

GOVERNMENT  
OF  
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ZONING COMMISSION

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SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

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MONDAY

JANUARY 5, 2009

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The Special Public Meeting  
convened in Room 220 South, 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street,  
N.W., Washington, D.C., 20001, pursuant to  
notice at 6:30 p.m., Anthony J. Hood,  
Chairperson, presiding.

ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

ANTHONY J. HOOD	CHAIRPERSON
GREGORY JEFFRIES	VICE-CHAIRPERSON
MICHAEL TURNBULL, FAIA	COMMISSIONER (OAC)
PETER MAY	COMMISSIONER (NPS)

OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

SHARON SCHELLIN	Secretary
DONNA HANOUSEK	Zoning Specialist

D.C. OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT:

ALAN BERGSTEIN, ESQ.

OFFICE OF PLANNING STAFF PRESENT:

JENNIFER STEINGASSER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
TRAVIS PARKER  
STEVE COCHRAN

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

2 6:53 p.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: This is the  
4 January 5, 2009, meeting of the Zoning  
5 Commission. Joining me tonight are Vice  
6 Chairperson Jeffries, Commissioners May and  
7 Turnbull.

8 We also have the Office of Zoning  
9 Staff and also the Office of Planning.

10 Tonight's Special Public Meeting  
11 consists of one agenda item. That is the  
12 Zoning Regulations Rewrite, Sub-area of the  
13 Height.

14 Tonight the Commission will have a  
15 dialogue with the Office of Planning to  
16 provide guidance in relation to its  
17 recommendations.

18 Copies of tonight's meeting agenda  
19 along with the worksheet on Height relevant to  
20 you and are located in the bin near the door.

21 We will not take any public  
22 testimony at our meetings unless the

1 Commission requests someone to come forward.

2 Please be advised that this  
3 proceeding is being recorded by a Court  
4 Reporter and it is also being Webcast live.  
5 Accordingly, we must ask you to refrain from  
6 any disruptive noises or actions in the  
7 hearing room. Please turn off all beepers and  
8 cell phones.

9 All persons appearing before the  
10 council are to fill out two witness cards.  
11 Please come to the mike, turn your mike on,  
12 and introduce yourselves at the appropriate  
13 times.

14 Mrs. Schellin, do we have any  
15 preliminary matters?

16 SECRETARY SCHELLIN: We do have a  
17 submittal this afternoon from NCPC. Actually  
18 two submittals from them.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. And  
20 these came in after the record had closed?

21 SECRETARY SCHELLIN: Yes, sir.  
22 The record closed October 10th.

1 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay.

2 Colleagues, what is your pleasure  
3 of those two submittals? Those are the only  
4 two things, Ms. Schellin, that came in?

5 SECRETARY SCHELLIN: Correct.

6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Colleagues?

7 Mr. May?

8 COMMISSIONER MAY: Yes. I haven't  
9 had a chance to read that submission and as  
10 well as the sort of checklist that we work  
11 with from the Office of Planning since we just  
12 got those things this afternoon when we got  
13 here.

14 And, you know, I would like to  
15 take advantage of the information that's in  
16 there, but it's not practical to be sitting up  
17 here trying to read through that and try to  
18 understand it.

19 So, I would suggest that it be  
20 accepted into the record, although it would be  
21 appreciated if in the future with such  
22 submissions that everything be done by the

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1 timelines that the Commission has set out at  
2 the hearing.

3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Any  
4 other comments and a point well taken.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: I would  
6 second accepting it.

7 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: It's been moved  
8 and properly seconded.

9 Any further discussion?

10 No further discussion, all those  
11 is favor, aye?

12 (Chorus of Ayes.)

13 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Any opposition?

14 Staff, would you record the vote?

15 SECRETARY SCHELLIN: Yes. Staff  
16 records the vote four to zero to one to accept  
17 the NCPC filings.

18 Commissioner May moving,  
19 Commissioner Turnbull seconding, Commissioners  
20 Hood and Jeffries in favor. The third mayoral  
21 appointee seat vacant, not voting.

22 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. And for

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1 the record, the record is closed.

2 Okay. Next we normally go by our  
3 worksheet and I understand all the thought and  
4 the effort and the time that went into this  
5 worksheet. As Commissioner May has said we  
6 have not really had an opportunity and I think  
7 we would be doing, first of all, the city a  
8 disservice and ourselves a disservice to sit  
9 here and try and go through this tonight with  
10 the magnitude of the subject matter.

11 So, we have a date in which we're  
12 going to move this so we can go home and do  
13 some enjoyable reading and be able to digest  
14 this hard and fought and worked out worksheet.  
15 And I want to commend those who have done it  
16 and worked on it and this is no slight of  
17 yours, but we want to make sure we do due  
18 diligence for the city and for ourselves to  
19 make an informed and intelligent decision on  
20 options.

21 So, if everyone will just indulge  
22 my colleagues and I that we will deal with



1 this on February -- Ms. Schellin, let me let  
2 you give us the date because I'll mess that up  
3 too, I believe.

4 SECRETARY SCHELLIN: Sure.

5 Thursday, February 5th at 6:30 p.m.

6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thursday,  
7 February 5th at 6:30.

8 And, again, I want to apologize  
9 for those who came down tonight. I know we  
10 were late getting started. We kept you here  
11 all night and now we're not going to even move  
12 forward with it. So, I apologize to you.  
13 We're looking forward to seeing you back on  
14 the 5th. But we want to make an informed and  
15 detailed decision. That's how we are.

16 Okay. Ms. Schellin, do we have  
17 anything else?

18 SECRETARY SCHELLIN: Nothing else.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Office of the  
20 Attorney General, do you have anything else?

21 MR. BERGSTEIN: Nothing at all.

22 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay.

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1                   Office of Planning? Okay. Again,  
2                   with that, I don't want to adjourn it. Is it  
3                   postponed -- postponed until February 5th at  
4                   6:30.

5                   (Whereupon, the above-entitled  
6                   matter was concluded at 6:58 p.m.)

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