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- 3 ROBERT MILLER, Vice Chair
- 4 PETER MAY, Commissioner
- 5 MICHAEL TURNBULL, Commissioner
- 6 PETER SHAPIRO, Commissioner

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- 9 SHARON SCHELLIN, Secretary

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- 22 Department of Transportation:
- 23 SAM ZIMBABWE
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## 1 PROCEEDINGS

- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: All right. Are we ready
- 3 to get started?
- This meeting will please come to order. Good
- 5 evening, ladies and gentlemen. This is the public
- 6 meeting of the zoning commission for the District of
- 7 Columbia. Today's date is July the 10th, 2017.
- 8 My name is Anthony Hood, joining me are Vice
- 9 Chair Miller, Commissioner Shapiro, Commissioner May
- 10 and Commissioner Turnbull. We're also joined by the
- 11 Office of Zoning staff, Ms. Sharon Schellin, as well
- as the Office of Attorney General, Mr. Bergstein, Mr.
- 13 Ritting, and Mr. Cohen.
- All right. Let me make sure I acknowledge my
- 15 colleagues, Vice Chair Miller, Commissioner Turnbull,
- 16 Commissioner May, and Commissioner Shapiro. I think
- 17 I did that but my mind is running.
- MR. SHAPIRO: We're still here, Mr. Chair.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: You're still here. Make
- 20 sure -- well, not all of you, but anyway.
- 21 Copies of today's meeting agenda are
- 22 available to you and are located in the bin near the
- 23 door. We do not take any public testimony at our
- 24 meetings unless the Commission requests someone to
- 25 come forward. Please be advised this proceeding is

- 1 being recorded by a court reporter and it's also
- webcast live. Accordingly, we must ask you to
- 3 refrain from any disruptive noises or actions in the
- 4 hearing room, including the display of any signs or
- 5 objects. Please turn off all electronic devices.
- Also, we have Office of Planning, Ms.
- 7 Steingasser, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Jesick.
- Did I do that already too? Okay, my mind is
- 9 -- okay, that's who I left out. Okay. That's what
- 10 happens when you don't go by the script.
- Okay, does the staff have any preliminary
- 12 matters?
- MS. SCHELLIN: No, sir.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. In that case, what
- 15 I would like to do this evening, colleagues, we do
- have at the end of our agenda, and I'd like to do
- 17 this first, maybe DDOT, I'm not sure if they're here
- 18 to -- okay, there they are. Okay. I would like to
- do a correspondence item first, and then we'll go to
- 20 our DDOT presentation. Maybe 10 minutes or so.
- 21 Okay?
- 22 All right. Ms. Schellin, could you call the
- 23 correspondence item?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes, sir. Zoning Commission
- 25 Case No. 06-10B, we have the Morris and Gwendolyn

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- 1 Cafritz Foundation. The Commission had asked them to
- 2 return with a phasing plan, which they have submitted
- 3 at Exhibit 18, and we'd ask the Commission to
- 4 consider that this evening, whether you approve it or
- 5 just have a discussion. Thank you.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay, colleagues. As
- 7 you've noted, the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz
- 8 Foundation phasing plan, we have been asking for it
- 9 and trying to figure out how we move through this.
- They did propose a date. I think it was
- 11 September 1st, 2018. I believe they proposed that,
- which is a Saturday. But I understand sometimes you
- 13 look at the wrong calendars. I do that also.
- But, one of the things they came back with,
- 15 they are now requesting September 4th for the whole,
- 16 for these buildings of 2028. The only person who
- 17 will probably be here then is Mr. Turnbull. But
- 18 still, we need to have a discussion on this and how
- we would like to move forward. So, let me just open
- 20 it up. Commissioner May?
- MR. MAY: Yeah, so I'm really put off by the
- 22 2028 expiration of Stage 1, and I just feel like
- everything is so nebulous about this, I would like to
- 24 set something a bit firmer than this. I don't know
- 25 how others feel, but I would be -- I mean, I'm okay

- 1 giving additional time, and so if they needed until
- 2 September of 2018 to come up with the stage 2 for
- 3 parcel b, or however it's -- called block B,
- 4 whatever, and then at that time give us a phasing
- 5 plan for the remainder of the project, that's a bit
- 6 more realistic than adding another 10 years. And
- 7 it's really 11 years from now. I just don't think
- 8 it's -- I think it feels -- even though we were
- 9 insisting on having the phasing plan, the phasing
- 10 plan just seems so soft at this stage.
- 11 I'd much rather wait until we see a concrete
- 12 stage 2, get a better phasing plan, and if we don't
- 13 get those by next September then we should just pull
- 14 the plug and have them start over, because I mean,
- it's already been 11 years and they're asking for
- 16 another 11 to finish it out.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Any other comments
- on this? I actually -- Mr. Turnbull, do you have --
- okay. I actually, and we can throw this out there, I
- 20 would say maybe we could do even -- have them come
- 21 back and do away with the whole first stage in those
- 22 three buildings. I just -- and from what I'm
- 23 hearing, stuff we approved in 2006, and what's going
- on there, and the way those residents are being
- 25 treated over there, I have some serious concerns,

- 1 even though that may not factor into what we're doing
- 2 here tonight.
- But maybe they need to look at how they do
- 4 business. I'm sorry. And maybe they need to just
- 5 come back totally. I'm not sure if anyone is up to
- 6 doing away with the first-stage PUD. We sit down
- 7 here and we approve things, and then the reality of
- 8 it is, residents, our residents, especially those who
- 9 in the existing places are not being treated fairly.
- 10 I have problems with that.
- 11 And I think while it's not necessarily
- germane to zoning, it is, because it affects people's
- lives and how they live and how they're treated. And
- we need to have a little better respect for folks.
- 15 But anyway, and then they come down and give us a
- 16 Saturday's date.
- 17 Again, I think it's really just not putting
- any attention to what we really need. So, I hear
- what Commissioner May is saying about maybe September
- 20 2018. But far as I'm concerned, I could go with
- that, but I want to know if anyone wants to entertain
- 22 with just doing away with it totally and letting them
- 23 come back with another first-stage PUD when they're
- 24 ready. Any other comments?
- 25 Commissioner Shapiro.

- MR. SHAPIRO: Mr. Chair, I hear your
- 2 concerns. I think it's important for folks to hear
- 3 what you said. I would be more inclined to follow
- 4 Commissioner May's lead on this, though. But I'm
- 5 appreciative of what you said.
- Anybody else? Vice Chair Miller?
- 7 MR. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well,
- 8 it may be that we can, as we're setting the deadline
- 9 for the revised second-stage PUD for building B to be
- 10 September 4th, 2018, and a realistic phasing plan
- 11 provided for the remainder of the project, has to be
- 12 filed by that time, maybe this can be something in
- 13 this -- maybe the first-stage PUD can be modified to
- 14 say that it will expire if we don't receive a -- in
- 15 September of 2018, if we don't receive a realistic
- 16 phasing plan.
- So, we're not realistic. I mean, we're not
- 18 really defining the dates there. We know we don't
- want to put it out to 2028, which is 22 years from
- 20 the original time that this PUD was filed, which I
- agree with both of you that that's frustrating for
- 22 everybody. I'm sure it's frustrating for -- may be
- 23 frustrating for the applicant as well, but just a
- very long time for that to be out there. So, that's
- 25 just one suggestion. Maybe we can put a hard -- put

- 1 something in this -- a modification of the first
- 2 stage, in this action that we're taking, that would
- 3 say it would expire if by September 2018 we don't
- 4 receive -- when we received the revised -- that we
- 5 receive at that time the revised second-stage PUD for
- 6 building B, and a realistic phasing plan for the
- 7 remainder that doesn't go out 10 years.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay.
- 9 MR. TURNBULL: Yeah, Mr. Chair. I kind of
- 10 like the Vice Chair's idea. It's a little extra
- 11 punch to what we were proposing originally. I think
- it's a little hammer for the applicant to try to get
- 13 their act together and come up with something that's
- 14 really feasible. So, I would go along with the Vice
- 15 Chair's proposal.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I actually like the Vice
- 17 Chair's proposal as well. Anyone else?
- So, why don't we do this? I don't know if we
- 19 have a firm date, but could you put that in a motion,
- 20 what you just said, about how it will expire, with
- 21 the date that Commissioner May mentioned and first-
- 22 stage would expire if we don't have the plan by then?
- 23 You could recapture that in a motion?
- MR. MILLER: I'll try to, maybe with some
- 25 assistance from OAG.

