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(9:48 a.m.)

CHAIRPERSON REID: The hearing will now come to order. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. This is the April 7th public hearing of the Board of Zoning Adjustments for the District of Columbia.

My name is Sheila Cross Reid, Chairperson. Joining me today are Gerry Gilreath, representing the National Capital Planning Commission and representing the Zoning Commission is Mr. Franklin.

Copies of today's hearing agenda are available to you. They are located to my left near the door. All persons planning to testify, either in favor or in opposition are to fill out two witness cards. These cards are located at each end of the table in front of us. Upon coming to speak before the Board, given both cards to the reporter who is sitting to my right.

The order of procedure for a Special Exception and various cases will proceed as follows:

- (1) Statement of witnesses of the Applicant;
- (2) Government reports, report of Office of Public Works, ANC, etcetera.
- (3) Parties in support;
- (4) Parties in opposition;
- (5) Closing remarks by the Applicant.

MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Ms. Reid, this is a

1 continuation of a hearing that has already been started, so we  
2 are actually now at the point where we're hearing from the  
3 Applicant new information that is a result of a meeting with  
4 DPW at the instruction of the Board and we were only going to  
5 open the record to deal with the new information. It will  
6 give the opponents the opportunity to respond to this new  
7 information and cross examine, but we're not going back and  
8 revisiting everything.

9 CHAIRPERSON REID: You're right. This is not  
10 our normal procedure. We are going to --

11 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: This is the third hearing  
12 on this particular case, so this is a unique case for BZA.  
13 Third day of hearing, rather.

14 CHAIRPERSON REID: The order then will be that  
15 we will allow --

16 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: The Applicant to present  
17 any new information or supplemental information.

18 CHAIRPERSON REID: And then the Government  
19 reports?

20 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Yes, in response to that  
21 information.

22 CHAIRPERSON REID: In response to the  
23 information. Now that's -- and there will be no cross  
24 examination?

25 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: No cross examination is  
26 allowed on the new information only.

1 MR. BERGSTEIN: If I may, any cross examination  
2 that would have been allowed by a party to a witness will be  
3 allowed, but only if it concerns the new information that's  
4 going to be given this morning.

5 CHAIRPERSON REID: Okay. So there will be --

6 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Correct, only on the new  
7 information presented. We are not going back to revisit any  
8 stuff that has been presented.

9 MR. BERGSTEIN: For the record, my name is Alan  
10 Bergstein and I'm an Assistant Corporation Counsel.

11 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: And then the ANC and then  
12 parties.

13 CHAIRPERSON REID: Okay.

14 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: But they're only in  
15 response to new information. I want to make that very clear,  
16 please. We're not going to go back --

17 CHAIRPERSON REID: And then we'll definitely  
18 have closing remarks by the Applicant?

19 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Yes, then we'll have  
20 closing remarks.

21 MR. GILREATH: Madam Chair, may I inquire --

22 CHAIRPERSON REID: Are you talking to me?

23 MR. GILREATH: I want to inquire is DPW --

24 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: We were just looking. I  
25 don't see Mr. Leyden.

26 CHAIRPERSON REID: Yes, that's very important.

1 Okay, I hope that I didn't confuse you. Basically, what I was  
2 doing was reading what we normally read and the opening  
3 remarks. The Director explained that this is going to be a  
4 little bit different than what we normally, how we normally  
5 proceed because of the fact that this is a case that's being  
6 continued and what has happened is that we have asked for and  
7 received supplemental information. So we're going to be  
8 basically dealing with just that aspect of the case today.

9 All right, now, cross examination of the  
10 witnesses is permitted. We already talked about that. The  
11 record will be closed at the conclusion of each case, except  
12 for materials specifically requested by the Board and the  
13 staff will specify at the end of the hearing, exactly what is  
14 expected.

15 The proceeding of the Board in these contested  
16 cases must be based exclusively on the public record to avoid  
17 any appearance to the contrary. The Board requests that  
18 persons present do not engage Members of the Board in  
19 conversation.

20 At this time the Board will consider any  
21 preliminary matters. Preliminary matters are those which  
22 relate to whether a case will or should be heard today such as  
23 a request for postponement, continuous or withdrawal --

24 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Excuse me, Ms. Reid. The  
25 hearing has already started, so we don't -- there are no  
26 preliminary matters.

1 CHAIRPERSON REID: This is just the routine,  
2 for the record. If you're not prepared to go forward with the  
3 case today or if you believe that the Board should not receive  
4 -- now is the time to raise such a matter.

5 MR. MANDELBAUM: My name is Steve Mandelbaum.  
6 I'm the Advising Neighborhood Commissioner for this area and I  
7 would like to be heard in support of the project. I am new to  
8 the Commission. I was just elected and I haven't had the  
9 opportunity to speak on behalf of the project.

10 May I be heard?

11 CHAIRPERSON REID: Just one second, please.

12 (Pause.)

13 CHAIRPERSON REID: Okay, what we'll do --

14 MR. WATSON: The opponents do have the right to  
15 be heard before any decision is made with regard to admission  
16 of another party.

17 CHAIRPERSON REID: We haven't made that  
18 decision yet, Mr. Watson.

19 MR. WATSON: That's what I said. The parties  
20 have a right to be heard before a decision is made.

21 CHAIRPERSON REID: We have not made that  
22 decision. As a matter of fact, we're going to defer that  
23 decision until a little later, but we're determining how we're  
24 going to proceed in that this is a rather unusual situation  
25 because of the fact that the -- that part of the case, for the  
26 most part, has been heard and we're dealing to date only with

1 the supplemental aspect of it, so counsel and Office of  
2 Planning, we're trying to determine how best to accommodate  
3 you, if we can.

4 MR. WATSON: If I can be indulged, this Board  
5 has already --

6 MR. BERGSTEIN: First of all, let me clarify  
7 something for a moment. Sir, are you asking to be a party or  
8 are you asking for the opportunity to testify as a witness?

9 MR. MANDELBAUM: I guess I'm asking for the  
10 opportunity for both, I guess as a party, I'm the ANC  
11 Commissioner and both the current and new hospital is in my  
12 District and I haven't had an opportunity to testify until  
13 today and let the views of the resident of my District be  
14 known.

15 MR. BERGSTEIN: Do you have a resolution from  
16 the ANC?

17 MR. MANDELBAUM: I did not vote on that. I'm  
18 new to the Commission.

19 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Excuse me, sir, when were  
20 you elected to the Commission or when did you actually come  
21 on?

22 MR. MANDELBAUM: I actually took a seat on the  
23 Commission in January, with the new term.

24 MR. BERGSTEIN: But you don't have a resolution  
25 from the ANC authorizing you to speak on behalf of the ANC  
26 with respect to the position that you want to espouse, is that

1 correct?

2 MR. MANDELBAUM: That is correct. I'm not  
3 speaking on behalf of the Commission. I'm speaking on behalf  
4 of myself as a Commissioner of a single member District in  
5 which the property is located.

6 MR. BERGSTEIN: All right.

7 MR. WATSON: If I may for just a moment be  
8 heard. We object on the basis that this Board has already  
9 ruled on the application of a party who is resident in -- to  
10 be a party of a resident within 200 feet who the record will  
11 show was not mailed notice by the Commission and the  
12 Commission has already refused that individual party status as  
13 an opponent and should we have a situation where proponents  
14 are admitted to party status in an untimely fashion, and  
15 opponents are not, there is certainly an appearance of  
16 unfairness.

17 CHAIRPERSON REID: Thank you. Did you not --  
18 was the reason why you did not make the first hearing --

19 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: I'm sorry, I erred. The  
20 first hearing was November 18th. He wasn't elected at that  
21 time. Then we had a second hearing in January.

22 CHAIRPERSON REID: Did you --

23 MR. MANDELBAUM: I was unaware of either of  
24 those.

25 CHAIRPERSON REID: You were not made aware of -

26 -

1 MR. MANDELBAUM: I was not. I definitely was  
2 not aware of the November and I don't believe I was aware of  
3 the January as well.

