

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ZONING COMMISSION

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PUBLIC HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

REED-COOKE OVERLAY

Case No.
07-33

Thursday
February 21, 2008

The Public Hearing of Case No. 07-33 by the District of Columbia Zoning Commission convened in Room 220 South, 441 4th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20001, pursuant to notice at 6:30 p.m., Anthony J. Hood, Chairman, presiding.

ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

- ANTHONY J. HOOD, Chairman
- GREGORY N. JEFFRIES, Vice Chairman
- CURTIS L. ETHERLY, JR., Commissioner
- MICHAEL G. TURNBULL, FAIA, Commissioner (OAC)
- PETER MAY, Commissioner (NPS)

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OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

SHARON S. SCHELLIN, Secretary
DONNA HANOUSEK, Zoning Specialist

OFFICE OF PLANNING STAFF PRESENT:

JENNIFER STEINGASSER
MAXINE BROWN-ROBERTS
JOEL LAWSON

The transcript constitutes the minutes from the public hearing held on February 21, 2008.

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7:05 p.m.

CHAIRMAN HOOD: We're going to go right into our two hearings for tonight and I'm going to try to read them simultaneously so bear with me. Good evening ladies and gentlemen. This is the public hearing of the Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia for Thursday, February 21, 2008. My name is Anthony J. Hood. Joining me again are Vice Chairman Jeffries, Commissioner Etherly, Commissioner May and Commissioner Turnbull. We're also joined by the Office of Zoning staff Ms. Schellin and Ms. Hanousek, and the Office of Planning staff under the leadership of Mrs. Steingasser, Mr. Lawson and Ms. Brown-Roberts. Okay. There's only three now, I can do that. Normally it's five or six, but anyway, okay. These proceedings are being recorded by a court reporter. It is also being I think still webcast live.

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1 Accordingly we must ask you to refrain from
2 any disruptive noises or actions in the
3 hearing room.

4 The subject of this evening's
5 first hearing is Zoning Commission Case No.
6 07-08A. This is a request by the Office of
7 Planning for Text Amendments to the Zoning
8 Regulations. The subject of this evening's
9 second hearing is Zoning Commission Case No.
10 07-33. This is a request by the Office of
11 Planning for Text Amendments to the Zoning
12 Regulations. Notice of today's hearing for
13 the first hearing was published in the D.C.
14 Register on December 21, 2007, and copies of
15 the announcement are available to my left on
16 the wall bin near the door. Notice of
17 today's hearing was published in the D.C.
18 Register for the second hearing on December
19 28, 2007. Copies of the announcement are
20 available to my left on the wall bin near
21 the door.

22 The hearing will be conducted in

1 accordance with the provisions of 11 DCMR
2 3021 as follows: preliminary matters;
3 presentation of the Office of Planning;
4 report of other government agencies; report
5 of the ANC, in the first case 6D, in the
6 second case 1C; organizations and persons in
7 support; organizations and persons in
8 opposition. The following time constraints
9 will be maintained in the hearings, in both
10 hearings: organizations five minutes,
11 individuals three minutes. The Commission
12 intends to adhere to the time limits as
13 strictly as possible in order to hear the
14 case in a reasonable period of time. The
15 Commission reserves the right to change the
16 time limits for presentations if necessary
17 and notes that no time shall be ceded.

18 All persons appearing before the
19 Commission are to fill out two witness
20 cards. These cards are located to my left
21 on the table near the door. Upon coming
22 forward to speak to the Commission please

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1 give both cards to the reporter sitting to
2 my right before taking a seat at the table.
3 And I think we've identified one table to my
4 right and that's the only table we're going
5 to take testimony from tonight. When
6 presenting information to the Commission you
7 don't have to turn anything on. If you just
8 take a seat and present your testimony.

9 The decision of the Commission in
10 this case must be based exclusively on the
11 public record. To avoid any appearance to
12 the contrary the Commission requests that
13 persons present not engage the members of
14 the Commission in conversation during any
15 recess or at any other time. The staff will
16 be available throughout the hearing to
17 discuss procedural questions. Please turn
18 off all beepers at cell phones at this time
19 so as not to disrupt these proceedings. At
20 this time the Commission will consider any
21 preliminary matters. Does the staff have
22 any preliminary matters?

1 MS. SCHELLIN: There is one
2 preliminary matter in the second case that
3 was advertised, Case No. 07-33. The Office
4 of Planning has asked for a postponement to
5 a date certain, that being March 13.

6 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Let's take
7 that up first. I think unfortunately due to
8 our technical difficulties enough time has
9 passed so I think we're properly noticed and
10 everything because we did say there was a
11 second case and I think we are well within
12 30 minutes after the first case should have
13 started. So colleagues, the Zoning
14 Commission Case No. 07-33, you have a
15 request for postponement. I would still go
16 to the Office of Planning if they want to
17 speak on their request for postponement.
18 Ms. Brown-Roberts?

19 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: Good evening
20 Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission.
21 I'm Maxine Brown-Roberts. We are requesting
22 a postponement for this public hearing based

1 on the fact that we have had consultations
2 with both the property owner and the Reed-
3 Cooke Neighborhood Association and they have
4 agreed that they would like to have the
5 hearing postponed until after - the BZA is
6 currently hearing a case related to this -
7 until after the BZA has taken their
8 decision. And the meeting is to be
9 postponed until March 13.

10 CHAIRMAN HOOD: BZA is going to
11 take this up March 13?

12 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: No. The BZA
13 is making their decision on March 4. It's
14 set for March 4. And then we're asking for
15 this to be postponed until March 13.

16 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Ms. Schellin, do
17 we have - that date is open?

18 MS. SCHELLIN: Yes, it is.

19 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Now, let me ask
20 you this Ms. Brown-Roberts. The ANC agreed
21 to postpone also? I see Reed-Cooke.

22 MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: I did not get

1 anything from the ANC, but the major player
2 in this is the Reed-Cooke Neighborhood
3 Association.

4 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Thank you. Okay.
5 Anybody else have any other comments? Do we
6 need to take a motion on this, Ms. Schellin?
7 Or general consensus?

8 MS. SCHELLIN: General consensus
9 is fine.

10 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Any further
11 discussion? Okay. It's the consensus that
12 we'll postpone this till March the 13th at
13 6:30. Okay, thank you.

14 (Whereupon, the foregoing matter
15 went off the record at 7:09 p.m.)
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