- MR. BERGSTEIN: What I'm hearing is that the
- 2 motion, it sounds to me would be to modify the first-
- 3 stage order to indicate that the first-stage will
- 4 expire if a revised -- unless a revised second-stage
- 5 application for building B is received and filed by
- 6 September 4th, 2018, along with a realistic phasing
- 7 plan.
- 8 MR. MILLER: That's what I move.
- 9 MR. TURNBULL: And I'll second that.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. It's been moved and
- 11 properly seconded. I thank Mr. Bergstein, as well as
- 12 the Vice Chair for helping us craft that motion.
- 13 Moved and properly seconded. Any further discussion?
- [Vote taken.]
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Ms. Schellin, would you
- 16 record the vote?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. Staff will record the
- 18 vote five, to zero, to zero that the applicant shall
- 19 file a second-stage PUD for building B, I believe it
- was, by September 4th, 2018, along with a revised
- 21 phasing plan that doesn't go out for another 10
- years. Otherwise the Commission will not hear the
- 23 second-stage, and will dismiss the first-stage PUD.
- 24 Commissioner Miller moving, Commissioner
- 25 Shapiro seconding. Is that correct? Commissioner --

- 1 I'm sorry, Chairman Hood seconding.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Mr. Turnbull, I think,
- 3 seconded.
- MS. SCHELLIN: Oh, was it you? You're
- sitting right next to me. I couldn't hear. I heard
- 6 several --
- 7 MR. TURNBULL: It was a tie between --
- 8 MS. SCHELLIN: It was a tie.
- 9 MR. TURNBULL: -- Mr. Shapiro and myself.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Oh, okay.
- MS. SCHELLIN: All right. So, I'll give it
- 12 to you. Commissioner Turnbull seconding,
- 13 Commissioners Hood, Shapiro, and May agreeing.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you. Let's
- 15 move right on.
- We had asked for a special update from DDOT
- in the Parkside area of the District of Columbia, and
- 18 I really appreciate Mr. Zimbabwe and Ms. Chamberlain
- 19 coming down to present that to us. So, what I'll do
- instead of me introducing you, Mr. Zimbabwe, can you
- introduce your staff? I guess that's your staff or -
- 22 I know who they are, but let me let you introduce
- 23 them, and you all can --
- MR. ZIMBABWE: Absolutely. Absolutely.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Let me ask you this,

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- 1 though, before you start it. Presentation's about 10
- 2 or 15 minutes?
- MR. ZIMBABWE: At the most.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay, great. You may
- 5 begin.
- 6 MR. ZIMBABWE: All right. So, thanks again
- 7 for having us. I'm Sam Zimbabwe, the Chief Project
- 8 Delivery Officer at DDOT, Anna Chamberlin manages our
- 9 project review branch, which you see a lot, and Aaron
- 10 Zimmerman is a case manager, transportation planner,
- 11 who you also see a lot, particularly around the
- 12 Parkside developments. Aaron has been the case
- manager for all the stage -- recent stage-two
- 14 projects coming through.
- So, we just have a quick update on where
- things stand in Parkside, and the broader community
- with regards to transportation, because we understand
- 18 that's been an area of concern for the community and
- 19 for the Commission as well.
- So, since the stage-one PUD was approved with
- 21 DDOT and OP review in support back in 2006, first of
- 22 all there were conditions that were associated with
- our support of that review, which was basically that
- 24 stage-two approval not be granted past 1.25 million
- 25 square feet of development, which is the amount of

- 1 development that was permitted by right under the
- 2 existing zoning until the Parkside pedestrian bridge,
- and/or a connection to Benning Road was completed.
- 4 Or, sorry, were in place or under construction.
- So, the stage-two PUD approvals have not
- 6 triggered that sort of doomsday scenario, if you
- 7 will. But each stage-two PUD has been reviewed with
- 8 a Comprehensive Transportation Review that
- 9 reevaluates existing conditions as the neighborhood
- 10 has continued to build out.
- Since that 2006 time frame as well, we've
- 12 completed a couple of large-scale citywide planning
- 13 efforts. The Move D.C. Plan in 2014 that looked at
- multimodal transportation over the long-term, and
- more recently, our District mobility study which
- 16 looked at congestion around the District, that was
- 17 finished in 2016, and we're continuing to update that
- 18 study with more data as we go.
- So, there's a couple of projects that are at
- various stages of project development. We have a
- 21 couple that are nearing construction, and the first
- of those is the Parkside pedestrian bridge, which I
- 23 know everybody has been waiting for, for a long time.
- 24 We're very close to advertising the construction of
- 25 that. We have to coordinate with PEPCO, with CSX,

- 1 and with WMATA on that. PEPCO is moving to raise the
- 2 transmission lines, which run in that corridor.
- 3 That's been a very complicated process for them to be
- 4 able to complete, because it has to be coordinated
- 5 from a construction perspective with CSX and with
- 6 WMATA. They plan to start that construction around
- 7 January of 2018, with a timeline to finish that in
- 8 the spring, April or May.
- And so, we're advertising our project for
- 10 construction very soon so that we can follow right
- along with that from a construction perspective, so
- we don't lose time there. There are still timing
- aspects that we have to coordinate with CSX and with
- 14 WMATA to make sure that we can actually get in and do
- the construction work that's necessary.
- The second piece that's nearing construction
- is improvements to Southbound Kenilworth Avenue. And
- 18 those are primarily focused on drainage, asset
- management, and some small safety improvements from
- 20 East Capitol to the overpass over Nannie Helen
- 21 Burroughs Avenue.
- So, that is nearing final design; the final
- 23 design we completed in November. We plan to -- our
- 24 goal is to start construction next fall, fall 2018,
- 25 for a one-year duration.

- The third project that's nearing construction
- 2 is short-term improvements to some of the
- 3 interchanges all up and down DC-295 and I-295. There
- 4 are seven locations that going to have --
- interchanges, that are going to have improvements,
- 6 including Nannie Helen Burroughs, and also Eastern
- 7 Avenue. And then also Benning Road, a little bit
- 8 farther south of -- at the southern end of Parkside.
- At Nannie Helen Burroughs, which is probably
- of most concern for the Parkside community, there
- will be left-turn lanes added for both connections
- north and south on 295, and also look at adjusting
- 13 some of the signal timing to try to relieve some of
- 14 the congestion at the northern end of the Parkside
- 15 community.
- So, again, we hope to be under construction
- with that in fall of 2018 as well. So, the number of
- improvements along the highway, and starting in fall
- 19 of 2018.
- 20 And the purpose of that, really, is to help -
- 21 that's not directly in the Parkside community, but
- 22 I think a lot of the transportation impacts that
- 23 folks in Parkside feel are the congestion related
- 24 challenges that cause people to cut through the
- 25 neighborhood, or use Kenilworth Avenue to get through

- 1 the community. So, hopefully these improvements will
- 2 help relief some of that pressure, that then will
- 3 help people from Parkside get in and out as they need
- 4 to.
- A couple of projects that are in the design
- 6 stages. The Arboretum Bridge, in coordination with
- 7 the National Park Service, to create a new bicycle
- 8 and pedestrian connection across the Anacostia River
- 9 to connect from the existing Kenilworth Trail, that
- 10 was completed last year, over to the Arboretum. That
- will add to the multi-modal choices for people
- 12 getting to and from Parkside and from both a
- 13 recreation and a transportation perspective.
- 14 That will include -- NPS will be working to
- do the remediation necessary for the bridge project
- itself. There's some longer term environmental work
- 17 that would need to be done to relocate the trail that
- 18 exists through the Parkside community, into the NPS,
- into NPS property, which I know is a long-term goal
- 20 of the Parkside community, and DDOT supports that as
- 21 well.
- We have two bridge projects that are in the
- 23 design stages, that are sort of a little bit
- 24 ancillary, but also connected to Parkside.
- 25 Kenilworth Terrace Bridge, which is at the northern

- end of the Parkside community, and the Anacostia
- 2 Avenue over the Anacostia River outlet, which is at
- 3 the southern end, not currently accessible from
- 4 Parkside. And preliminary design of both bridges is
- 5 underway with the goal of being in construction in
- 6 late 2019 or early 2020.
- 7 Then we have two, two or three actually,
- 8 planning projects that will be soon underway, or are
- 9 underway already. We have a Parkside circulation
- study, which we had hoped to do in 2017. We had some
- 11 budget pressures that pushed that work out into FY-
- 12 18. That will look at sort of all of the broad
- improvements that, sort of the travel demand and then
- what improvements might be necessary. So, this is
- where we will look at how to reconfigure streets,
- intersections, gateways, into and out of the
- 17 community. And looking at how roadway connections
- 18 could work to connect to Benning Road.
- There's a couple of constraints on that. One
- 20 is the PEPCO site that is a lot of the area between
- 21 Parkside and Benning Road. And the other is
- 22 connections that would be necessary across National
- 23 Park Service land, and then also District right of
- 24 way that would be other alternatives for how to get
- 25 roadway and multimodal connections direction out to

- 1 Benning Road.
- We also will be doing some environmental work
- on sort of long-term reconfigurations to the DC-295
- 4 and the I-295 interchanges. Some of these would
- 5 require more construction than is conceived of in the
- 6 short-term. We don't really have a timeline or when
- 7 construction would be done for any of those because
- 8 we're at a pretty preliminary stage of planning for
- 9 that.
- And then lastly, probably the most concrete
- and far along in the process is the Benning Street
- 12 Car extension, which is at the southern end. Again,
- if we can make Benning Road more accessible to folks
- in the Parkside community, the street-car extension
- would provide a good transit option for connecting
- 16 farther to the west, and actually to the east as
- well.
- So, the environmental assessment is underway
- 19 for that. We hope to have a decision document done
- 20 this year. Have a finding of no significant impact
- 21 by the end of 2017, working with the Federal Highway
- 22 Administration, and that would be tied into the
- 23 circulation study, and any roadway connections, we
- 24 would be able to coordinate that with streetcar
- 25 access as well to connect folks to transit service.