4 CHAIRPERSON REID: Well --

5 MR. BERGSTEIN: It is my recommendation that  
6 you defer ruling on this until the moment for come for him to  
7 testify in whichever capacity and then you can allow the  
8 parties to state their position at that time with respect to  
9 the request and that's what I would recommend that you do.

10 CHAIRPERSON REID: Okay, we'll defer it until  
11 the time for the witnesses.

12 MR. MANDELBAUM: Can I submit a letter?

13 CHAIRPERSON REID: You can submit it, then  
14 we'll make the decision or you can submit it after, but not  
15 before.

16 MR. MANDELBAUM: So --

17 CHAIRPERSON REID: Wait until the time we  
18 address this matter a little later and at that time you can  
19 submit it, but not right now.

20 MR. MANDELBAUM: Okay, thank you.

21 (Pause.)

22 CHAIRPERSON REID: Good morning.

23 MR. MOORE: Good morning, Madam Chair, Jerry  
24 Moore for the Applicant. I'm with the law firm of Arter &  
25 Hadden.

26 Madam Chair, the Applicant agrees with the

1 procedural posture in which you stated into the record that  
2 this case is now at. We're at the posture where this case was  
3 filed on July, July 20th of 1998, some 8 months ago. We had  
4 our first public hearing on November 18th at which time we  
5 presented expert architects in the area of design in context  
6 with the neighborhood. We talked about the hospital being  
7 consistent, the design of the hospital being in consistency  
8 with the neighborhood. Also, we presented an expert architect  
9 with respect to the design of the parking garage. University  
10 Parking representatives were admitted in their expert  
11 capacity, testified that the parking on the university campus  
12 would at no time fall below the minimum of 2700 that this  
13 Board approved in the campus plan as late as 1993.

14 Louis Slade, our expert traffic and parking  
15 consultant, testified that if this application, if either of  
16 these applications are approved, it will have no adverse  
17 impact on the traffic or transportation systems or the  
18 pedestrian systems of this --

19 CHAIRPERSON REID: Let me just say this for the  
20 record. This is a case which has packed this room and  
21 therefore everyone in here should be afforded the ability to  
22 be able to hear and if you have extraneous noise or laughter,  
23 it cannot be allowed and I will have to ask you to leave.  
24 This is a warning.

25 MR. MOORE: Representatives from Universal  
26 Health Services testified as to the need for the replacement

1 hospital and why an adaptive refit of the existing structure  
2 will not work.

3 There was cross examination of witnesses and  
4 the hearing ended at the conclusion of that cross examination.

5 At the conclusion of the November 18th case,  
6 the BZA requested that the Applicant confirm for the second  
7 hearing a statement of ownership of the hospital, a copy of  
8 the parking contract that the Applicant has with the Kennedy  
9 Center, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, a  
10 statement of the George Washington University policy on  
11 selling Metro passes to its students and its faculty, an  
12 analysis of the pedestrian traffic on the west side of 23rd  
13 Street, a statement as to the parking fees collected by George  
14 Washington University on its lots and a statement of the  
15 student census that is connected with the hospital. All of  
16 those documents were submitted into the record on a timely  
17 fashion.

18 There was a follow-up hearing on January 5,  
19 1999 at which the Board heard the Office of Planning report.  
20 The Office of Planning report recommended approval of both of  
21 the applications before the Board.

22 You heard a DPW report on the Department of  
23 Public Works and that report found that there would be adverse  
24 impacts related to pedestrians on the west side of 23rd  
25 Street, that the emergency entrance on New Hampshire Avenue  
26 perhaps should be changed, that the location of loading

1 facilities on 24th Street had a potential for hazard and that  
2 the Department suggested that there would be more trucks on  
3 New Hampshire which the Department found would be an adverse  
4 impact.

5 Nonetheless, the Department recommended that  
6 New Hampshire Avenue be made one way southbound, that the  
7 entrance to the hospital be relocated to New Hampshire Avenue,  
8 and not on 23rd Street and that the loading dock be placed  
9 inside of the building.

10 The Advisory Neighborhood Commission presented  
11 its case in opposition on January 5th and persons in  
12 opposition and persons in support were heard.

13 At the conclusion of that hearing, the Board  
14 directed that the parties, particularly the Applicant meet  
15 with the Department of Public Works. As you recall, we had  
16 indicated -- yours truly indicated that that Department of  
17 Public Works Report had been compiled and filed without input  
18 from the Applicant. The Board suggested that we meet with the  
19 Department of Public Works, try to work out the concerns with  
20 the Department of Public Works and those meetings did occur  
21 and we will testify as to that today.

22 In addition, the Board afforded the Applicant  
23 the opportunity to place what additional supportive evidence  
24 into the record, all to be done with the other side, with the  
25 opposition parties having the opportunity to respond all by  
26 the 8th of February.

1                   It was said then at that hearing that the Board  
2 would not hear any more from persons in opposition or persons  
3 in support, that the Board's hearing that was set for March  
4 2nd was limited to the new information that was made a part of  
5 the record by virtue of the DPW Applicant and opposition  
6 filings that were due on the 8th of February.

7                   Shortly before the hearing of March 2, 1999,  
8 the Advisory Neighborhood Commission moved for postponement on  
9 the basis that their expert, Dr. Carter, was incapacitated at  
10 the time and was unable to appear to testify or to cross  
11 examine the Applicant's witnesses on March 2nd. The Applicant  
12 took no position with respect to that and the Board set the  
13 hearing for this morning, three hours, this morning, if Mr.  
14 Franklin was available. Mr. Franklin was available so we are  
15 here this morning.

16                   Therefore, the purpose of our hearing today is  
17 five fold: (1) to address the enhancements to the design face  
18 of the hospital. The parking garage enhancements were  
19 submitted and discussed without objection at the January 5,  
20 1999 hearing.

21                   Second, to address the January meetings with  
22 the Department of Public Works and the resolution of the  
23 outstanding issues that had been suggested by the Department  
24 of Public Works.

25                   Third, that the opposition gets an opportunity  
26 to present its findings on the revised Department of Public

1 Works report and to cross the Applicant's witnesses on the  
2 testimony that they present today.

3 Then there will be a closing statement by the  
4 Applicant at which time we would ask the Board to close the  
5 record and decide case of the hospital at the first meeting in  
6 May. We are here today with that agenda.

7 As a procedural matter, Madam Chair, I have on  
8 my right, Noel Barrick of the firm HKS, who is the architect  
9 for the project. Mr. Barrick has not yet been sworn in. We  
10 would ask him to be sworn in as a witness. Oh, we don't have  
11 staff to do that.

12 Mr. Scaggs of HKS has been recognized as an  
13 expert and Mr. Scaggs was unable to be here today. Mr.  
14 Barrick is here on behalf of that firm. We ask the Board to  
15 continue with the status of Mr. Scaggs' testimony as expert  
16 and we ask that Mr Barrick be admitted as an expert as well.

17 Mr. Barrick, would you just briefly for the  
18 Board outline your background in architecture and planning?

19 MR. BARRICK: I've been with HKS for the past  
20 22 years where I've been --

21 MR. WATSON: We have no objection.

22 CHAIRPERSON REID: We will recognize him as an  
23 expert witness.

24 MR. MOORE: Thank you. Mr. Barrick, will you  
25 state your name and your occupation for the record, please,  
26 sir?

1 MR. BARRICK: My name is Noel Barrick. I'm an  
2 architect. I reside at 6644 North Haven, Dallas, Texas.

3 MR. MOORE: And are you familiar with this  
4 project?

5 MR. BARRICK: Yes, I am.

6 MR. MOORE: And do you have testimony to  
7 present today in support of this project?

8 MR. BARRICK: Yes, I do.

9 MR. MOORE: Will you give that testimony,  
10 please?

11 MR. BARRICK: Yes.

12 MR. MOORE: Also, I would point out, suggest to  
13 the Board that on Mr. Barrick's right is Donald Pyskacek. He  
14 is here. He has been sworn in as a witness. He is a  
15 representative of Universal Health Services. He will assist  
16 Mr. Barrick with his presentation to the extent necessary.

