

Government of the District of Columbia

ZONING COMMISSION



ZONING COMMISSION ORDER NO. 257

December 14, 1978

Case No. 69-31

On June 6, 1969, the District of Columbia Zoning Commission received an application from the Dumbarton Methodist Church and the Ladies Female Union Band for preliminary approval of a Planned Unit Development and related Map Amendment from R-1-B to R-3 for squares 1288 and 1289 located in the rear of 2515 "Q" Streets, N.W., comprising approximately three acres. On March 3, 1971, the Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing to consider said application to construct a thirty-six unit single-family townhouse development. Subsequent to the public hearing various procedural complications developed over a period of time, most recently, relative to the question of "rightful trustee" of the property.

The eastern portion of the site is owned by the Dumbarton United Methodist Church. The western portion is owned by the heirs of the Female Union Band Society Graveyard. The western portion was the subject of litigation in Female Union Band Association vs Unknown Heirs at Law, Devisees and Alienees of Joseph Mason, 403 F. Supp. 540 (D.D.C., 1975), affirmed, 564 F. 2d 600 (1977). In that case the ownership was determined as set forth above and the former trustees were removed and replaced by Alan Raywid, Esquire, Eric Sirolnik, Esquire, and Vincent de Forest.

On November 20, 1978 the Zoning Commission received a letter dated November 16, 1978 from Alan Raywid, representing the new trustees of the Mt. Zion Cemetery, requesting withdrawal of the application. At its public meeting held on December 14, 1970, the Zoning Commission was advised by the Office of the Corporation Counsel that it found no evidence that the owner nor any other party with an interest in the matter, had a current objection to the trustees' request for withdrawal.

This lack of opposition is consistent with the fact that the proposed townhouse development is no longer viable, because of the current ownership status of the site. The Zoning Commission therefore hereby orders DISMISSAL of application 69-31 (Preliminary PUD & Map Amendment from R-1-B to R-3 for squares 1288 and 1289 @ the rear of 2515 "Q" Street, N.W.)

Vote of the Zoning Commission at the meeting of December 14, 1978: 5-0 (George M. White, John G. Parsons, Theodore F. Mariani, Ruby B. McZier, and Walter B. Lewis, to dismiss).



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By order of the D.C. Zoning Commission.