- So, I think the overall message is that we
- 2 have been working with the development team as
- 3 projects have been -- as stage 2 applications have
- 4 come through, and we continue to make a range of
- 5 multimodal improvements that are at various stages of
- 6 the planning and development and construction
- 7 process.
- So, with that, we'd be happy to answer any
- 9 questions.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. First again, let me
- 11 thank you all for coming down and giving us that
- 12 briefing because as I mentioned in one of the
- 13 hearings, it's kind of hard to keep approving
- 14 projects, and we already know how the traffic and
- vehicle access and pedestrian access, and how it's
- 16 locked over there. And it's a bigger problem than
- just those projects. So, that's why I wanted to come
- down because Mr. Zimmerman, I know, had wanted me to
- 19 -- he mentioned a lot of things which I thought were
- 20 great ideas.
- But I think the community, you know, when you
- live in the community, you know, we wait, to wait, to
- wait. We study, to study, to study, and then we
- 24 study the other study for the other study. So, those
- things become, you know, from a community perspective

- those things become, okay, that's a promise land
- 2 issue. So, we don't want to keep putting communities
- 3 on promise land.
- From my standpoint, I don't want to keep
- 5 approving projects unless we're able to have some
- 6 relief. I don't like the necessary -- people say,
- 7 well, don't hold it up. But if you keep -- if you
- 8 sit where we sit, and you keep approving projects,
- and keep approving projects, years later, you know,
- when you go down the street, Rob Miller, they're
- 11 going to remember you. They're going to remember
- 12 that you kept approving that project and there was no
- 13 other relief there.
- So, that's why I wanted to have you to come
- down and let me ask you this, though, is that
- information being shared with the neighborhood, with
- 17 the community?
- MR. ZIMBABWE: Yeah, I think we have. We've
- 19 been out in the community with ANC 7D on the short-
- 20 term improvements to DC-295 and I-295. We've kept
- 21 the community up to date on the pedestrian bridge
- 22 construction timeline. I think that is a project
- that's been frustrating for both the community and
- 24 for DDOT, and I think for PEPCO and for CSX and for
- 25 WMATA as well. That's been a long time in planning

- 1 design, getting ready for construction. It's just a
- very complex construction project. I think when we -
- 3 probably in 2006, or even before when it was
- 4 conceived, it wasn't clear that the PEPCO
- 5 transmission lines would have to be raised. That's a
- 6 transmission line that serves a large area, so even
- 7 scheduling a window for PEPCO to take those offline
- 8 to be able to raise them, to be able to put in a
- 9 bridge, is a long and complicated process.
- So, I think you know, there's a lot of good
- intentions that went into thinking that was, you
- 12 know, that that was a fairly straight forward
- 13 project. It's turned out to be a lot more
- 14 challenging than people probably thought at the very
- outset.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Again, you're working with
- each applicant individually, case-by-case, and you
- 18 all are looking at those issues as we keep approving.
- 19 But at some point, I think you -- I forgot what the
- 20 square footage was. At some point that's the tipping
- 21 point. That's the stopping point.
- MR. ZIMBABWE: That's right. I think the
- zoning order from the stage-one set that at 1.25
- 24 million square feet. Or at least our report on that.
- 25 I don't know if that condition actually ended up

- being as firm in the order itself. I think that the
- order was a little bit more -- didn't put a hard and 2
- fast limit on what could be approved from a stage-two 3
- perspective. But we're not yet to that point.
- CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Right. Right. So, can --5
- we need to make sure that we make note of that, of 6
- where our stopping point is, so we won't go over if
- we get to that point to begin with. 8
- Let me open it up. Any questions or 9
- comments. Commissioner May? 10
- MR. TURNBULL: Mr. Chair, I just had one for 11
- Mr. Zimbabwe. 12
- On the pedestrian bridge, you said you might 13
- begin in 2018? 14
- MR. ZIMBABWE: Yeah. Our goal would be to 15
- start construction in the spring of 2018. So, PEPCO 16
- should finish in April or May, and that would enable 17
- us to start the construction process. 18
- MR. TURNBULL: And then the bridge is not a 19
- huge bridge. A year or --20
- MR. ZIMBABWE: Yeah, it's probably 18 to 24 21
- months before it's complete. 22
- MR. TURNBULL: So, 20 --23
- MR. ZIMBABWE: It's a very -- you know, 24
- there's limited places to do the foundations for the 25

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- 1 structure, and it's a pretty long span. It has to
- span over 295, and there's only limited spaces to get
- 3 into CSX and WMATA. So, there's a -- the
- 4 construction of the foundations to support that
- 5 bridge, is a long process.
- MR. TURNBULL: So maybe somewhere, 2020.
- 7 MR. ZIMBABWE: Yeah. Yeah.
- 8 MR. TURNBULL: Okay.
- 9 MR. ZIMBABWE: 2020. Yeah, I think it's an
- 10 18 to 24-month construction process.
- MR. TURNBULL: Okay.
- MR. ZIMBABWE: So, 2020 is our goal.
- MR. TURNBULL: All right, thank you.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay, Commissioner May?
- MR. MAY: Yeah, so first of all, hurray for
- 16 the Arboretum Bridge. Thank you very much for taking
- 17 that on. Of course, the Anacostia Riverwalk Trail
- 18 segment through there is just absolutely gorgeous and
- 19 I'm so happy that that's completed. And I think the
- 20 Chairman should get out there and test his new bike
- on the trail sometime soon.
- 22 As far as the pedestrian bridge goes, I feel
- 23 for you. I mean, having to coordinate with PEPCO and
- 24 CSX and WMATA, all in the same one, I mean, any one
- of them can be a problem. Especially -- well, no, I

- 1 won't call anybody out in particular, but I think you
- 2 know; you know who I'm talking about.
- The one question I had that was more
- 4 specific, and if I understand this correctly, you
- 5 could be starting to address this in construction as
- soon as 2018, which is the interchange where the, you
- 7 know, the bridge flies over East Capitol, and you
- 8 have one lane peeling off into -- on to East Capitol,
- 9 and then you have two heading south.
- And, you know, once the 11th Street bridge
- opened up there was such a huge surge in traffic on
- 12 Kenilworth Avenue that there is now always a half-
- 13 mile to a mile back up. You know, it's not -- it
- doesn't crawl, but it crawls up to that moment
- 15 because you're going from three lanes to two, and it
- 16 seems like there's enough width to actually get three
- 17 travel lanes. Is that something that you're
- 18 considering?
- MR. ZIMBABWE: Yeah. So, the East Capitol
- interchange is one of the ones that's both got some
- 21 short-term and some long-term potential changes to
- it. I don't know exactly -- I don't think that the
- 23 short-term includes a third travel lane through
- there, but I think that is sort of conceived of in
- 25 the longer-term improvements.

- I will say that we are going to start
- 2 rehabilitation of the Whitney Young Bridge, the East
- 3 Capitol Street Bridge.
- 4 MR. MAY: Oh, okay.
- 5 MR. ZIMBABWE: Pretty soon. That will
- 6 actually be started hopefully next year as well.
- 7 That will just -- that's mostly subsurface,
- 8 substructure, rehabilitation. It will probably have
- 9 some lane closures at various times to enable that to
- 10 happen, but it's also going to result in a wider
- 11 sidewalk crossing over.
- MR. MAY: Yes.
- MR. ZIMBABWE: And we've been working with
- 14 NPS on the connections from the trail up to the East
- 15 Capitol Street Bridge as well, which I think will
- 16 provide yet more river crossing opportunities because
- 17 that's our biggest challenge for people walking and
- 18 biking across the river.
- MR. MAY: Right. Yeah, I know that the
- 20 sidewalk there is really narrow and unpleasant, and
- 21 you have so much roadway capacity.
- MR. ZIMBABWE: Right.
- MR. MAY: And I travel that segment of road
- 24 regularly. Granted, not during rush hour, but I
- 25 can't tell you, you know, I probably can count on one

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- 1 hand in the last five years the number of times there
- 2 actually has been a need for three lanes in either
- 3 direction. So, I'm glad to know that that's
- 4 happening. But I do think that's the bottleneck that
- 5 really slows, you know, it backs up the traffic up
- 6 Kenilworth Avenue, and so people start peeling off
- 7 into the access road alongside Kenilworth. And I've
- 8 only been nailed twice by the speeding camera there,
- 9 but that's not enough of a disincentive for people to
- 10 start peeling off there.
- 11 Anyway, you know, you go from 50 to 25, and
- 12 that's where it really nails you. Anyway, I don't
- 13 think I have anything else, but if there are things
- 14 that we need to talk about in terms of Park Service
- 15 land to facilitate the connections to Benning Road,
- then we should talk about them sooner rather than
- 17 later. So, we'll look forward to that. Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Any other questions
- 19 about special presentation, or comments?
- Okay, Mr. Zimbabwe, Ms. Chamberlin and Mr.
- 21 Zimmerman, we want to thank you both. We appreciate
- it and we're looking forward to making sure that as
- 23 we approve projects that we are working in tandem,
- 24 and taking -- giving that neighborhood some relief,
- 25 and I'm glad that one of the chairperson, the ANC

- 1 Commissioner is here to be able to hear this
- 2 presentation. So, I know that you all will continue
- 3 to work with the community as we move forward. Okay?
- 4 All right, thank you all. We appreciate you taking
- 5 the time.
- Okay. Well, here's the thing. We were going
- 7 to ask a question of Ms. Chamberlin about another
- 8 case, but I think I have the answer how to deal with
- g that. We're going to send that to them depending
- upon how we deal with it for a later response. We'll
- 11 do it in that fashion. Okay? All right. Thank you
- 12 all again, we appreciate it.
- 13 All right. Let's go to our consent calendar
- 14 item, minor modification and technical correction in
- 15 Zoning Commission Case No. 05-40C. Ms. Schellin.
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes, sir. On this case, with
- 17 facing a reduction in enrollment and the demand for
- on-campus housing for the fall of 2017, the applicant
- is requesting the Commission to allow an increase in
- 20 the amount of housing to be leased to non-Wesley
- 21 graduate students for a limited time period.
- 22 The applicant revised the language that they
- 23 initially submitted for condition 5 of the order that
- 24 was previously approved, and that revised language
- 25 can be found at Exhibit 4.