17 MR. BARRICK: In the last Board meeting, there  
18 was concern expressed about the exterior facade on the 23rd  
19 Street side which faces George Washington University. This is  
20 the rendering of that facade.

21 Yes, it was previously submitted and we have  
22 recently submitted the revised design to that.

23 MR. MOORE: Excuse me, Mr. Barrick. We have a  
24 staff member here. Can we swear Mr. Barrick in?

25 CHAIRPERSON REID: I think Mr. Hart will have  
26 to do that and we just want to make sure --

1 MR. WATSON: We have no objection.

2 MR. MOORE: They still have to be sworn. I'd  
3 like his testimony on the record as sworn testimony and I am  
4 told by Mr. Pyskacek that Mr. Pyskacek technically has never  
5 been sworn in and I'd like him sworn in as well.

6 CHAIRPERSON REID: All right, thank you. Ms.  
7 Sheri Pruitt-Williams will swear you in.

8 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Will you please stand and  
9 raise your right hands?

10 (Witnesses sworn.)

11 MR. MOORE: Thank you.

12 DIRECT EXAMINATION

13 MR. BARRICK: The new exterior facade design we  
14 feel is physically and visually been reduced in the amount of  
15 glass that was the major concern we had before. And in the  
16 previous design it was primarily all glass with vertical  
17 supports which were metal clad which gave it an overall  
18 monolithic appearance.

19 We have since then removed the metal supports  
20 and have added brick vertical supports and have also increased  
21 the width of those supports, reducing the amount of glass.

22 MR. WATSON: There is a request from the public  
23 that --

24 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Mr. Watson, you have to  
25 talk from the mike so you can be on. Use that one if you need  
26 -- wait a minute, we need to plug it in, but you do have to

1 talk from a mike.

2 MR. WATSON: There is a request from the public  
3 that the public be able to see what's being testified to.

4 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Excuse me, sir, we have  
5 some easels in the corner, if you could set them up, sort of  
6 diagonally so that the Board and the public could see them and  
7 if the public needs to, they'll unfortunately have to shift to  
8 this side of the room.

9 CHAIRPERSON REID: Okay, we have in our package  
10 the renderings, so you can explain it that way as to allow the  
11 public --

12 MR. MOORE: It was submitted to the Board --

13 CHAIRPERSON REID: Yes, we have it.

14 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: You've got to wait for  
15 the mike to be plugged in. Please use the hand mike.

16 CHAIRPERSON REID: Before you say anything in  
17 this hearing, it must be on the mike so that everyone can pick  
18 it up and as the recorder can pick it up as well.

19 Thank you.

20 (Pause.)

21 MR. WATSON: I have an objection. There was  
22 submitted on February 8th a submission which alleged to be the  
23 changes that were being made. Unless I am grossly incorrect,  
24 it appears to me that these renderings show a different design  
25 than was submitted to this Board on February 8th.

26 I'd like to know what we're testifying to. Is

1 this an additional design or this is a new case.

2 MR. MOORE: This is certainly not a new case,  
3 Madam Chairperson. The record is still open in this case.  
4 The Applicant has made refinements to the design that it has  
5 made in view of the comments that were made by the Board.  
6 This rendering that you see here before you today represents  
7 the Applicant's best efforts to meet the concerns that were  
8 expressed in the community and by the Board.

9 CHAIRPERSON REID: Okay.

10 MR. FRANKLIN: Mr. Moore, it does differ from  
11 what we have on the dais.

12 MR. MOORE: Yes, it does.

13 MR. PYSKACEK: It is essentially the same. It  
14 is a different rendering, basically, to what we felt would  
15 more clearly show what the intent was. If you look, Mr.  
16 Franklin, at one against the other, you'll see it's pretty  
17 close. We just had hoped to get a different rendering by a  
18 different renderer to try and express it more clearly.

19 MR. FRANKLIN: Well, I'd appreciate it, Madam  
20 Chair, if we could have that passed among us, because from a  
21 distance it does look different from what I see in the  
22 February 8th submission.

23 MR. MOORE: Mr. Franklin, I just submitted it  
24 into the record.

25 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: It's only one set though.  
26 Excuse me, Mr. Moore, do you have any extra sets of those?

1 MR. MOORE: I have one more that I can let Mr.  
2 Watson have.

3 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Okay.

4 MR. FRANKLIN: As you proceed, why don't you  
5 explain the differences between what we saw on February 8th  
6 and what we're seeing today.

7 CHAIRPERSON REID: What the modifications are.

8 MR. PYSKACEK: The previous one as Mr. Barrick  
9 had testified had a facade at the front of the building, at  
10 the main entrance primarily entirely of glass. The modified  
11 rendering of the intent of the facade at that area, as  
12 presented on February 8th as Mr. Barrick has testified shows a  
13 large overhand, creating a deep shadow, brick piers rising in  
14 place of the what was metal divisions and column covers and  
15 approximately 50 percent less glass. The difference between  
16 the two renderings of the February 8th included in the  
17 brochure that was filed and this current one that was filed is  
18 basically that there is a, as you can see, the major base here  
19 was raised one floor to the third floor from the second floor  
20 and the percentage of brick spandrel at that point was  
21 increased approximately another 10 or 20 percent.

22 The amount of glass on the first and second  
23 floor remains the same. The amount of glass on the upper  
24 floors are slightly less and those are the basic two changes.  
25 It's just a question of moving a cornice up one floor.

26 CHAIRPERSON REID: And also in the center

1 portion it appears that there is a wide band that has been  
2 added.

3 MR. PYSKACEK: That band, that vertical column  
4 cover is the same as the one here, except it's been made wider  
5 and reduced the glass area.

6 CHAIRPERSON REID: Okay. And then you've added  
7 two more? You added one in the center and then two other  
8 vertical bands on either side of it?

9 MR. PYSKACEK: They actually are on here and  
10 they are represented by a single line and that's one of the  
11 reasons we tried to make it a clearer rendering. If you look  
12 very closely you can see there's a line in between the two  
13 glasses there. On this one it just was very hastily done and  
14 it didn't really appear --

15 MR. BARRICK: Ms. Reid, I think if you  
16 remember, we had about a week to redesign the exterior facade  
17 and we did do that in the week to get it in by that February  
18 8th date. A week or two since that date we did try to refine  
19 that facade to better delineate it because we did have to do  
20 it rather rapidly and that's what this design shows.

21 CHAIRPERSON REID: So this final design that  
22 you're presenting here today is going to be the final design  
23 that --

24 MR. BARRICK: Yes ma'am. That is the design,  
25 yes ma'am.

26 CHAIRPERSON REID: Thank you.

1 MR. BARRICK: I agree that Mr. Pyskacek said  
2 about the exterior design. I'll maybe elaborate just a little  
3 bit more about it

4 We do feel that this exterior design also does  
5 relate to the community as far as color and texture. It  
6 complements the surrounding neighborhood and is complementary  
7 with other facilities at George Washington University, with  
8 the Wellness Center and other housing projects.

9 We have accentuated the entrance that band you  
10 pointed out on the vertical member in the center. We feel the  
11 entrance is very important. This is a very active area. The  
12 entrance does face out towards  
13 George Washington University. It also faces towards the  
14 parking garage which is about a half a block from here. So we  
15 want to make sure that everybody knows this is the entrance.  
16 Obviously, the Metro Station is adjacent to it as well.

17 The facade is approximately 50 percent glass.  
18 The glass we are using is a shaded glass, a tinted glass which  
19 has a low E coating on it on the third surface which really  
20 allows the heat gain or loss to be happen slowly. It is  
21 insulated glass. I think it's vented on the exterior.

22 Since this is an active area at night, we all  
23 do want to express you do see an entrance there, an entrance  
24 canopy. That will be well lit and will light the whole area  
25 around there, the Metro Station and all, which we think will  
26 be an asset to the community.

1 CHAIRPERSON REID: This is the entrance to the  
2 Metro Station right there?

3 MR. BARRICK: Yes ma'am, just to the left of  
4 that.

5 MR. PYSKACEK: What you see there are the  
6 moving stairwells going into the Metro Station before somewhat  
7 shiny round railings.

