 Commissioner Shapiro not present, not voting.
- CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. And, I'm not sure what
- 24 the overwhelming responses would be to either one of
- these, but the next one we can see if maybe we can

- 1 put these on the same night. But I'll leave that up
- 2 to staff. That's just a suggestion.
- Our next Zoning Commission Case No. 17-02,
- 4 Office of Planning Text Amendment to Subtitles B and
- 5 U, Use Clarification Language.
- Ms. Steingasser.
- MS. STEINGASSER: Yes, sir, Chairman Hood.
- 8 Office of Planning recommends that this case be set
- 9 down for public hearing. It involves basically some
- 10 changes to the use categories for the R use groups.
- 11 The supplemental that we filed on January 3rd points
- out that we had omitted Use Group D from A-1, and the
- 13 Office of Attorney General pointed that out so we'd
- 14 like that to be included in the public hearing
- 15 advertisement.
- We've also noticed or been alerted from
- 17 property owners that the use for a driver's license
- 18 road test facility and the sales of automobiles,
- 19 trucks, boats, and marine goods was omitted from the
- translation from the '58 to the 2016 regulations.
- Because those uses were neither set down as
- part of the 08-06 case, nor was any kind of proposed
- or final action taken, we're setting it down as a new
- 24 and independent case, so it will be heard under the -
- as 17-02.

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- 1 We also found two missing uses from the
- 2 residential zone use, which were the mass transit
- 3 facilities and the reeves of former D.C. public
- 4 schools, both of which are very important. So, we
- 5 recommend that those be advertised for inclusion.
- And the other changes have to do with
- 7 repetition of the reference to home occupation and
- 8 accessory use and accessory apartments. Both of
- 9 those are considered -- accessory uses and are
- included in the accessory use, so do not need to be
- included as matter of right uses in the R.
- And then we also request the authorization to
- work with the Office of Attorney General to finalize
- 14 the actual language.
- 15 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Ms.
- 16 Steingasser. Any questions or comments?
- Okay. So, with that again, hopefully we can
- 18 put them both on the same night in Zoning Commission
- 19 Case No. -- I move that we set down Zoning Commission
- 20 17-02 with the report from Ms. Steingasser, and ask
- 21 for a second.
- MR. MAY: Second.
- 23 CHAIRMAN HOOD: It's been moved and properly
- 24 seconded. Any further discussion?
- 25 [Vote taken.]

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CHAIRMAN HOOD: Ms. Schellin, would you 1 record the vote? 2 MS. SCHELLIN: Yes, staff records the vote 3 four to zero to one to set down Zoning Commission 4 Case No. 17-02 as a rulemaking case, Commissioner Hood moving, Commissioner May seconding, 6 Commissioners Miller and Turnbull in support, 7 Commissioner Shapiro not present, not voting. 8 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Ms. Schellin, do we 9 have anything else? 10 MS. SCHELLIN: I do not unless OP -- oh, I 11 quess that's it. 12 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Office of Planning, you have 13 anything else? 14 All right. So, with that I want to thank 15 everyone for their participation tonight and this 16 meeting is adjourned. 17 [Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.] 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25