



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mr. Anthony Hood
Chairperson
Zoning Commission
441 4th Street NW, Suite 200S
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RE: Zoning Commission Application for a Campus Plan Amendment and Further Processing to Construct the Farrand House at 1732 32nd Street NW (ZC #20-29A)

Dear Chairperson Hood,

On October 2, 2023 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by eight commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

Dumbarton Oaks, located on a 16 acre site at the north end of the Georgetown Historic District, serves as one of the premier centers of scholarship in the fields of Byzantine, Pre-Columbian, and garden and landscape studies. Its museum, concerts, and world-renowned gardens receive tens of thousands of visitors from the general public annually.

In 2021 the Zoning Commission approved the current 20-year campus plan with support from ANC 2E, however the Trustees for Harvard University are requesting an amendment to that 2020-2040 campus plan in order to construct a new mixed program building named Farrand House in lieu of a previously planned greenhouse (Building 7).

The Farrand House will consist of classrooms, a digital humanities center, an artists' studio, and public galleries – 2,870 square feet larger than the previously planned greenhouse but will not exceed the existing density requirement of 0.16 floor area ratio (FAR).

Lastly, the amendment also includes the relocation and reconfiguration of existing cooling towers, mechanical equipment, and service court at the northwest edge of the site.

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ANC 2E fully supports the Trustees for Harvard University's application to amend its existing campus plan in order to allow for the construction of the Farrand House and the relocation and reconfiguration of cooling towers, mechanical equipment, and service court.

Commissioners Daniel Chao (2E07@anc.dc.gov) and Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gwendolyn Lohse
Chair, ANC 2E