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ZONING COMMISSION

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PUBLIC HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Development Standards for  
Antenna Towers

Case No.  
00-29TA

Monday  
February 5, 2001

Hearing Room 220 South  
441 4th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

The Public Hearing of Case No. 00-29TA by the District of Columbia Zoning Commission convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Office of Zoning Hearing Room at 441 4th Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C., Anthony J. Hood, Chairperson, presiding.

ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

ANTHONY J. HOOD	Chairperson
CAROL J. MITTEN	Vice Chairperson
HERBERT M. FRANKLIN	Commissioner
KWASI HOLMAN	Commissioner
JOHN G. PARSONS	Commissioner

OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

Alberto P. Bastida, Secretary, ZC  
Gerald Forsburg, Office of Zoning

OTHER AGENCY STAFF PRESENT:

Andrew Altman, Director, Office of Planning

D.C. OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL:

Alan Bergstein, Esq.  
Mary Nagelhout, Esq.

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7:08 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Good evening, ladies and gentleman.

My name is Anthony J. Hood, Chairman of the D.C. Zoning Commission. Joining me are Carol J. Mitten, Vice Chairperson, Herbert M. Franklin, John Parsons, and Kwasi Holman.

Case No. 00-29TA has been canceled. With that, colleagues, I believe we have proposed to do a round table. Any discussion?

VICE CHAIRPERSON MITTEN: Mr. Chairman, I think that just in our preparations for this case and knowing the breadth of the subject and the fact what has been proposed and advertised perhaps does not cover the full breadth of this subject and we're interested in getting input from everyone both in the industry and in the community so that we do capture everything that needs to be attended to regarding antenna towers.

I think having a round table is a good next step so that we don't leave something in the regulations that is unintended by not covering the full scope of the issue.

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Mitten.

Let me also just -- Commissioner Holman?

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I just think in light of the importance of the matter, I think that it's better that we take the time, get the input, and do a thoughtful

1 discussion and view of the issues before we move forward. I think  
2 this is the best way to achieve that end.

3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Colleagues, I just want to  
4 add that for those who have come down for tonight's hearing, I  
5 would apologize for not canceling this on Friday but I wanted to  
6 make sure we were all in the same room and understand which  
7 direction we are going to move forward. The next plan is to have  
8 a round table.

9 Mr. Bastida, do we have a date?

10 MR. BASTIDA: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would suggest that  
11 we do it on Monday, March 5, at 7:00 in the evening.

12 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So we're looking at a round  
13 table on Monday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m. here in this room. Again,  
14 we have received different comments of the previous case. We  
15 heard you loud and clear. That was a definite reason -- that was  
16 one of the main reasons in which we are moving in the way we are  
17 proceeding because we've heard you loud and clear.

18 Commissioner Mitten.

19 VICE CHAIRPERSON MITTEN: There will be an  
20 announcement that is forthcoming regarding the substance of the  
21 round table. Just perhaps to make it clear right now, it's not  
22 going to be confined to the language that has been advertised.

23 We are looking for input so that we can perhaps  
24 advertise language that involves another section of the ordinance.  
25 Anything that you would want to bring to our attention regarding

1 antennas and antenna towers is what we would like to hear about.

2 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. With that, I think  
3 everything is in order and I would just encourage everyone in the  
4 room to all stay on the same page this time. The announcements  
5 are straight forward. Any other comments? Colleagues? If there  
6 are no other comments --

7 COMMISSIONER FRANKLIN: Other than this, Mr. Chairman,  
8 I think that it should be understood that, at least I think it's  
9 understood, that the language that has been previously advertised  
10 is being withdrawn.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. With that, are there any  
12 other questions? Is there a question from the audience?

13 Could you come to the microphone?

14 MS. LOIKOW: My name is Anne Loikow and I'm with the  
15 Cleveland Park Citizens Association. A number of us have prepared  
16 testimony that covers a lot of both what was advertised and a lot  
17 of issues.

18 What I was wondering is whether it would be useful to  
19 the Commission in preparing for the round table if people who  
20 wished to submit what they have prepared for tonight to you all to  
21 look at rather than just hanging onto it until March 5 so that it  
22 would give you a chance to react to the ideas and concerns people  
23 have. Anyway, that was just my question.

24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Yeah, I think that would be  
25 good. That way we can have some way to kind of move forward. I

1 know a lot of hard work and effort went into your testimony  
2 tonight and we definitely don't want that to go unused so if you  
3 could just submit that to staff we will use that in the future  
4 hearings -- future round table.

5 How many questions do we have? Okay. Everyone that  
6 has a question, if you could just come to the table. Again, we  
7 want to clear up all questions so we can make sure we're on the  
8 right page this time.

9 If you could just give your name and you can proceed.

10 MR. ESPENSCHIED: I'M Peter Espenschied representing  
11 in this case council member David Catania. Just a procedural  
12 question to make sure that we're all on the same page. Following  
13 the round table, are you anticipating that there will then be a  
14 new proposed order followed by a new notice of the formal hearing?

15 That is what will come after the round table?

16 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Right. If everything is -- yeah,  
17 once we have the round table. The round table, I think, we are  
18 going to do a big PR piece. I'm not sure about a statute that we  
19 are required to mail it out to each and every ANC but we will do  
20 out best to make sure each and every ANC knows because there's  
21 nothing hidden in the city. After that we will start the process  
22 again.

23 MR. ESPENSCHIED: Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay.

25 MR. GRATEZ: Hi. My name is John Gratez and I'm a

1 citizen of Tenely Town area. I came this evening to provide  
2 testimony. It's not written down. It was in my head and was  
3 going to be from my heart. Do I have an opportunity to send an e-  
4 mail or send something to you in the next couple of days just to  
5 what I was going to speak about this evening?

6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Right. What you could do is call  
7 Mr. Bastida, the zoning secretary.

8 Mr. Bastida, raise your hand.

9 Call Mr. Bastida and you can e-mail it to him or call  
10 the office at 727-6311 and ask for Mr. Bastida and you can give  
11 your thoughts to him or send him an e-mail and you all can  
12 coordinate that.

13 MR. GRATEZ: Thank you very much.

14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you. Any other questions?  
15 No further questions? I don't think I'll call this a hearing but  
16 this session is adjourned.

17 (Whereupon, at 7:14 the session was adjourned.)

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