8 CHAIRPERSON REID: I understand.

9 MR. MOORE: Mr. Barrick, this design was  
10 designed with this being a people place in mind, was it not?

11 MR. BARRICK: Very much so.

12 MR. MOORE: And designed to relate to the  
13 existence of the Metro Rail Station there?

14 MR. BARRICK: Yes.

15 MR. MOORE: And Mr. Franklin had a concern at  
16 the November 18th meeting that with the amount of glass that  
17 the first design had that this building would sort of be a  
18 lantern there, instead of a building that's consistent with  
19 urban design. Would you comment on that?

20 MR. BARRICK: Well, there's going to be a  
21 lantern at the lower levels primarily. The upper levels which  
22 are patient rooms, since we do have tinted glass, it's not  
23 going to be bright, bright lights coming out of those.

24 MR. MOORE: But in your opinion is it important  
25 that there be adequate lighting around the Metro Rail Station  
26 for security purposes and for way finding?

1 MR. BARRICK: Definitely.

2 MR. MOORE: Is this building, in your judgment  
3 consistent with the architecture of the university buildings  
4 in the area?

5 MR. BARRICK: Yes sir.

6 MR. MOORE: And is consistent in your judgment  
7 with the architecture of non-university buildings in your  
8 area?

9 MR. BARRICK: Yes sir.

10 MR. PYSKACEK: One quick statement in relation  
11 to glass I think that's very important. The Health Department  
12 and the Building Department has as part of their regulations  
13 what is called the guidelines, the hospital construction from  
14 health and human services and the AIA and what we have  
15 attempted to do here is to cut the glass down to those minimum  
16 standards, that is height and width, patient rooms, that kind  
17 of thing. And I think we are probably at the minimum  
18 standards or close to it now in the guidelines.

19 MR. MOORE: Mr. Pyskacek, you are an  
20 administrator at Universal Health Services, are you not?

21 MR. PYSKACEK: No, I'm a Vice President in  
22 charge of design and construction.

23 MR. MOORE: But you are familiar with --

24 MR. PYSKACEK: A registered architect and --

25 MR. MOORE: You're familiar with the design of  
26 hospitals, are you not?

1 MR. PYSKACEK: Yes sir.

2 MR. MOORE: And is it your opinion that glass  
3 on hospital structures aids in the wellness process?

4 MR. PYSKACEK: It not only does aid, but it is  
5 mandated that the patient be able to see daylight, the sun and  
6 darkness during the day to enhance his comprehension of  
7 whether -- of his wellness and whether he is conscious.

8 MR. MOORE: So glass is a very important  
9 component of any hospital design, regardless of where that  
10 hospital is located?

11 MS. PRUITT: Yes, yes.

12 MR. MOORE: We have no further questions of  
13 these witnesses.

14 (Pause.)

15 MR. MOORE: Madam Chairperson --

16 CHAIRPERSON REID: Just one second, please.

17 (Pause.)

18 MR. MOORE: Mr. Barrick, will you continue,  
19 please?

20 MR. BARRICK: Yes, let me turn to the photos.

21 (Pause.)

22 We'd like to also address the exterior facade  
23 on the New Hampshire side of the building. The photograph on  
24 the left is a photograph of I Street and New Hampshire. This  
25 particular photograph was taken with our backs to the historic  
26 sign. We just took the photograph looking out toward I Street

1 and the existing parking lot, George Washington University  
2 Hospital in the background.

3 Obviously, we just took a photograph of what we  
4 saw. We wouldn't normally put a no left turn to buses on a  
5 rendering, however, we felt that since it was an existing  
6 condition we would do that.

7 CHAIRPERSON REID: I'm sorry, I can't hear you.  
8 You need to project your voice. I can't hear you well and I  
9 don't know whether people in the back can hear you. So you  
10 need to keep the volume.

11 MR. BARRICK: We did just the photograph as it  
12 was. We didn't try to compose anything. We took it with our  
13 back to the historic district sign. Normally, in a rendering,  
14 particularly the rendering on the right, we wouldn't put a no  
15 left turn bus sign on it. However, that is an existing  
16 condition and therefore we just showed it.

17 What the rendering on the right shows is the  
18 elevation of the New Hampshire Street site. The truck dock  
19 which is on the right side of this, which you can see just  
20 beyond the island, you see a portion of that, there has been  
21 concern about the screening of this. We have shown on this  
22 particular rendering, we kind of in a lighter green have  
23 showed what would happen if the -- I believe the hedge there  
24 is 3 to 4 feet tall now. What would happen if that were  
25 increased to 6 to 8 feet because there was some concern about  
26 screening the truck dock.

1                   MR. PYSKACEK: The tree, as you see it, is in  
2 winter condition. This was taken for the February meeting.  
3 That tree is then colored in on the artist's conception to  
4 show what it would look like when it's green. It's the same  
5 tree. That darker green which I will point to now is the  
6 current hedge and the light green above is additional planting  
7 that we would agree, the Applicant would agree to providing  
8 DPW and that is public space, whatever they would require or  
9 agree with us to enhance the screening, we would do.

10                   CHAIRPERSON REID: In your rendering that we  
11 have in our packages, you have a winter and I guess summer  
12 view. Now looking at that particular view, it appears that  
13 what's increasing the landscaping, the shrubbery there, it's  
14 almost completely camouflaged?

15                   MR. PYSKACEK: We believe that from that  
16 vantage point that the truck dock will be almost impossible to  
17 see.

18                   CHAIRPERSON REID: Okay, but in the winter time  
19 from the landscaping that there's already, there's still quite  
20 a bit you can see.

21                   MR. PYSKACEK: Yes ma'am. I think the  
22 photograph at the left that is also included in the February  
23 package, which is the same as the one you referred to here  
24 which I will hold up which is the current summer, without  
25 enhancement, that's what you will see. That winter package  
26 shot does not include the hospital drawn in, but I think it's

1 fairly obvious to make the judgment, and I will go up and  
2 point in a minute, that the present hedge in the winter time  
3 still remains green since it's an evergreen hedge. And that  
4 will approximately block maybe 80 percent or 90 percent of the  
5 doors in height of the truck dock.

6 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Excuse me, sir, are you  
7 proposing any specific evergreens or is this right now generic  
8 trees or deciduous with the additional hedge?

9 MR. PYSKACEK: What you see again on the winter  
10 shot is what's there now. What you see on the proposed  
11 artist's concept is what is there now in the dark green hedge  
12 --

13 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Right, in the light  
14 green?

15 MR. PYSKACEK: And the light green in back of  
16 it is what we would propose to enhance with the approval of  
17 DPW and open space. We would select the proper one. We do  
18 not have a --

19 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: You have no tree --

20 MR. PYSKACEK: No specific name of a --

21 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Are you thinking of  
22 deciduous or evergreen?

23 MR. PYSKACEK: We would, of course, try to  
24 select evergreen, if we could, so it would remain green all  
25 year long.

26 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Thank you.

1                   CHAIRPERSON REID: I think that's a good point  
2                   that obviously the evergreen would do a better job of  
3                   buffering the impact of the aesthetics with that being seen  
4                   from the residential area across from that island. And I'm  
5                   understanding that the island is public space. Nonetheless, I  
6                   just think that from the winter aspect of it, it still seems  
7                   to me that you can -- there's quite a bit of that loading dock  
8                   in view. So perhaps there could be something worked out where  
9                   there could be some additional landscaping or trees such that  
10                  you could hardly see it at all in the wintertime.

11                  MR. PYSKACEK: Yes ma'am. We have, I believe,  
12                  and I believe as testified by DPW, Mr. Leyden and/or the other  
13                  gentleman, we have some open space negotiation to do a DPW in  
14                  terms of sidewalks and all those open space considerations  
15                  should you honor us with approving this project. We would  
16                  attempt to bring that up at that time as a part of that.

17                  CHAIRPERSON REID: That was a major objection  
18                  in the hearing, adverse impact on the aesthetic aspect of that  
19                  loading dock being considered offensive to the residents, so I  
20                  certainly hope that will be mitigated.

