

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES



May 24, 2016

Chairman Anthony Hood

District of Columbia Zoning Commission

441 4th Street NW, Suite 210S

Washington DC 20001

Re: Request for a Minor Modification to an Approved Campus Plan – Zoning Commission Order No 11-02, and 11-02A – Proposed Placement of Temporary Trailers

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission

The Department of General Services (DGS), in conjunction with District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), hereby submits an application for the review and approval of a minor modification to an approved campus plan for University of the District of Columbia (UDC), in order to allow placement of temporary trailers at the location that was shown on the approved campus plan as a potential site for future campus housing.

A. Background:

Earlier this year, UDC entered to a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), and DGS to have temporary trailers placed at the UDC Campus to relocate students from nearby Murch Elementary School. Prior to choosing the UDC location, DCPS, and DGS considered several other locations for the temporary relocation. The other locations considered included Capital Memorial Church, and Lafayette Elementary School. These alternate locations were deemed unfeasible due to high cost, as well as concerns regarding student safety. The Murch students will be using the trailers at the UDC campus between August of 2016, and August 2018. Murch Elementary School is scheduled to undergo major modernization starting August 2016, which will include renovation of the existing historic Murch building, as well as construction of new addition to accommodate the projected student population.

In order to proceed with the modernization of Murch Elementary School, it was required to find a suitable location to relocate the students to an offsite location. UDC and DCPS agreed to utilize the vacant area of the UDC campus to place temporary trailers. These trailers will be placed on the UDC

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campus starting in early June, and has to be completed by August 1st, in time for the Murch Students to start classes in August.

B. Request

DCPS, and DGS is proposing that Zoning Commission to consider, and approve the placement of temporary trailers at the UDC campus. These trailers will remain at UDC between August of 2016, and August of 2018. Per the terms of the MOU between UDC, DCPS, and DGS the trailers will be removed from the UDC property in August of 2018. After the trailers are removed, the site of the trailer will be returned to its original condition. UDC will be able to continue the implementation of their approved master plan at this location after August 2018.

This minor modification request was served to ANC3F. A letter of support from the ANC is being submitted with this application.

C. Conclusion

The requested modification satisfies the requirements for consideration by Zoning Commission as a minor modification. DGS, and DCPS requests that the Zoning Commission consider this request at its June 2, 2016 Special Public Meeting, so that the temporary trailers can be placed at the UDC location for the students of Murch Elementary School by August 2016 prior to beginning of 2016-2017 school year.

If you have any questions regarding this minor modification application, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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