- 1 At Exhibit 7, the Spring Valley/Wesley
- 2 Heights Neighborhood Association and Neighbors for a
- 3 Livable Community filed a letter in support with the
- 4 condition that none of the property would be leased
- or sold to American University.
- Exhibit 9 is an OP report in support.
- Exhibit 10 is an unsigned letter from ANC 3D
- 8 adopting the single-member district's letter.
- So, we'd ask the Commission to consider final
- 10 action on this case this evening.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay, Commissioners. So,
- it's unsigned. What do we do with unsigned letters?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Well, it's required to be
- 14 signed by the Chairman or Vice Chair.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: The Chairman typed it.
- 16 Maybe, sometimes on the computer now it asks me to
- 17 type my name in, so that's my signature. But anyway,
- 18 that's a whole other issue. We'll take it for what
- 19 it's worth.
- 20 Commissioners, any questions on this? It
- 21 looks like we have some support for the Wesley
- 22 graduate students for the -- let me see, make sure I
- 23 capture everything. The newly proposed or additional
- 24 modification would allow a total of 67 non-Wesley
- 25 Theological Seminary graduate students to reside in

- 1 Wesley Theological Seminary on-campus housing through
- 2 December 31st, 2019. And it goes on, it's really
- 3 explained very well. I believe in the Office of
- 4 Planning's report as well as the submission by the
- 5 applicant.
- 6 Let's -- any questions? Let me open it up.
- 7 Any questions or comments? It looks like it has
- 8 overwhelmingly support. That's --
- 9 MR. TURNBULL: Yeah, Mr. Chair, I really
- 10 don't think that this impacts the overall campus plan
- 11 to any degree. It's very de minimis and I would be
- in support of this.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Any other comments?
- 14 Somebody like to make a motion then? We don't like
- 15 to belabor. Mr. Turnbull.
- MR. TURNBULL: Mr. Chair, I would move that
- 17 we approve -- I guess we approve. Approve Zoning
- 18 Case 05-40C, Wesley Theological Seminary Campus
- 19 request for a minor modification to campus plan order
- 20 to permit the housing of additional graduate students
- 21 from other universities on the site of the Wesley
- 22 University Campus.
- MR. MILLER: Second.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. It's been moved and
- 25 properly seconded. And again, this is pertaining to

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- condition 5 at Square 1600. It's moved and properly
- 2 seconded. Any further discussion?
- Wote taken.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Ms. Schellin, would you
- 5 record the vote?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. Staff records the vote
- 7 five, to zero, to zero, to approve final action in
- 8 Zoning Commission Case No. 05-40C, Commissioner
- 9 Turnbull moving, Commissioner Miller seconding,
- 10 Commissioners Hood, May, and Shapiro in support.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Next, let's go to
- modification of consequence. This is deliberation in
- 20 Zoning Commission Case No. 15-33A, E Street Owner,
- 14 LLC, PUD modification of consequence at Square 1043.
- 15 Ms. Schellin.
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. At the time of
- 17 determining whether it was indeed a modification of
- 18 consequence and scheduling, the Commission asked the
- 19 applicant to provide some additional information, and
- they've done that at Exhibit 8, and we'd ask the
- 21 Commission to consider final action this evening.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. All right. Any
- 23 questions or comments? I'm not sure who asked for
- 24 it. I think this is in reference to, was it at-risk
- 25 windows? Okay, hold on. Here, it's opening up now.

- MR. SHAPIRO: Residential and public window
- 2 glazing.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Yeah, it was an
- 4 issue about window glaze. I'm not sure who asked for
- 5 that. I think that was what we -- the only reasons
- 6 we held it up for, I believe.
- MS. SCHELLIN: I think they were responding
- 8 to something in OP's report, if I recall correctly.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Okay. All right.
- MR. MAY: Yeah, I think they just need to
- 11 explicitly state that that had changed and they were
- 12 seeking that as part of a modification, and they
- 13 have. So, I think it's good.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yeah, I think we're fine
- as to the window glazing patterns and et cetera.
- So, I don't necessarily have any other
- 17 issues. Vice Chair, you had some?
- MR. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, I
- 19 just wanted to note, as I think we did last time,
- 20 that the ANC 6B letter of June 17th in support of the
- 21 request for this modification.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So, I would move
- 23 approval of Zoning Commission Case No. 15-33A with
- the noted modifications in the submission, and ask
- 25 for a second.

- 1 MR. MILLER: Second.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: It's been moved and
- 3 properly seconded. Any further discussion?
- 4 [Vote taken.]
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Ms. Schellin, would you
- 6 record the vote?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. Staff records the vote
- 8 five, to zero, to zero to approve final action in
- 9 Zoning Commission Case No. 15-33A, Commissioner Hood
- 10 moving, Commissioner Miller seconding, Commissioners
- 11 May, Shapiro, and Turnbull in support.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Let's go to, let me
- 13 see, let's go to final action Zoning Commission Case
- No. 13-09B, Stanton Commons II, LLC, three-year PUD
- time extension at Square 5877. Ms. Schellin.
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. At Exhibit 5 is a copy
- of an e-mail I sent to ANCs 8A and 8B, regarding
- 18 providing a response on this case. Exhibit 6 is a
- 19 letter from ANC 8B advising that while they did not
- 20 take a vote on the case, they do support the time
- 21 extension. And at Exhibit 7, we have a letter from
- 22 the applicant providing the dates that they reached
- 23 out to both ANC. Would ask the Commission to
- 24 consider final action this evening.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. First, let me thank

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- 1 my colleagues for holding this up. I wanted to make
- 2 sure, especially ANC 8B, even though what we got back
- 3 necessarily doesn't give them great weight, but they
- 4 definitely were notified and we gave them the same
- opportunity. 8A did not respond, I don't believe.
- 6 So, anyway, I'm satisfied with moving forward. It
- 7 looks like at least the Chairperson has sent us a
- 8 letter letting us know that at least he knows about
- 9 it.
- So, I don't know if there were any other
- outstanding issues on this. Okay. So, would
- 12 somebody like to make a motion to approve?
- MR. SHAPIRO: Mr. Chair, I will make a --
- 14 I'll move approval of Zoning Case No. 13-09B, Stanton
- 15 Commons II, LLC, three-year PUD time extension at
- 16 Square 5877. Look for a second.
- MR. MILLER: Second.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. It's been moved and
- 19 properly seconded. Any further discussion? And we
- 20 are doing it for three years, right, because of what
- 21 they've asked, they asked for three years. I just
- want to make sure that's all right in the motion.
- 23 Yeah, I think it's a worthwhile project.
- Okay, it's been moved and properly seconded
- 25 for three years as requested. Any further

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- 1 discussion?
- 2 [Vote taken.]
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Ms. Schellin, would you
- 4 record the vote?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. Staff records the vote
- 6 five, to zero, to zero to approve final action in
- 7 Zoning Commission Case No. 13-09B, Commissioner
- 8 Shapiro moving, Commissioner Miller seconding,
- 9 Commissioners Hood, May, and Turnbull in support.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Next, we have
- 11 Zoning Commission Case No. 16-24, 1336 8th Street
- 12 SPE, LLC, consolidated PUD and related map amendment
- 13 at Square 399. Ms. Schellin.
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes, this case was deferred
- 15 from the last meeting to allow the applicant to
- 16 complete the proffering conditions process, and they
- 17 did that at Exhibit 41, ask the Commission to
- 18 consider final action this evening.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay, any questions or
- 20 comments?
- 21 All right. Would somebody like to make a
- 22 motion then? I think this is sufficient.
- MR. MAY: I move approval of Zoning
- 24 Commission Case No. 16-24, 1336 8th Street SPE, LLC,
- 25 consolidated PUD and related map amendment at Square

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- 1 399.
- MR. MILLER: Second.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. It's been moved and
- 4 properly seconded. Any further discussion?
- [Vote taken.]
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Ms. Schellin, would you
- 7 record the vote?
- 8 MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. Staff records the vote
- g five, to zero, to zero to approve final action in
- 10 Zoning Commission Case No. 16-24, Commissioner May
- 11 moving, Commissioner Miller seconding, Commissioners
- 12 Hood, Turnbull, and Shapiro in support.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Next, Zoning
- 14 Commission Case No. 16-25, D.C. Boathouse, LLC, map
- 15 amendment at Square 6. Ms. Schellin.
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes, sir. The proposed
- 17 rulemaking was published on June 2nd, no comments
- 18 were received. Ask the Commission to consider final
- 19 action.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay, commissioners, I
- 21 think this is complete. I would move approval of
- 22 Zoning Commission Case No. 16-25, D.C. Boathouse,
- 23 LLC, map amendment at Square 6, and ask for a second.
- MR. MILLER: Second.
- MR. TURNBULL: Second.