21                  MR. BARRICK: Yes ma'am, and I'd also like to  
22                  maybe remind you that I believe on the last meeting, we did  
23                  not have a design such that an 18 wheeler -- there's probably  
24                  going to be there one a day, that an 18 wheeler could not get  
25                  fully back into the truck dock and close the door. In the  
26                  February 8th design, we now have the dock designed such that

1 when any truck comes in there, it will back in, the doors will  
2 be closed.

3 CHAIRPERSON REID: And the doors will remain  
4 closed at all times, except when trucks are entering or  
5 exiting the loading dock area?

6 MR. BARRICK: Yes ma'am.

7 CHAIRPERSON REID: Even when the trucks are  
8 inside, unloading, they will also have the doors lowered, is  
9 that not correct?

10 MR. WATSON: I object to the architect  
11 testifying as to the management of the structure. He will  
12 have nothing to do with.

13 MR. PYSKACEK: As an officer of Universal  
14 Health and an officer of the partnership, hospital partners, I  
15 can testify to the management. And we have so stated, I  
16 think, in the transportation --

17 CHAIRPERSON REID: In the information that has  
18 been submitted, it's just basically reiterating for clarity  
19 that this is what the intent is as far as the loading is  
20 concerned.

21 MR. FRANKLIN: Have we gone on to that issue,  
22 Madam Chair, or are we going to hear from the transportation  
23 consultant?

24 CHAIRPERSON REID: We will hear from the  
25 transportation. This is correct.

26 MR. FRANKLIN: I'll reserve my questions until

1 the transportation consultant.

2 CHAIRPERSON REID: DPW will give their  
3 presentation after this, but I just wanted to clarify while we  
4 had the witnesses here, the Applicants here, exactly what the  
5 intent was as far as the loading dock.

6 MR. BARRICK: I would also just like to remind  
7 everyone, there are other facilities directly adjacent to this  
8 on New Hampshire and the other streets around there that also  
9 have truck docks, so it's not uncommon to have truck docks  
10 within this area.

11 The 7-11 which is right across the street does  
12 not have a truck dock and trucks presently stop in the middle  
13 of that street to unload.

14 CHAIRPERSON REID: I understand that, and be  
15 that as it may, nonetheless, the objection in this regard was  
16 to this particular loading dock, in particular. This is the  
17 one we want to try to deal with here today as far as the  
18 adverse impact is concerned.

19 MR. MOORE: Madam Chair, does the Board have  
20 any questions of these witnesses? We have another witness on  
21 transportation and parking issues and also loading dock issues  
22 as it relates to transportation.

23 MR. FRANKLIN: I have one or two on the  
24 architecture.

25 MR. MOORE: Thank you.

26 CHAIRPERSON REID: Do you want to cross examine

1 these witnesses?

2 I'll allow Mr. Frankly to question the  
3 witnesses that -- the other witnesses that come forward, and  
4 then we can have cross examination all at the same time.

5 MR. WATSON: I object in not cross examining  
6 directly after their testimony.

7 MR. MOORE: Madam Chair, Mr. Franklin said he  
8 had some questions.

9 CHAIRPERSON REID: Overruled. This is the  
10 procedure we intend to --

11 MR. FRANKLIN: Mr. Watson was going to wait  
12 until I was finished.

13 CHAIRPERSON REID: That's what I said. That's  
14 what I just said, Mr. Watson, that after Mr. Franklin has  
15 finished his questioning then you can cross examine.

16 MR. FRANKLIN: First of all, can you hear me?  
17 I don't know if this mike is working.

18 Who is the design architect on this project?  
19 Mr. Toby testified initially and a gentleman from Plano, Texas  
20 testified. Now Mr. Barrick is here.

21 MR. BARRICK: It's a joint design between HKS  
22 and Toby Davis. Toby Davis took the initial design effort on  
23 and we have since taken it over.

24 MR. FRANKLIN: Oh, I see.

25 MR. MOORE: And you are HKS, sir?

26 MR. BARRICK: Yes, and we are HKS.

1                   MR. FRANKLIN: Are you representing that there  
2 are no changes to any other aspects of the facade that we've  
3 seen in the February 8th submission with respect to other  
4 elevations? Are those unchanged?

5                   MR. BARRICK: Yes sir.

6                   MR. FRANKLIN: I have no further questions  
7 about the facade. I do think you've been responsive to my  
8 concerns and it's a much more contextual statement than the  
9 first design which I did not think was responsive to the  
10 context of the neighborhood or the university environment and  
11 I believe this is, and while I would quibble about some of the  
12 changes you've made from February 8th, this is not the Fines  
13 Arts Commission, so I will not take your time and mine.

14                  MR. MOORE: Thank you. Madam Chair, I will  
15 offer these witnesses for cross examination at this point.

16                  CHAIRPERSON REID: Mr. Watson?

17                                   CROSS EXAMINATION

18                  MR. WATSON: Let me first ask the questions,  
19 will there be other architectural witnesses as to changes  
20 within the interior of the building? Is this limited just to  
21 facade and will there be other testimony as to the interior?

22                  MR. BARRICK: No.

23                  MR. WATSON: Are these witnesses being  
24 presented to support their interior modifications which were  
25 proposed in their February 8th submission?

26                  MR. BARRICK: I'm sorry, I don't understand

1 your question.

2 MR. FRANKLIN: I could answer that from my  
3 standpoint. The Board simply requested revisiting the facade.  
4 I don't recall that we requested any supplemental information  
5 with respect to the interior of the building.

6 MR. WATSON: There were changes made in the  
7 interior of the building based on the minor changes, but they  
8 do have some effect, based on the new proposals as to the  
9 operation of this building.

10 MR. FRANKLIN: Well, to the extent that those  
11 changes have any effect externally, I suppose they might be  
12 relevant, but generally speaking, the Board as I see it,  
13 doesn't go into the interior.

14 MR. WATSON: The external changes have to do  
15 with the traffic flow. The internal changes deal with the  
16 traffic flow.

17 MR. FRANKLIN: That's true, you have not  
18 touched on the change in the ambulance entrance.

19 MR. PYSKACEK: If we may, we would let the  
20 traffic -- when our traffic consultant -- in terms of interior  
21 changes, the only interior changes we know of at this time in  
22 our own perception were those that were part of the expression  
23 to satisfy the Board's concerns. In other words, yes, we made  
24 the dock longer inside so that the trucks could be completely  
25 enclosed. We didn't change the location of it or -- other  
26 than that.

1                   We didn't do a lot to the emergency room either  
2 other than to possibly change the traffic pattern and that  
3 could be testified to later.

4                   MR. WATSON: Is it the indication that the  
5 renderings are indicative of the operation of the hospital as  
6 is proposed in the current February 8th submission?

7                   MR. BARRICK: Yes.

8                   MR. WATSON: Is there a reason why the  
9 ambulance is shown going the wrong direction in your  
10 rendering?

11                  MR. BARRICK: It just wasn't changed.

12                  MR. WATSON: If we could proceed back to your  
13 so-called buffering, hiding of the facade, the loading dock.  
14 Am I correct that this direction is coming from the southwest,  
15 looking to the northeast?

16                  MR. BARRICK: If you have your directions  
17 correct, that is correct.

18                  MR. WATSON: I have an expert architect here.  
19 I'm asking -- so we have the record clear -- is this looking  
20 from the southwest to the northeast?

21                  MR. BARRICK: It is looking down New Hampshire  
22 Avenue and down the I Street mall.

23                  MR. WATSON: I assume it's looking up New  
24 Hampshire Avenue.

25                  MR. BARRICK: What's up and down?

26                  MR. WATSON: Thank you. Now assume we were to

1 look at your structure not from the southwest to the  
2 northeast, but look from across New Hampshire Avenue and  
3 basically looking from the northwest to the southeast, tell me  
4 what plantings are between the viewer and the loading dock  
5 entrance?

6 MR. PYSKACEK: The plantings that you would see  
7 enhances or unenhances as the case may be, would be on this  
8 triangular piece of open space.

9 Also, also, as you see the green approaching  
10 24th Street along the side of New Hampshire Avenue, that would  
11 be planted also. So those are the plantations, the plantings  
12 that would be there.

