April 13, 2017

Anthony Hood, Chairman
Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia
441 4 Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Chairman Hood:

On April 6, 2017, at a public meeting and with a quorum of 11 of 12 Commissioners present, ANC 1B voted unanimously in support of the proposed update to the Howard University Campus Plan. The ANC 1B Economic Development Committee and the ANC 1B Zoning, Preservation, and Development Committee both reviewed the proposed campus plan update. Based on their recommendation, ANC 1B supports the request with the following provisions in the application to the Zoning Commission for approval.

1) The following seven parcels are proposed to be removed from the campus plan:
   a) 211 Elm St Square 3084 Lot 830 RF-1;
   b) 1919 3rd St Square 3088 Lot 835 RF-1;
   c) 2711-19 Georgia Ave Square 3058 Lots 833,4,5 MU-4;
   d) 2251 Sherman Ave Square 2873 Section of Lot 1101 MU-10;
   e) 9th St Lot Square 2873 Lot 797 Square 2875 Lots 976, 982, 1108, 2004, 2011, 2033 MU-10;
   f) Georgia Ave Lot Square 2877 Lots 62, 811, 934, 945, 968, 970, 972, 977, 979, 1023 MU-10 907 – 909; and,
   g) Florida Ave Square 2873 Lots 872, 873 MU-10.

2) Howard University agrees to keep ANC 1B informed of its plans for the development of the properties being removed from the Campus Plan. Howard University shall present all development plans for these properties to the ANC for comment prior to conveyance of the properties to any developer or require the developer to share plans with the ANC. The ANC may make recommendations and may pass resolutions concerning the development of these properties.

3) The ANC encourages Howard University to include the following guidelines in development of the properties:
   a) Use locally owned and minority businesses;
   b) Identify new businesses that bring new and innovative activities, restaurants, and shopping opportunities to the neighborhood;
c) Encourage development that is complementary to other businesses and buildings in the neighborhood;

d) Require businesses that are environmentally sustainable or have adopted economically sustainable practices;

e) Construction of buildings that exceed the requirements of the D.C. Green Code and promote environmentally sustainable living;

f) Develop housing that provides affordable at all levels; and,

g) Provide housing that is affordable and available for the Howard community, including its students and faculty.

4) Specifically, the ANC requests the following provisions be included in the board order:

   a) Commit to achieving 50-100 units at 30 to 60% AMI across the campus and extracted parcels;

   b) Dialogue with community through the ANC about plans and review of parcels even if done as a matter of right project; and,

   c) Howard University and community work together to leverage economic development and tax benefits, to reinvest in the community and encourage other city support and investment.

The Chair or, as defined on the attached, as delegate of the Chair, shall be authorized to communicate these actions to and testify before any agency of the Government of the District of Columbia or the members of the Council of the District of Columbia.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

James A. Turner
Chair ANC 1B, Commissioner 1B09

Jon Squicciarini
Secretary ANC 1B, Commissioner 1B04

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B serves the communities of Columbia Heights, LeDroit Park, Pleasant Plains, Shaw, U Street, University Heights, and lower Georgia Avenue.