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ANC 3/4G Resolution On
Office of Planning Zoning for the Civic Core Site
July 10, 2023

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

- 1) Civic space is essential to the public good and collectively belongs to the people.
- 2) We live in an age of increased divisiveness, loneliness, and socio-economic stratification. The stewardship of our few remaining places, where all citizens are welcomed without any preconditions, must be treated with the utmost care and consideration. This is one of the most consequential changes to the Civic Core site in its history and we hope to achieve the best outcome for generations to come.
- 3)The ANC and community would like clarity about detailed institutional needs of the library and recreation center before additional steps towards zoning changes move forward.
- 4) The ANC respects the views of our community and welcomes all voices into consideration of our public spaces. We are also sensitive to the concerns of our neighbors on Northampton Street and McKinley Street in regards to height of the nearby buildings.
- 5) The ANC and community understand and support the need for affordable housing. We continue to earnestly pursue that goal.
- 6) We are still working towards a positive end result in good faith with the city and look forward to moving the Civic Core project forward.

RESOLVED:

1) Before affirming future zoning options for the Civic Core the ANC and our community would like additional information to be sure we are achieving the best interests of our community and affordable housing goals.

2) The full use of the recreation center, library, and outdoor space should be maintained or increased, not diminished.

3) Affordable housing is still a worthy goal we seek at the Civic Core site.

4) A building with 70 percent, or a majority of market rate housing, is not our primary goal, or one that was originally intended for the site. We seek to understand the amount of affordable housing, the level of affordable housing, the feasibility of ownership, and how much market rate housing will be included. We hope for this information before making a decision that may sacrifice the current full use of the civic core. We also seek clarity if and how housing will not diminish the current uses of the civic core, if that is the case.

5) We propose the Office of Planning receive input from our community survey which is already being developed, respond to community and ANC questions, before making a final decision on zoning.

6) We strongly encourage pursuing the Wells Fargo site and other similar sites in Chevy Chase, DC to help attain affordable housing and/or to expand the civic core site.

APPROVED at a regular public meeting, notice of which was properly given and at which a quorum of four () or seven () members was present on July 3, 2023 by a vote of () yes, no, abstentions.

Lisa R Gore, Chair

James L Nash, Secretary