13 On the other hand, if you will point out, sir,  
14 where the view you're suggesting would be, we can talk  
15 further.

16 MR. WATSON: If one were to look basically  
17 going since this building is on an angle, basically going due  
18 west from the loading dock into the intersection of 24th  
19 Street and New Hampshire Avenue, would you tell me what  
20 plantings are between the view there and the entrance to the  
21 loading dock.

22 MR. PYSKACEK: Looking down 24th Street?

23 MR. WATSON: No, I am saying to look across  
24 24th Street. I'm suggesting to go due east from the -- I'm  
25 sorry, due west, going due west from the loading dock, just  
26 walking straight out west from the loading dock looking toward

1 the building, what plantings would be in between?

2 MR. PYSKACEK: Well, you would still have a  
3 part of that triangle. You would have about half of it  
4 shielding --

5 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Excuse me, Mr. Watson.

6 MR. WATSON: If I could ask --

7 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: I want to make sure I'm  
8 understanding. Are you asking what plantings would be in the  
9 driveway of the loading dock, in that area?

10 MR. WATSON: Well, I think that's a reasonable  
11 way to describe it.

12 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: I'm just trying to  
13 understand what you're asking.

14 MR. WATSON: If I could suggest going to the  
15 Applicant's Exhibit A which may be clearer and their drawing  
16 number A.0. Now we are looking at the loading dock which is  
17 in the -- I'm not sure which -- I guess it's in the upper left  
18 hand corner of this -- this document wording is right side up.  
19 And we'll see it says 24th Street.

20 I'm asking if one goes out from the loading  
21 dock at a slight angle so it's past the triangle, is there any  
22 planting between the loading dock and all the way across New  
23 Hampshire Avenue.

24 CHAIRPERSON REID: Are you referring to the  
25 public space?

26 MR. WATSON: I am referring basically -- what

1 I'm asking is if one is walking along New Hampshire Avenue,  
2 are there not considerable spaces when there is nothing  
3 between the pedestrian and the loading dock?

4 MR. BARRICK: There is a point when you look  
5 directly where the entrance to the truck dock is which has the  
6 apron to the truck dock, that there are no trees there, yes.

7 MR. WATSON: From the residences across New  
8 Hampshire Avenue, the full effect of the loading dock would be  
9 visible with no cover --

10 CHAIRPERSON REID: You're testifying, Mr.  
11 Watson. Pose it in a question format.

12 MR. WATSON: That's what I'm saying, is it not  
13 true from across New Hampshire Avenue there would be places  
14 where the loading dock is entirely visible from the --

15 MR. BARRICK: Can you point where that  
16 residence is you're asking?

17 MR. WATSON: I am talking about an individual  
18 standing right at the apex, I guess it is, of the western side  
19 of 24th Street where it comes to New Hampshire Avenue,  
20 standing there would one look directly in, just past it,  
21 directly into the loading dock with no vegetation?

22 MR. PYSKACEK: I will now put my pen on the  
23 spot that Mr. Watson put his pen and attempt to describe what  
24 you see.

25 I'm now pointing to the spot of the corner of  
26 24th Street and New Hampshire Avenue across that intersection

1 from the hospital where Mr. Watson had pointed his pen. And of  
2 course, this is the loading dock right here on this drawing  
3 which is part of the record. And if you stand here and look  
4 you would see planting here which would, as I said earlier,  
5 shield about half the dock. If you moved up New Hampshire  
6 Avenue, around the corner and you looked directly in, you will  
7 see the loading dock down that street. That's obvious. But  
8 that area right there has limited residential. That's where  
9 the 7-11 is.

10 CHAIRPERSON REID: Order.

11 MR. WATSON: The geography speaks for itself.  
12 If one is in an apartment above the first or second floor,  
13 would one be buffeted from the view of the loading dock?

14 MR. MOORE: Second or -- I don't understand the  
15 question.

16 MR. WATSON: If one is across the street even  
17 where you alleged there is vegetation but slightly higher up,  
18 you're on a second floor higher than an 8 foot hedge, would  
19 you look down directly from the second floor of a building  
20 directly into the loading dock?

21 MR. MOORE: Do you know the answer to that?

22 MR. PYSKACEK: I don't know. I don't have the  
23 foggiest idea.

24 MR. WATSON: Thank you. You indicated the  
25 operation of this loading dock would be that trucks such as 18  
26 wheelers would back into it. Is that correct?

1 MR. PYSKACEK: That's correct.

2 MR. WATSON: Correct me if I am wrong, I assume  
3 then that the method one would do is a truck would be on 24th  
4 Street, would go around on to New Hampshire Avenue and then  
5 back into the loading dock. Is that correct?

6 MR. PYSKACEK: I think that would be answered  
7 by our transportation --

8 MR. WATSON: This is a design question. It has  
9 to go with the renderings you provided as an expert.

10 MR. PYSKACEK: We will have --

11 MR. MOORE: He's going to have to explain it to  
12 me a little better, if it's a design question.

13 MR. WATSON: I am asking, you designed this  
14 loading dock. How does a truck back into the loading dock?  
15 Where is it located when it starts to back?

16 CHAIRPERSON REID: Mr. Watson, I think that  
17 question can be bettered answered by the transportation expert  
18 --

19 MR. WATSON: No, because they have presented us  
20 with a rendering showing parking spaces

21 --

22 CHAIRPERSON REID: Okay, wait a minute. Do you  
23 know the answer to this question?

24 MR. PYSKACEK: No ma'am, I would defer to the  
25 transportation expert.

26 CHAIRPERSON REID: They don't know.

1 MR. WATSON: Let me ask this question. I think  
2 we have a right to inquire of an expert.

3 Are you telling me that as architects  
4 testifying as architectural experts, you are not aware of how  
5 your design works in entering the building?

6 MR. PYSKACEK: No, I am testifying that in  
7 response to the BZA, we have redesigned the doors on the  
8 loading dock to completely shelter the trucks. How the trucks  
9 get in, we have acquired the consultation of a transportation  
10 expert and I would wish that they would testify to that. We  
11 are in concert with what their testimony will be.

12 MR. WATSON: I object to the expert refusing to  
13 answer a question --

14 MR. BERGSTEIN: Madam Chair --

15 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Mr. Watson, he answered  
16 the question. He said he didn't know how it was done.

17 MR. BERGSTEIN: Madam Chair, the witness says  
18 that he does not have the knowledge to answer the question. I  
19 think for the record that's the answer. And you can do with  
20 that response as you would --

21 MR. WATSON: I will put on the record since we  
22 are in this day and age quite understanding of what is truth  
23 and not and what are full disclosure, if this architect is  
24 claiming that he designed the building without knowledge as to  
25 how vehicles enter the building, I question the expertise of  
26 this architect.

1 MR. MOORE: That is not what he said --

2 CHAIRPERSON REID: Do you have any other  
3 questions?

4 MR. WATSON: My question then is is this  
5 rendering that has been presented is the position of the  
6 Applicant that parking will be available on New Hampshire  
7 Avenue directly adjacent to the loading dock?

8 MR. MOORE: Mr. Watson, he can't testify as to  
9 parking --

10 MR. WATSON: This witness presented a  
11 rendering. I'm asking him whether this rendering is an  
12 accurate representation.

13 MR. BARRICK: Yes.

14 CHAIRPERSON REID: Did you hear the answer, Mr.  
15 Watson?

16 MR. WATSON: I believe I heard Mr. Moore  
17 answer, I did not hear the witness answer.

18 MR. BARRICK: Yes.

19 MR. WATSON: This was answered so the record is  
20 clear by Universal Health Services, that Universal Health  
21 Services' position that it will support parking on New  
22 Hampshire Avenue adjacent --

23 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Mr. Watson, he didn't  
24 testify to parking at all. He testified to the design of that  
25 rendering --

26 MR. WATSON: The rendering shows vehicles

1 parked there. I am asking whether the Applicant believes that  
2 this is an accurate representation of their application.

3 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: My understanding was --

4 MR. PYSKACEK: Yes.

5 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: That that is an accurate  
6 representation of the building rendering? Is that correct,  
7 sir?