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- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: It's been moved and
- 2 properly seconded twice. Any further discussion?
- Wote taken.]
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Ms. Schellin, would you
- 5 record the vote?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. Staff records the vote
- 7 five, to zero, to zero to approve final action in
- 8 Zoning Commission Case No. 16-25, Commissioner Hood
- moving, Commissioner Miller seconding, Commissioners
- 10 May, Shapiro, and Turnbull in support.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay, next, Zoning
- 12 Commission Case No. 17-01, Office of Planning text
- amendment to Subtitles B and U, continuing care
- 14 retirement community. Ms. Schellin.
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes, sir. On this one the
- 16 proposed rulemaking was published on June 9th. No
- 17 comments were received, however OP provided a
- 18 supplemental report at Exhibit 12. We'd ask the
- 19 Commission to consider final action this evening.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Commissioners, we
- 21 have the supplemental in front of us from Office of
- 22 Planning. Any further questions or comments?
- MR. SHAPIRO: No, sir.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Somebody like to make a
- 25 motion?

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- MR. SHAPIRO: Mr. Chair, I would move
- 2 approval of Zoning Commission Case 17-01, Office of
- 3 Planning text amendments to Subtitles B and U,
- 4 continuing care retirement communities, with the
- 5 revisions recommended by the Office of Planning.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I second that. It's been
- 7 moved and properly seconded. Any further discussion?
- 8 [Vote taken.]
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Ms. Schellin, would you
- 10 please record the vote?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. Staff records the vote
- 12 five, to zero, to zero to approve final action in
- 20 Zoning Commission Case No. 17-01, Commissioner Hood
- moving, Commissioner Shapiro seconding, Commissioners
- 15 Miller, Turnbull, and May in support.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Next, we have
- 17 Zoning Commission Case No. 17-04, Office of Planning
- 18 text amendment to add a new MU-30 Zone. Ms.
- 19 Schellin.
- MS. SCHELLIN: On this one the proposed
- rulemaking was published on June 9th. No comments
- were received. Exhibit 9, NCPC delegated action,
- 23 advised of no federal interests, and we'd ask the
- 24 Commission again to consider final action.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. I'm trying to

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- 1 remember. Didn't we have overwhelmingly support for
- 2 this in this case. I think we did. Okay. Let me
- open up any comments or questions, Commissioner May?
- MR. MAY: Mr. Chairman, I just want to
- 5 mention that I did not attend the hearing in this
- 6 case, but I've reviewed the record so I'm prepared to
- 7 vote on final action.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. I was wondering why
- we had overwhelming support. You weren't here that
- 10 night. Okay. I need to keep my day job.
- Okay. Any other questions or comments?
- 12 Okay. Somebody like to make a motion?
- MR. MILLER: Mr. Chair, I would move that we
- 14 approve Zoning Case, we take final action on Zoning
- 15 Case No. 17-04, Office of Planning text amendment to
- 16 add a new MU-30 Zone.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay, second. It's been
- 18 moved and properly seconded.
- MR. SHAPIRO: Mr. Chairman, discussion. I
- 20 believe we want to include in that the revisions --
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Hold on a second. Hold on
- one second.
- [Pause.]
- CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Oh, I seconded it. I
- 25 thought we did something wrong. Okay, I second it.

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- 1 Commissioner Shapiro.
- MR. SHAPIRO: Thank you. I want to make sure
- that we're approving that with the revisions
- 4 recommended by the Office of Attorney General.
- MR. TURNBULL: Yes, we are. I forgot to
- 6 mention that.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay, and I'll second
- 8 that? Any further discussion? Thank you.
- 9 [Vote taken.]
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Ms. Schellin, not hearing
- any, would you record the vote?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes, staff records the vote
- 13 five, to zero, to zero to approve final action in
- 20 Zoning Commission Case No. 17-04, Commissioner
- 15 Shapiro moving -- I'm sorry. Commissioner Turnbull
- 16 moving, Commissioner Hood seconding, Commissioners
- 17 Shapiro, May and Miller in support.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. And let me just
- 19 stop for a minute.
- 20 Commissioner May, I actually owed you that
- 21 for that bicycle comment earlier.
- Okay. Proposed action in Zoning Commission
- 23 Case No. 16-20, 3443 Benning, LLC, consolidated PUD
- 24 and related map amendment at Square 5017. Ms.
- 25 Schellin.

- MS. SCHELLIN: At Exhibits 80 through 80-G4,
- 2 83, and 83-A, we have the applicant's post-hearing
- 3 submissions. And then at Exhibit 81 and 82, ANC 7D's
- 4 report. Exhibit 84 is a supplemental report from
- 5 DDOT. Would ask the Commission to consider final
- 6 action on this case.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I'm going to start off
- 8 with this. And let me ask this, Ms. Schellin, I
- 9 don't know why the first page of every report of ANC
- 10 7D, at least from what I'm seeing now, maybe all of
- 11 them are like this. It's reversed. I don't know why
- it's reversed out. Is it just mine, or do I have an
- operator's problem or what? It's always reversed
- 14 out.
- But anyway, one of the things that concerned
- me in the ANC's letter, and I'll read it, in their
- 17 conclusion. I'm going to take -- I'm going to read
- 18 it exactly how they say it. See if I can get to it.
- 19 It's reversed on yours. Okay. All right. All
- 20 right. I'm looking for the exact sentence that
- 21 basically says nothing --
- Okay. "Not only were we --" okay, let me go
- 23 back further.
- "Our expectation of June 13th, 2017 was that
- 25 the witness -- " let me pull it close, "-- was to

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- 1 witness NDC's demonstrated competency in the area of
- 2 improved site analysis and mitigations on critical
- 3 issues which have still gone unaddressed. Not only
- 4 were we disappointed. There was nothing about this
- 5 presentation that would warrant continued dialog."
- "NDC had made its offer in response to the
- 7 Zoning Commission's request, and that was it. We're
- 8 to take it or leave it. Well, ANC 7D has chosen to
- 9 leave it with a unanimous vote of five, zero, to
- 10 zero, ANC 7D carried the vote to oppose Zoning
- 11 Commission Case 16-20, 3443 Benning Road, LLC, on the
- 12 basis of details of this ANC 7D report."
- I actually read that a few times because it
- looks to me, according to what the ANC is saying, and
- 15 I'm not saying that this is -- everything is factual.
- 16 I don't think people would put things in writing if
- 17 that's not how it was perceived by them. I have a
- 18 problem when we ask applicants to do something and
- 19 they just do it because we just asked. I'm not
- 20 asking just to be asking.
- I'm not sure where my other colleagues were.
- 22 That little part right there wants me to put this
- off. I don't mind waiting, and I'm in no rush. I
- 24 haven't been in a rush down here to get anything
- 25 done, and I'm not in a rush now. I know there are

- other issues to this case, but you know, we ask --
- 2 normally we ask communities to work it out, they go
- 3 out and work it out. It's not a take it or leave it
- 4 attitude, and I'm not saying the applicant did it
- 5 didn't do it. But the perception of the ANC was,
- 6 take it or leave it, and I have problems with that.
- 7 The applicant is going to go home and the
- 8 community is going to still deal with it. Some of
- those things could at least been hashed. Even if you
- 10 didn't agree, then we'll make the final decision, but
- 11 just to do it because we asked here and do it because
- 12 the Zoning Commission asks you, you want the Zoning
- 13 Commission approval, to me doesn't go far enough.
- But anyway, I have a problem with this case
- 15 and that's my rationale.
- So, anyway, let me open it up. Any other
- 17 comments or questions?
- MR. MAY: Mr. Chairman, I didn't necessarily
- 19 have the same sense of it. I mean, I do -- I
- 20 understand that that was the ANC's conclusion, but I
- 21 didn't get the sense that from what I saw in the
- 22 presentation that even the ANC had submitted, that
- 23 had been given to them by NDC or in the, you know,
- 24 what the applicant presented to us over the course of
- 25 the case, that they were just sort of paying lip

- 1 service to the concerns of the neighborhood. I mean,
- 2 I think that they were -- they were actually making
- 3 an earnest effort on this, and I think that what
- 4 they're asking for in terms of the zoning relief
- s associated with this case, it's -- I believe that
- 6 what they're proposing is consistent with the
- 7 Comprehensive Plan guidance. It's, they've taken
- 8 steps to address how this admittedly larger building
- faces a -- or connects to a neighborhood that's
- 10 clearly a bit lower in density.
- 11 And I think that some of the concerns that
- 12 have been raised in the case are not -- I think they
- 13 have been fully addressed. You know, I think that
- the fact that it's an all-affordable project is
- 15 helpful, but I also think it's noteworthy that the
- 16 range of affordable is actually quite reflective of
- 17 the incomes and affordable of the immediate
- 18 surrounding neighborhood.
- And that's not something that we usually see.
- 20 We don't usually see that kind of an analysis that
- 21 shows that this is something that will fit well with
- the existing demographic. Usually, it's something of
- 23 a mismatch that's going to drive prices of the
- 24 abutting neighborhood up or down depending on, you
- 25 know, what the demographic is of the project, or

- 1 intended to be.
- So, I mean, I appreciate the fact that the
- 3 ANC still has concerns, but I also get the sense that
- 4 maybe this is an area where the ANC wouldn't be
- 5 satisfied with anything other than more rowhouses.
- 6 And I just don't think that that's -- I think that
- 7 would be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- That was my take on it. I'm interested in
- 9 hearing what other commissioners have to say.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Let me ask, did anyone see
- 11 Exhibit 82? I don't know, we probably need to work
- 12 with the ANC on -- I don't know if it's the ANC or
- who -- why everything that they send is reversed.
- 14 I'm not sure. Or is it --
- MR. MAY: Oh, you mean just the presentation
- that they got where the images were all over the
- 17 place. Yeah, I think that's just a bad scanning job.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yeah, but it's reversed.
- MR. MAY: Yeah.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: And I can tell you, now I
- 21 do know a little bit about that. Maybe not bicycles,
- 22 but I do know that you have to go to an extra length
- 23 to reverse something out.
- MR. MAY: Yeah.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: So, something is being --

