GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Board of Zoning Adjustment



Application No. 20001 of Simone Management LLC, as amended, pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle X, Chapter 9, for special exceptions under the new residential development requirements of Subtitle U § 421.1, and pursuant to Subtitle C § 703.2 from the minimum parking requirements of Subtitle C § 701.5, to construct seven new, attached flats in the RA-1 Zone at premises 6003-6015 Eads Street, N.E. (Square 5261, Lots 50-56).

HEARING DATES: May 15, 2019 and June 26, 2019

DECISION DATE: June 26, 2019

SUMMARY ORDER

Relief Requested. The zoning relief requested in this case was self-certified, pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle Y § 300.6. (Exhibit 42 (Final Revised); Exhibits 17 and 21 (Revised); Exhibit 2 (Original).)¹

Notice of the Application and Public Hearing. The Board of Zoning Adjustment ("Board" or "BZA") referred the application to the appropriate agencies and provided proper and timely notice of the public hearing in accordance with Subtitle Y § 402.1.

<u>Parties</u>. The parties to this case were the Applicant and Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC") 7C.

ANC Report. ANC 7C did not submit a written report to the record. The ANC's Chair submitted a request to postpone the original hearing on May 15, 2019 that was granted by the Board. The ANC Chair submitted a second request for postponement on the morning of the rescheduled hearing date, June 26, 2019. The Board denied the request, as the ANC has an opportunity to consider the application at executive meetings and at a full ANC meeting.

<u>OP Report</u>. The Office of Planning submitted a report recommending approval of the application. (Exhibit 50.)

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¹ The original application was amended to withdraw a request for variance relief from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle F § 304.1 and to add special exception relief from the parking requirements of Subtitle C § 701.5.

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<u>DDOT Report</u>. The District Department of Transportation ("DDOT") submitted two reports to the record, indicating that it had no objection to the application and noting that it approved the Applicant's proposed transportation demand management ("TDM") plan. (Exhibits 51 and 63.) The Board adopted the TDM measures as conditions of this Order.

<u>Persons in Opposition</u>. A resident of ANC 7C, Talayah Jackson, provided testimony in opposition.

Special Exception Relief

The Applicant seeks relief under Subtitle X § 901.2, for special exceptions under the new residential development requirements of Subtitle U § 421.1, and pursuant to Subtitle C § 703.2 from the minimum parking requirements of Subtitle C § 701.5, to construct seven new, attached flats in the RA-1 Zone.

Based upon the record before the Board, and having given great weight to the appropriate reports and recommendations filed in this case, the Board concludes that the Applicant has met the burden of proof that the requested relief can be granted as being in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations and Map and that granting the requested relief will not tend to affect adversely the use of neighboring property in accordance with the Zoning Regulations and Map. The Board further concludes that, pursuant to Subtitle X § 901.2(c), any other specified conditions for special exception relief have been met.

Pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle Y § 604.3, the order of the Board may be in summary form and need not be accompanied by findings of fact and conclusions of law where granting an application when there was no party in opposition.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that this application is hereby **GRANTED AND**, **PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y § 604.10**, **SUBJECT TO THE APPROVED PLANS² AT EXHIBITS 43-48 AND WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

1. The Applicant shall provide welcome packets to all new residents in rental units that include, at a minimum, the Metrorail pocket guide, brochures of local bus lines (Circulator and Metrobus), carpool and vanpool information, Capital Bikeshare coupon or rack card, Guaranteed Ride Home brochure, and the most recent DC Bike Map. Brochures can be ordered from DDOT's goDCgo program by emailing info@godcgo.com.

² In granting the certified relief, the Board made no finding that the relief is either necessary or sufficient. Instead, the Board expects the Zoning Administrator to undertake a thorough and independent review of the building permit and certificate of occupancy applications filed for this project and to deny any application for which additional or different zoning relief is needed.

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- 2. The Applicant shall provide residents who wish to carpool with detailed carpooling information and shall refer residents to other carpool matching services sponsored by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments ("MWCOG") or other comparable service if MWCOG does not offer this in the future.
- 3. The Applicant shall provide a free SmarTrip card to every new resident in a rental unit and a complimentary Capital Bikeshare coupon good for one ride.
- 4. The Applicant shall meet the short and long-term bicycle parking requirements established in the Zoning Regulations.

VOTE: **4-0-1** (Carlton E. Hart, Lorna L. John, Lesylleé M. White, and Robert E. Miller to APPROVE; Frederick L. Hill not participating.)

BY ORDER OF THE D.C. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

A majority of the Board members approved the issuance of this order.

ATTESTED BY:

SARA A. BARDIN

Director, Office of Zoning

FINAL DATE OF ORDER: July 2, 2019

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR SUBTITLE Y § 604.11, NO ORDER OF THE BOARD SHALL TAKE EFFECT UNTIL TEN (10) DAYS AFTER IT BECOMES FINAL PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y § 604.7.

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR SUBTITLE Y § 702.1, THIS ORDER SHALL NOT BE VALID FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS AFTER IT BECOMES EFFECTIVE UNLESS, WITHIN SUCH TWO-YEAR PERIOD, THE APPLICANT FILES PLANS FOR THE PROPOSED STRUCTURE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING A BUILDING PERMIT, OR THE APPLICANT FILES A REQUEST FOR A TIME EXTENSION PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y § 705 PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD AND THE REQUEST IS GRANTED. PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y § 703.14, NO OTHER ACTION, INCLUDING THE FILING OR GRANTING OF AN APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y §§ 703 OR 704, SHALL TOLL OR EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD.

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR SUBTITLE Y § 604, APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE APPROVAL OF THE PLANS SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE (OR ADDITION THERETO) OR THE RENOVATION OR ALTERATION OF AN EXISTING BUILDING OR

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STRUCTURE. AN APPLICANT SHALL CARRY OUT THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, OR ALTERATION ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS APPROVED BY THE BOARD AS THE SAME MAY BE AMENDED AND/OR MODIFIED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT.

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR SUBTITLE A § 303, THE PERSON WHO OWNS, CONTROLS, OCCUPIES, MAINTAINS, OR USES THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, OR ANY PART THERETO, SHALL COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS IN THIS ORDER, AS THE SAME MAY BE AMENDED AND/OR MODIFIED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT. FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE CONDITIONS IN THIS ORDER, IN WHOLE OR IN PART SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR THE REVOCATION OF ANY BUILDING PERMIT OR CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ORDER.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE D.C. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 1977, AS AMENDED, D.C. OFFICIAL CODE § 2-1401.01 <u>ET SEQ.</u> (ACT), THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED: RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, AGE, MARITAL STATUS, PERSONAL APPEARANCE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION, FAMILIAL STATUS, FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES, MATRICULATION, POLITICAL AFFILIATION, GENETIC INFORMATION, DISABILITY, SOURCE OF INCOME, OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS. SEXUAL HARASSMENT IS A FORM OF SEX DISCRIMINATION WHICH IS PROHIBITED BY THE ACT. IN ADDITION, HARASSMENT BASED ON ANY OF THE ABOVE PROTECTED CATEGORIES IS PROHIBITED BY THE ACT. DISCRIMINATION IN VIOLATION OF THE ACT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. VIOLATORS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.