8 MR. PYSKACEK: Yes.

9 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: That's different.

10 MR. WATSON: For the record, I am not here for  
11 the purpose of whether renderings are good art or bad art.  
12 The question is I'm trying to ascertain is what the  
13 application is of Universal Health Services.

14 CHAIRPERSON REID: Well, you can ask him those  
15 questions, but if he cannot answer it, I would suggest that  
16 you ask that of the transportation expert or parking expert,  
17 traffic expert.

18 MR. WATSON: You may comment as to location of  
19 a 7-11 across New Hampshire Avenue. Can you tell me what  
20 other structures are across New Hampshire Avenue?

21 MR. PYSKACEK: At this time?

22 MR. WATSON: Yes.

23 MR. PYSKACEK: I can't --

24 MR. WATSON: Again, I object. Mr. Moore has  
25 just said to its own witness an answer. I would like the  
26 answers of these witnesses without Mr. Moore coaching them.

1 CHAIRPERSON REID: Okay, I don't know what Mr.  
2 Moore said, but Mr. Moore is the counsel to these Applicants,  
3 the Applicant, so therefore, I cannot get involved in what  
4 he's saying or know what he's saying.

5 MR. WATSON: Ms. Reid, this is presented as an  
6 expert witness. I am entitled to know the --

7 CHAIRPERSON REID: I don't know what he's  
8 saying, so therefore as a counselor he does have a right to  
9 speak to his -- the Applicant, so that becomes like a very  
10 murky area and I can't rule on that. However, address your  
11 question to the Applicant and the Applicant will answer your  
12 question. This is what we need to do here. Thank you.

13 MS. TYLER: My name is Maria Tyler and I'm a  
14 party to the case for ANC-2A and also for my single member  
15 district. The gentleman here from Texas made the statement  
16 that --

17 CHAIRPERSON REID: Excuse me, are you done with  
18 your cross examination?

19 MR. WATSON: I am not.

20 MS. TYLER: I am questioning --

21 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Ms. Tyler, you have to  
22 wait until Mr. Watson finishes.

23 CHAIRPERSON REID: Mr. Watson is not done yet.  
24 Mr. Watson is not done yet and then --

25 MS. TYLER: There was a specific point --

26 CHAIRPERSON REID: You can come after him and

1 ask it, but not right now.

2 MS. TYLER: There are so many misstatements  
3 made by these gentlemen --

4 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Ms. Tyler, you will have  
5 a time to testify. If you don't adhere to the rules, we'll  
6 have to have people removed.

7 MS. TYLER: Thank you.

8 MR. WATSON: If we can go back, it was  
9 specifically asked as to were you aware of what other  
10 properties were across the street.

11 MR. PYSKACEK: I would like to ask a question  
12 of the Board. I think in our original presentation we went to  
13 great detail, including photographs, other means of graphic  
14 presentation of what's across the street, what's on all three  
15 streets and I was aware of it at that time. I'm grossly aware  
16 of it now, but the point is I think we're only testifying as  
17 to the new information and so I'm not prepared to bring that  
18 information out at the moment.

19 MR. MOORE: That information is in the record  
20 as of the February 8th hearing, is it not?

21 MR. WATSON: They specifically --

22 MR. MOORE: Is it not Mr. Pyskacek?

23 CHAIRPERSON REID: Just --

24 MR. WATSON: I don't understand the right of  
25 counsel to ask his own witnesses questions during my cross  
26 examination.

1                   Now there was testimony by this witness as to  
2 the 7-11. There was testimony as to the site lines. I have  
3 ever right to ask him what is across the street and how high  
4 it is to know whether those site lines are meaning at all.

5                   CHAIRPERSON REID: Very well,

6                   MR. WATSON: Now what is across the street that  
7 you are saying is buffered from the loading dock?

8                   MR. MOORE: Asked and answered.

9                   MR. WATSON: I would like the Board to make  
10 ruling. I have no idea what counsel is saying was asked and  
11 answered. I am asking what is across the street that is  
12 buffered by the so-called plantings. Simple question.

13                  MR. BERGSTEIN: Mr. Moore, could you indicate  
14 what you believe the answer was?

15                  MR. MOORE: Mr. Bergstein, the witness in my  
16 recollection and I think the record will show that -- answered  
17 the question that he is not today prepared to testify as to  
18 what is across the street, that he did participate in the  
19 documents that were submitted to the Board on February 8th of  
20 this year. And those documents set forth with particularity  
21 not only the uses that are across 24th and New Hampshire  
22 Avenue, but the height and the bulk of each of those  
23 buildings.

24                  MR. BERGSTEIN: Madam Chair, Mr. Moore has  
25 indicated what he believes the answer to the question was. As  
26 presiding officer, you can determine whether or not that's, in

1 fact, the case and then have Mr. Watson go on to the next  
2 question or if you believe that that was not responsive to the  
3 question that Mr. Watson just posed, then you can ask Mr.  
4 Watson to ask the question and the witness --

5 CHAIRPERSON REID: Mr. Bergstein, the question  
6 had already been answered by the witness. He said he did not  
7 know and that it was a matter of record and that is the only  
8 answer that I would accept from the witness and that's been  
9 proffered to Mr. Watson, so then I guess we have to move to  
10 the next question.

11 MR. WATSON: I will proceed. Mr. Barrick, you  
12 testified at one point that the loading dock was 80 percent  
13 obscured. Is that correct?

14 MR. BARRICK: I don't think I did.

15 MR. WATSON: Well, then your colleague here --  
16 did you testify it was 80 percent obscured?

17 MR. PYSKACEK: Yes sir, as represented in that  
18 artist's rendering.

19 MR. WATSON: As represented in the artist's  
20 rendering. At what level is the artist's rendering due? The  
21 eye which is looking at the rendering, at what level is that?

22 MR. PYSKACEK: Approximately 5 to 6 feet above  
23 grade at the sign that we sat against when we took the  
24 picture.

25 MR. WATSON: You say took the picture. This is  
26 an artist's rendering. I'm talking about this, the artist's

1 rendering that you've shown.

2 If I am correct, the artist's rendering doesn't  
3 show the loading dock at all.

4 MR. BERGSTEIN: Excuse me, are these pieces of  
5 evidence, are they going into the record or are in the record  
6 and are they marked in some way so that we can --

7 CHAIRPERSON REID: Yes.

8 MR. PYSKACEK: They are, I believe, in the  
9 February 8th submission.

10 MR. BERGSTEIN: Are they marked as A or B or 1  
11 or 2 so that when we're referring to these many different  
12 pieces of evidence, we can all look back and understand what  
13 we're talking about? Is it possible we can all refer to them  
14 as the same thing, either Rendering 1 or whatever so we all  
15 know we're talking about and if we find these things we can  
16 later reference back to them in the record?

17 MR. FRANKLIN: Madam Chair, I believe the new  
18 rendering that was presented this morning was not introduced  
19 into the record.

20 MR. BARRICK: That's correct. That was the  
21 only one that was not in that December 8th.

22 MR. FRANKLIN: I take it, Mr. Moore, you'd want  
23 to do so?

24 Madam Chair, I wonder, we seem to be spinning  
25 our wheels around an issue that seems to me to be pretty  
26 evident and that is there's going to be a certain amount of

1 that loading dock that is not screened from eye level, a  
2 person walking the street and it's not going to be screened  
3 from somebody looking out of a second story window. We can  
4 have some -- maybe sometime there can be a stipulation as to  
5 how much of it is not screened. It seems to me that it's  
6 impossible to screen the loading dock 100 percent and the  
7 question is whether it's screened 80 percent, 85 percent, 70  
8 percent or whatever -- so assuming there's evergreens planted  
9 it's going to be screened as depicted in the artist's  
10 rendering, but I for one have to accept that there will be a  
11 portion of the loading dock that is not screened.

12 If that's Mr. Watson's point, I accept it.

13 MR. WATSON: I have no further questions.

14 CHAIRPERSON REID: I think we had another  
15 question from the party. Ms. Tyler --

16 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Madam Chair, Ms. Tyler  
17 and --

18 CHAIRPERSON REID: Come forward if you are a  
19 party in this case.

20 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: You have to speak into  
21 the mike.