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- 1 how it's being transmitted or uploaded or what. But
- 2 I notice everything we get is reversed, and I want to
- make sure that in the future we are able to read it.
- 4 It's kind of hard to read. But anyway.
- 5 Okay, any other questions on that, or
- 6 comments you've heard, Commissioner May, on my point?
- 7 Anything else? Vice Chair Miller?
- MR. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yeah,
- 9 I mean, I tend to agree with Commissioner May that I
- 10 think there have been a number of changes that were
- made in the building design as a result of the issues
- 12 that some of my colleagues raised at the public
- 13 hearing, and including the brick color. They did
- 14 provide some perspectives of the building set within
- 15 the context of the existing neighborhood. The
- 16 rooftop screening.
- And they addressed the issue of -- maybe not
- 18 to our satisfaction, not to the outcome that we
- wanted on the solar panels and the outdoor roof
- 20 terrace, but I think they gave a reasonable
- 21 explanation as to why those were not feasible. And I
- 22 think they did a number of additional transportation
- 23 mitigation measures in consultation with DDOT.
- And they've also -- they developed, as
- requested by the Commission, they developed

- 1 guidelines for use of the proposed community room in
- the project. They, in response to the concerns about
- 3 the public safety, they agreed to -- or they proposed
- 4 to undertake certain security measures, including a
- 5 security camera and additional exterior lighting.
- As Commissioner May said, I think they did
- 7 address the issue of how the -- this all affordable
- 8 housing at the AMI levels proposed, it does fit in
- 9 with the surrounding community. It also proposed a
- 10 construction management agreement and a community
- 11 benefits agreement. I realize the ANC did not think
- 12 that they were -- they did not sign on to those
- 13 agreements. But I think the applicant has continued
- to say that they would proffer those, even in the
- absence of a signature, and I think that should be
- 16 part of any proposed -- part of any order going
- 17 forward. We should take the applicant up on that
- 18 offer and make sure that those additional measures
- 19 are incorporated.
- Well, we don't incorporate construction
- 21 management agreements, but we often reference that
- there is one, and that does address some of the
- 23 concerns that were raised by the neighborhood.
- So, I don't share the same level of
- 25 discomfort. I think it was kind of a stark letter.

- 1 But, and I'm not sure exactly what broke down in that
- 2 dialog. But, based on the PowerPoint I saw in the
- 3 applicant's presentation, I think a number of changes
- 4 and additional benefits were proffered.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Any other comments
- 6 or questions? Commissioner Shapiro.
- 7 MR. SHAPIRO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I would
- 8 agree with Commissioners Miller and May, and I also,
- I agree with what you said, Mr. Chair, about what you
- 10 read, and I'm glad that you read that out, and I
- 11 didn't like to read that either. But my experience
- of this during the hearing was that the commission
- 13 did not -- was not particularly supportive of this
- 14 project at the time, and the issues that I took up
- were related to the -- I think they weren't addressed
- in the presentation. But there were more core issues
- 17 around the size of the building and the affordability
- 18 levels, who they were targeting. And I think that's
- where the ANC just wasn't supportive.
- 20 But I feel like the applicant addressed the
- 21 concerns that we brought up and I think it does -- it
- 22 is no inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- 23 Thank you.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Any other comments?
- 25 Mr. Turnbull.

- MR. TURNBULL: Mr. Chair, I did not sit on
- 2 this case so I won't be voting on it.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: All right. Okay. I
- 4 again, my issue was -- it was the way it was written.
- 5 I actually like the project, and I'm sitting -- even
- 6 sitting here now, I'm figuring out whether I was
- 7 going to vote against it for that reason, but I don't
- 8 think I am.
- But what I think I am going to do is to ask
- 10 for them to have another meeting, and not have the
- meeting just because I asked. I asked for them to
- 12 have the meeting to continue to see if some of the
- issues that concern the ANC can be resolved. Don't
- 14 have the meeting because Anthony Hood or the Zoning
- 15 Commission asked you to have the meeting, because I
- 16 can tell you like I said then, it works.
- I do like the project. I think it fits well
- in the scale and everything as far as the policies.
- 19 But when you hear a community come back and say,
- 20 somebody told you take it or leave it, then that
- 21 really irritates me. I'm going to be frank. It
- 22 always has, since '98, it has irritated me. I'm not
- 23 saying that communities, we're always right. But
- 24 sometimes, you know, we're the ones who are going to
- 25 deal with whatever project goes there.

- So, when we ask you to meet, we ask you to
- 2 meet for a reason. We're not asking you to meet just
- 3 to buy some time or satisfy a requirement here,
- 4 because a lot of the projects that come in this city,
- 5 I've been here long enough to see them, a lot of the
- 6 projects that come through this city are better
- 7 because of the input of the community. And even,
- 8 believe it or not, the input of the folks that sit up
- 9 here.
- So, in working collaboratively together, the
- 11 applicant doesn't always have all the answers.
- 12 Doesn't always have the best designs. It takes all
- of us to make it work better for the city. So, I'm
- 14 not going to vote in opposing this, because I do like
- 15 the project. I like the scale of it, I like the
- 16 design of it. But what I don't like is what I got
- 17 back from ANC 7D. That's my problem, my sticking
- 18 point.
- So, I'm going to ask again, yeah, we're going
- 20 to do proposed. But everyone, my colleagues who sit
- up here now, know that I voted proposed and didn't
- vote final. Or voted against and final, and vice
- versa. And I'm not putting a thread or anything out
- 24 there. What I'm trying to do is get -- see if we can
- 25 close the gap a little more with the community.

- 1 Everybody is not going to be 100 percent happy. No.
- 2 I realize that. I've been here long enough to know
- 3 that.
- But I think at the end of the day, when you
- 5 have that kind of good neighbor policy and
- 6 collaboration, you end with a better project.
- So, enough of my dissertation and my soap
- 8 box. Any other comments or questions? Somebody like
- 9 to make a motion?
- Mr. Turnbull, you're not participating. All
- 11 right.
- MR. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I would move that
- 13 the Zoning Commission take proposed action on Case
- No. 16-20, 3443 Benning, LLC, consolidated PUD and
- related map amendment at Square 5017, and ask for a
- 16 second.
- MR. MAY: And second that. Do we want to
- 18 condition that on a further outreach and report from
- 19 the applicant and from the ANC?
- MR. MILLER: Yes, I meant to make that part
- 21 of my motion. Thank you.
- MR. MAY: I would agree with that.
- CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. It's been moved and
- 24 properly seconded, and we're looking forward to that.
- 25 Not because asked. Any further discussion?

- 1 [Vote taken.]
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Ms. Schellin, would you
- 3 record the vote?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. Staff records the vote
- 5 four, to zero, to one to approve proposed action in
- 6 Zoning Commission Case No. 16-20, Commissioner Miller
- 7 moving, Commissioner May seconding, Commissioner Hood
- 8 and Shapiro in support, Commissioner Turnbull not
- 9 voting having not participated.
- And, Chairman Hood, do you want to set a date
- 11 for submissions to come back regarding the follow up
- meeting between the applicant and the ANC?
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: When would final action
- 14 happen?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Final action will not happen
- 16 until September 11th.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Can we do it our last
- 18 meeting in September?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Sure.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: So, I'm sure, I believe --
- MS. SCHELLIN: September 25th.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Mr. Avitabile, is this
- your case? And Chairperson Muhammad, I see you're
- 24 here. So, you all can work that out with the
- 25 applicant. And let's see what we can do to close the

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- 1 gap because I think it's a great project.
- MS. SCHELLIN: Right.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: We just need to pull it
- 4 together.
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. So, then we could have
- 6 submissions by 3:00 p.m. on the 18th of September.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Is that enough time,
- 8 Chairperson Muhammad, for your ANC, because I don't
- 9 want to do anything in August because most ANCs,
- 10 probably yours, don't meet in August. Yours probably
- meets in August. You all meet in August?
- MR. MUHAMMAD: [Speaking off microphone.]
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay, so our second
- meeting, we'll accommodate you. Okay, good. Let's
- 15 do that. And let's see if we can not just meet
- 16 because Anthony Hood or Rob Miller asked you to meet.
- 17 But you all meet so we can close the gap some. Okay?
- 18 All right.
- 19 All right. Thank you, Ms. Schellin. Let's
- 20 go to the next case. Zoning Commission Case No. 16-
- 21 -- is that the next case? Yeah. 16-17, EYA
- 22 Development, LLC, consolidated PUD and related map
- 23 amendment at Square 3917, Ms. Schellin.
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. I'm sorry, there -- the
- 25 Commission had deferred action on this to allow the

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- 1 parties to respond to some agency reports to come in.
- 2 And so, the applicant and ANC 5B did that at Exhibits
- 3 221 and 223, so we'd ask the Commission to consider
- 4 proposed action this evening.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Colleagues, we have
- a number of issues that were raised in this case, and
- 7 I'm just going to -- well, you know, what? Let me
- 8 not do all the talking. Let me open it up and let
- 9 somebody else start us off. Any comments?
- 10 Commissioner May.
- MR. MAY: I'm sorry. I've got to pull up the
- 12 right page in my notes here.
- So, this was a long hearing and lots of
- information. Let me just say, I think it's probably
- 15 pretty well known that I'm not a particular fan of
- the building type that's used in this development.
- 17 But that being said, it is something that we have
- 18 approved on a number of occasions and I think that
- we'd do our best to try to make projects like this
- 20 fit well into the neighborhood. And it's clearly
- 21 something that is attractive to homebuyers.
- The density of the proposed project, I think,
- is one of the key issues here. And I think that it's
- 24 -- when you look at it just in terms of the developed
- 25 portion of the proposed, where the houses are going

- 1 to be built, yeah, that's a bit more dense than the
- 2 surrounding R-2 neighborhood. But the real question
- 3 is whether it is comparable. And I think that the
- 4 applicant has done a good job of trying to make that
- 5 -- make the development comparable in scale to what
- 6 is around it. It does not look out of place. It
- 7 doesn't feel out of place. I think if it were, you
- 8 know, a larger multifamily building, if it was 50,
- 9 60, 70-foot-tall, obviously that would not be the
- 10 case, even if that would be consistent with the, you
- 11 know, with other institutional uses. We really are
- 12 trying to make this fit into the neighborhood.
- So, I think it is essentially comparable to
- what happens in the surrounding area. And then when
- 15 you consider the fact that the development is being
- done in such a fashion that it preserves substantial
- open space on the one side of the property, and that
- 18 overall when you consider that, the density in
- 19 aggregate terms is comparable, is absolutely
- 20 comparable to what's happened in the surrounding
- 21 blocks in terms of FAR.
- 22 And I think that that -- I mean, yeah,
- there's a little bit more height in these development
- 24 -- or in this development than some of the
- 25 neighboring homes. And they're a little bit closer

- 1 together, so you have rows of you know, I don't know,
- 2 eight or 10 houses as opposed to rows of two or three
- 3 that are connected. But the benefit that comes from
- 4 that is the preservation of the historic building on
- 5 the site, and to a great extent it's setting. And I
- 6 think that when you look at what we first saw in this
- 7 project, the original proposal where the townhouses
- 8 were, you know, were flanking the historic building
- 9 on the front lawn. And I mean, that was just a
- 10 terrible concept and I think that you know, over time
- 11 the number of units that have been proposed on the
- 12 site have been scaled back more than once. I think
- it was scaled back even before it came to us. And I
- think that's a really good thing and the benefits are
- really, I think, quite obvious. And it's almost like
- 16 a textbook case for doing a planned unit development.
- 17 It makes much more sense to think of this site as
- whole and to consider what benefit comes out of the
- 19 totality of it, rather than looking at, and focusing
- 20 on you know, the smaller segments of it.
- 21 And I think that -- and, you know, I have
- 22 seen examples of other projects where you have a
- 23 historic building that has a, you know, something of
- 24 a setting, a front lawn that gives the building some
- 25 standing in the neighborhood. There's one very close

- 1 to where I live, and it's absolutely terrible. I
- 2 mean, they've just packed the same kind of townhouse
- units. I don't think it's the same developer, but
- 4 they've packed the same kind of townhouse units into
- 5 the front lawn in front of this building, and it's
- 6 just terrible. And I think that -- I didn't vote on
- 7 that. Somebody else might have voted on that at BZA.
- 8 I don't know who.
- In any case, and I think that there is some
- 10 recognition from the neighbors who have concerns
- about the property, that what they're proposing in
- 12 terms of a strategy, makes sense. And it's just a
- 13 matter of how many units they try to pack in. And I
- 14 think that the party in opposition suggested only 66
- units, instead of 80. Arguably, that's not hugely
- 16 different, and I don't know that it would
- 17 aesthetically make much difference.
- So, then when you consider the rest of the
- 19 project. Well, what are the potential negative
- 20 effects? Parking, based on the number of parking
- 21 that -- parking spaces that go into the site, and
- 22 based on the census of the neighborhood, which we've
- received evidence on, I don't think parking is really
- 24 an issue. I mean, this is not a neighborhood that
- 25 has full RPP everywhere you go and that, you know,

- 1 when you come home at 11:00 at night you have to
- 2 fight to get a parking space within three blocks of
- your house. The census, I think, showed pretty
- 4 clearly that there is substantial parking
- s availability and if that were to be stressed, there's
- 6 always the option of instituting RPP in the blocks
- 7 that surround it.
- 8 There are traffic issues that are associated
- 9 with the project. We heard testimony about that.
- 10 And I think that there are some steps that are being
- 11 proposed that will mitigate that substantially.
- I think that we heard a late report from the
- 13 ANC. The most recent report from ANC 5B. 5B, thank
- 14 you. Where they were concerned about substantial use
- of allies for, I don't know, cut-throughs or what
- otherwise would be street traffic. I think this is a
- 17 legitimate question and I -- it's unfortunate, I
- 18 think, that we don't have I think necessarily all the
- 19 answers we need about that from DDOT. But I think
- 20 that we can find out more about it and try to answer
- 21 those questions to find out whether -- you know, the
- 22 extent to which DDOT considered that specific
- 23 problem, and whether they view it as a problem. And
- 24 if so, is it a problem that can be mitigated. And if
- 25 not, then we have to decide whether the risks, or

- 1 rather the impacts associated with it are something
- that are acceptable, given the benefits of the
- 3 project.
- 4 Overall, the other benefits in the project
- 5 are really, really substantial. The historic
- 6 preservation of the seminary building, the open space
- 7 associated with it that gives it its presence, and
- 8 really a good setting. The playground, the
- 9 affordable housing component of it, which is more
- 10 than the minimum. And the tax relief fund, and I
- 11 think that's been thought out fairly carefully.
- It seems kind of minimal in some ways, but I
- 13 think that we heard testimony indicating that it
- would actually address what they saw as the immediate
- 15 need of people who would be impacted by this. And
- 16 the real thing is to get those folks who need
- 17 assistance in dealing with rising property taxes, and
- 18 those burdens that come as neighborhoods become more
- valuable, getting them the kind of help that they
- 20 need to be able to stay in place. And I think that's
- 21 a good thing.
- 22 And there's also the bike share contribution,
- 23 and the public art component.
- I think that the developer did a very good
- 25 job of adapting the design to the neighborhood

- 1 context, and that the buildings look appropriate for
- what surrounds it. Especially given the fact that
- the buildings are a little bit taller than what's
- 4 around them.
- 5 They addressed a few small issues with the
- 6 design, I think certainly to my satisfaction, so I'm
- very happy with that. And I think that there's, you
- 8 know, there's still some things that we could quibble
- g about in terms of energy efficiency and so on, given
- 10 the DOEE report. But I think that the applicant's
- 11 answers to that are adequate.
- So, I am in favor of moving forward with this
- 13 project, although I do think we need to hear again
- 14 from DDOT on the issue of traffic and the impact on
- 15 allies.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Commissioner
- 17 Shapiro.
- MR. SHAPIRO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. First of
- 19 all, I appreciate the comments of Commissioner May
- 20 and I would support what he said too.
- 21 The only thing that I would add is that the
- 22 applicants, in response to the agency reports, the
- 23 specific response to issues around solar panels, I
- 24 thought that was a healthy response that it competes
- with issues around other amenities, but there's a

- 1 recognition of the importance of it, and that the
- 2 applicants agreed to work with a local company to
- 3 create options for purchasers of the townhomes to
- 4 install solar panels and take advantage of the
- 5 District's tax credit program for such installations.
- And I think that's a, it's a healthy way to
- 7 approach it and I think that's a good model for other
- 8 developers who are building townhomes.
- So, I would support this as well. Thank you,
- 10 Mr. Chair.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Any other comments
- or questions, Commissioner Turnbull?
- MR. TURNBULL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm not
- 14 going to take too long. I want to thank Commissioner
- 15 May. I think he did a very thorough analysis and
- 16 review on the project, going through all the
- 17 different aspects that we looked at. And it was a
- 18 complicated hearing process, but it followed a
- 19 typical PUD process, which is, it's an interactive
- 20 process. An applicant comes before us, the community
- is here, points are brought out, the applicant goes
- 22 back. I mean, it's the whole process. This is how a
- 23 project evolves.
- 24 And I think this is very -- it just, it
- 25 followed exactly how we do a lot of our PUDs. I

- 1 mean, the applicant went back, made changes, and came
- 2 back again. So, on the whole, I as I say,
- 3 Commissioner May did an excellent job of going
- 4 through all the aspects of it. And I think, again,
- 5 the big thing about being in the contextual aspect of
- 6 it, I think that's very -- he hit upon that and I
- 7 would agree.
- 8 And I think the 66-80, their difference in
- units is -- I know some of the neighbors may think
- 10 that that's very important. But I think in the
- 11 context of the whole PUD, the whole site, the whole
- 12 application that was presented to us, I am very
- 13 satisfied with the way it's going and look forward to
- 14 Department of Transportation's comments on the alley
- 15 issues too.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay, Vice Chair Miller.
- MR. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I too
- 18 would concur with Commissioner May and my other
- 19 colleagues, and appreciate all of their -- support
- 20 all of the comments that they had made, including
- 21 Commissioner Turnbull's comment about how this
- 22 project has evolved from even before when it got to
- us, but with the work of the community, but
- 24 afterwards as well.
- On the open space preservation, I would just

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- 1 note that part of this proffer is to establish --
- 2 part of the public benefit is to have a permanent
- 3 easement, making sure that the public has access to
- 4 that great lawn on half of the project, and to all of
- 5 the other public spaces within the project.
- And on the housing, I would just again note,
- 7 again note, because I think I noted at the public
- 8 hearing, that the applicant is providing a fair
- 9 number of three and four-bedroom units, which is an
- 10 important feature of this housing project. And also
- 11 doing a greater amount of Inclusionary Zoning
- 12 affordable units than what is required under the
- 13 regulations, and at a deeper, a slightly deeper
- 14 affordability level.
- So, and I think that was a change, also, that
- was reflective of the evolution of this project. So,
- 17 I'm prepared to go forward with the request for DDOT
- 18 to respond to that ANC 5B submission.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. As already
- 20 mentioned, in Exhibit 220, we did get the DOEE
- 21 report. I want to thank them for submitting that.
- 22 And I want us to recall that when we first got this
- 23 case, when we first got it -- now a lot of times,
- cases go on for years. If we get it and we get 10
- 25 minutes to -- everybody say, hurry up and do

- 1 something with it. It's been in the community for 20
- 2 years, but we've got 10 minutes.
- The reality of it is, I had to take a step
- 4 back because I grew up in this area. And I had to
- 5 take a step back. I'm used to seeing just Saint
- 6 Joseph's over there in the open field. I'm used to
- 7 that. That's why I asked for the analysis of
- 8 Providence Hospital and all that. And after I
- 9 relooked at it, and from what I've heard in the
- 10 record, Saint Joseph's has been a good neighbor.
- 11 And this reminds me of some of the other
- 12 cases that we've heard recently where people -- money
- is tight and people are doing different things. I
- don't want to call the university out, but people are
- doing different things now to be able to sustain.
- 16 And this is what I see here, what's going on here.
- But be as it may, I looked at the DDOT
- 18 letter, supplemental data expert, data subject matter
- 19 experts, not Anthony Hood. I had serious concerns
- 20 about Allison Street. The applicant has made some
- 21 provisions and some changes to try to deal with that
- 22 issue on Allison Street.
- 23 And when DDOT wrote a letter, they actually
- 24 said, I'm not sure which way it's going to go, but
- they told the applicant, you don't necessarily have

- 1 to do that. It will work without you doing that.
- So, to me, that gave me a comfort level on
- 3 Allison Street, and I'm hoping -- and I'm in that
- 4 area so I'm hoping if this ever moves forward and
- 5 gets done, that I don't regret this. But I can tell
- 6 you that the experts have actually released some of
- 7 the things that the applicant has made, and I'm
- 8 hoping the applicant does everything they can do to
- 9 make sure that relief is taken care of Allison
- 10 Street.
- The other thing is, and I think I mentioned
- 12 this but I'm going to mention it again to make sure,
- 13 again like I said, when we first dealt with this,
- 14 remember we didn't set it down. We actually -- I
- 15 know a couple of us actually chewed this case up.
- 16 So, we chewed it up. And as my colleagues have
- mentioned, the applicant took it back and revised,
- 18 not what the community wanted, but what the Zoning
- 19 Commission wanted as well.
- 20 After the community and they got ready to
- 21 flavor it for us, we chewed it up and sent it back.
- 22 Didn't even set it down. So, some changes have been
- made.
- 24 And then what I found more interesting as I
- 25 pondered and went over this case and tried to take

- myself out of what I'm used to when I'm riding down
- 2 12th Street, was the ANC 5A letter from Ronnie
- 3 Edwards. He basically said, this is what we've done,
- 4 and we wish that the Zoning Commission -- and I'll
- 5 read the last of it.
- "As detailed in ANC 5A's -- conducted a
- 7 thoughtful and exhaustive analysis of this project
- 8 and its potential impacts to the surrounding
- 9 community. And when I read this whole letter, I'm
- not going to read it now, it goes on to say, "There
- is no reason that the Zoning Commission should not
- 12 provide ANC 5A's resolution the great weight that it
- is statutorily entitled."
- To me, some of the questions we were asking
- ourselves, not what the community said, but what we
- were saying, was basically saying to the ANC, hey,
- 17 did you look at these things. And for him to write
- 18 this letter, I don't want to say he admonished us,
- but I do want to say he's saying, hey look, I did my
- 20 job, you do yours. That's the way I took it.
- So, that's where it is. And I mentioned the
- 22 DDOT letter. I had a concern about Providence
- 23 Hospital, because I'm not used to anything going on
- 24 to the right, when -- well, I'm actually acting like
- 25 I'm going home, where I used to live. But I'm not

- used to anything going on over to the -- on the
- 2 field, versus Providence Hospital. But the subject
- matter experts, and it's in the record, fire and
- 4 emergency, have said that there are no impacts. And
- 5 now again, it's been stated, Saint Joseph's has been
- 6 a good neighbor. That's been in the record. That's
- 7 clear. I didn't hear anybody from the community say
- 8 they were not a good neighbor.
- But at the end of the day now, I think this
- 10 is their time of need. I know it's going to be a
- 11 change in the neighborhood. I had to try to grapple
- with it and get used to it. But what's probably
- 13 going to happen, like a number of cases that we deal
- 14 with, this is going to be very beneficial. It's
- 15 going to be a change, and it's probably going to
- enhance and improve the neighborhood. Some people
- might not be able to see that now, but I've seen it.
- 18 I've been here a long time and I've seen that happen
- in different neighborhoods.
- So, I'm actually going to vote in favor of
- 21 this. I do raise question about the alley from ANC
- 5B, this issue about allies and one-way, and that's a
- whole other avenue. We're going to ask the
- 24 Department of -- as my colleagues have already
- mentioned, we're going to ask the Department of

- 1 Transportation to look at those issues.
- I think that, for me, there's nothing in the
- record. I don't remember hearing any testimony about
- 4 major issues in allies, in the allies that he's
- 5 talking about down on Varnum Street. And I don't
- 6 know if they necessarily -- I'm not saying they
- 7 don't, but it would be hard-pressed for me to know
- 8 that there's a whole lot of traffic. I'm not saying
- 9 it is and it isn't. I'm not defending one way or the
- other, but I'm not really sure. But there's no
- 11 evidence in this record of what ANC 5B is asking for.
- But since they're asking for it, and we want
- to make sure we address it. So, we will send that to
- 14 DDOT. Ms. Schellin, if we can make sure DDOT gets
- 15 that and be able to respond to us. Whether they
- 16 looked at it or didn't look at it, or whether it's
- 17 something they need to look at. And we can do that
- 18 before final.
- So, I think the merits of this case are
- 20 right. I think there's typically no reason when you
- 21 deal with the Comp Plan and what is asked for and
- what is involved in it, and in totality, looking at
- 23 the whole project as Commissioner May has laid out
- 24 for us that I could go any way but to vote in
- 25 approval of this case. I think the merits stand for

- 1 itself. And would somebody like to make a motion?
- MR. SHAPIRO: Mr. Chair, I move that we take
- 3 proposed action in Zoning Case No. 16-17, EYA
- 4 Development, LLC, consolidated PUD and related map
- 5 amendment at Square 3917.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I'll second that. It's
- 7 been moved and properly seconded. Any further
- 8 discussion?
- 9 [Vote taken.]
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Ms. Schellin, would you
- 11 record the vote?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. Staff records the vote
- 13 five, to zero, to zero to approve proposed action in
- 20 Zoning Commission Case No. 16-17, Commissioner
- 15 Shapiro moving, Commissioner Hood seconding,
- 16 Commissioners May, Miller, and Turnbull in support.
- 17 And I would ask the Commission, there were two issues
- 18 that -- Mr. Turnbull. The applicant asked to be able
- 19 to provide a revised draft order to address the
- 20 comments that were received from them, and ANC 5, I
- 21 believe it was 5B, to the agency reports that came
- int. They'd like to add that to the draft order.
- And also, they'd like to submit a full set of
- 24 plans. If they could do that prior to final action,
- 25 so I mean, if you guys could just approve that by

- 1 consensus, that would be good.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yeah, I think that's
- 3 warranted and I think it's well needed. So, I don't
- 4 think we have any --
- 5 MS. SCHELLIN: Okay.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Any objections? Not
- 7 seeing any. Okay.
- MS. SCHELLIN: And do you want this on the
- 9 first meeting in September? Or --
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Is DDOT going to have that
- 11 information for us?
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes, I gave them a copy this
- evening, so I'll just confirm a date for them to
- 14 provide that buy.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So, we can deal
- with final action for our first meeting in September.
- MS. SCHELLIN: Okay. So, I'll ask them to
- 18 provide that by -- I mean, they can provide that,
- 19 actually, within a week -- I mean, within a couple
- 20 weeks. They don't need to do it by September. And
- we'd ask the applicant to provide the revised draft
- order and the full set of plans by July 31st.
- By August 15th. Okay. Thanks.
- MR. RITTING: I just wanted to add something.
- 25 If you're going to leave the record open for the

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- 1 applicant to submit a revised draft order, I suggest
- that you allow the other parties to submit revised
- 3 orders as well.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So noted.
- MS. SCHELLIN: Yes, I forgot that.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: We'll do that, if they can
- 7 let the counsel know for the party in opposition.
- 8 All right. Anything else?
- 9 MS. SCHELLIN: No, sir.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Do we have anything else
- 11 tonight?
- MS. SCHELLIN: I do not have anything else.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Does the Office of
- 14 Planning have anything? Colleagues, do you have
- 15 anything?
- MR. SHAPIRO: No, sir.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: All right. We want to
- 18 thank everyone for their participation in this
- 19 meeting. This meeting is adjourned.
- 20 [Whereupon, the regular public meeting
- 21 adjourned at 8:11 p.m.]

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