22 CHAIRPERSON REID: Give your name and address,  
23 please.

24 MS. TYLER: Ma'am, I have a point of  
25 clarification first. I understand from the Executive  
26 Director, Ms. Pruitt, that we will be able to comment on the

1 items that are represented today that were new in addition to  
2 cross examining, that we would be able.

3 CHAIRPERSON REID: Correct.

4 MS. TYLER: Thank you very much. So for the  
5 moment probably my cross examination will thus be very  
6 limited, but just let me ask one question, thank you, ma'am.

7 Do the gentlemen realize that our opposition  
8 regarding the loading dock was very important in terms of the  
9 site, but that was only one important point. Do these  
10 gentlemen realize that our opposition to the loading dock has  
11 been on the basis of the very disruptive traffic and --

12 CHAIRPERSON REID: This should be posed in the  
13 form of a question. No testimony, just ask a question.

14 MS. TYLER: Do these gentlemen realize that our  
15 opposition has been on the basis of the most -- as we have  
16 already presented and as we will continue to present today in  
17 follow-up --

18 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: What's the question, Ms.  
19 Tyler?

20 MS. TYLER: That it is based on the very  
21 disruptive traffic that will be created.

22 CHAIRPERSON REID: I will allow that, just  
23 please, give us the question.

24 MS. TYLER: I would like to have a yes or no.  
25 That was the most important --

26 CHAIRPERSON REID: All right.

1 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Ms. Tyler, we haven't  
2 gotten to traffic yet.

3 MS. TYLER: Do you realize that because you  
4 said that --

5 CHAIRPERSON REID: Ms. Tyler, do you want to  
6 ask it of these witnesses or do you want to wait for the  
7 traffic, transportation experts?

8 MS. TYLER: Well, I would like to ask both  
9 because --

10 CHAIRPERSON REID: Okay, can you answer the  
11 question, please?

12 MR. PYSKACEK: Yes.

13 CHAIRPERSON REID: Next question.

14 MS. TYLER: The next question I will address in  
15 my statement. There was a statement made by one of these  
16 gentlemen, I think the one from Texas that the -- in reply to  
17 a question by the Board that the present changed facade is in  
18 conformity with the buildings that are non-university. And  
19 the answer was yes.

20 Does he realize what is across the street from  
21 24th Street? Does he realize that we presented evidence from  
22 the Foggy Bottom Historic District and I will come back to  
23 that in a follow-up in order to address this particular  
24 question.

25 MR. BARRICK: Yes, we are aware of what is  
26 around the facility and we feel we're in context with

1 generally what is around that facility, yes.

2 MS. TYLER: Therefore, ma'am --

3 MR. WATSON: I have an objection. The witness  
4 previously testified that he was not aware as to what was  
5 across the street from the facility.

6 MS. TYLER: There is an inconsistency. May I  
7 ask the question that on the one hand this witness stated that  
8 it will be in conformity with --

9 CHAIRPERSON REID: Direct your question  
10 specifically.

11 MS. TYLER: On the one hand -- my question is,  
12 on the one hand he stated --

13 CHAIRPERSON REID: Not "he" -- you.

14 MS. TYLER: My question is the following. One  
15 the one hand he refuses a question --

16 CHAIRPERSON REID: No, no. It has to be posed  
17 to him in a form of a question.

18 MS. TYLER: I'm not an attorney. That's the  
19 last thing I am.

20 CHAIRPERSON REID: Ask directly of him.

21 MS. TYLER: Okay, how could you state, Mr.  
22 Barrick, that this building will be in conformity with non-  
23 university buildings when you are not able to answer the  
24 question of our attorney and state what is opposite the  
25 loading dock, for example?

26 MR. BARRICK: I believe we stated that already

1 in previous testimony and we did not choose to testify again.

2 CHAIRPERSON REID: All right, Ms. Tyler.

3 MS. TYLER: All right, we will then follow up  
4 in our follow up testimony. Thank you.

5 MS. BECKER: I'm Ellie Becker of the Foggy  
6 Bottom Association. I first of all appreciate --

7 CHAIRPERSON REID: You are a party?

8 MS. BECKER: Yes.

9 CHAIRPERSON REID: Give your address.

10 MS. BECKER: 2520 I Street, Northwest. I would  
11 first like to be given the opportunity to look at the  
12 rendering which supposedly shows loading dock and the hedges.  
13 We were not able to see that.

14 MR. BARRICK: It's right there.

15 (Pause.)

16 MS. BECKER: My question has to do with I think  
17 I understood that there will be a hedge to the south of this  
18 building which would be to the north of the pedestrian mall.  
19 Is that correct?

20 MR. BARRICK: A hedge?

21 MS. BECKER: A hedge of some kind.

22 MR. BARRICK: There will be landscaping, yes.

23 MS. BECKER: Do you -- what do you have in mind  
24 as to the height and depth of that? It doesn't really show on  
25 these.

26 MR. BARRICK: That was previously submitted in

1 earlier testimony. We submitted a landscape plan that was  
2 prepared by a local landscape architect.

3 MS. BECKER: I don't believe that was provided  
4 to me. So the question is if there is landscaping and/or  
5 hedging to the north of the pedestrian mall, say the south of  
6 the building to hide the loading dock, is it -- did anybody  
7 take into account the security measures for people using that  
8 pedestrian mall?

9 MR. BARRICK: Yes.

10 MS. BECKER: Thank you. I'm looking forward to  
11 it not be enough to hide somebody because it's a very --

12 CHAIRPERSON REID: Testimony.

13 MS. BECKER: Sorry.

14 CHAIRPERSON REID: That's the end of this  
15 particular segment of cross examination.

16 MR. MOORE: Madam Chair, I would then bring my  
17 -- if you want to continue?

18 CHAIRPERSON REID: Yes.

19 MR. MOORE: I would call Lou Slade and Byron  
20 Wills to talk about transportation and parking.

21 CHAIRPERSON REID: Gentlemen who had come up  
22 earlier and requested party status, single member district,  
23 the ANC, yes, single member district, just allow me to talk to  
24 him about his status.

25 My understanding is that as a single member  
26 district representative you were not able to come to the

1 hearing in January?

2 MR. MANDELBAUM: I was not sworn in at that  
3 time, so I was not a member of the Commission.

4 CHAIRPERSON REID: Were you here?

5 MR. MANDELBAUM: No, I was not.

6 CHAIRPERSON REID: Okay, but you could have  
7 been.

8 MR. MANDELBAUM: I was not aware that this  
9 hearing was taking place on that date. I just in early  
10 January, January 5th --

11 CHAIRPERSON REID: Nonetheless, the  
12 understanding is that you do not at this time have party  
13 status.

14 MR. MANDELBAUM: That is correct.

15 CHAIRPERSON REID: And we could not grant you  
16 party status, however, you can, based on the testimony that's  
17 given here today regarding the supplemental information that's  
18 here, testify or question the witness.

19 MR. MANDELBAUM: Okay.

20 CHAIRPERSON REID: Not questioning, I mean you  
21 can testify as a witness based on the proceedings here today.  
22 You would be allowed to do that.

23 MR. MANDELBAUM: Okay.

24 CHAIRPERSON REID: You just would not be  
25 allowed to cross examine, that's all.

26 MR. BERGSTEIN: We just need to clear it up at

1 this time, sir, because normally a party would at this point  
2 be able to cross examine those witnesses. So at this point  
3 the chair has ruled that you won't be given party status which  
4 means that you won't have the opportunity to cross examine and  
5 when witnesses are called that will be your opportunity to  
6 give the testimony that's going to be permitted.

7 CHAIRPERSON REID: You can give it to Tony and  
8 you can submit the written, your written report for the  
9 record.

10 MR. WATSON: So that I am clear, is the ruling  
11 that any member of the public can speak as a witness?

12 A witness is a witness for a party or as a  
13 member of the public. He's not been indicated as a witness  
14 for a party. He asked for party status himself. I am  
15 assuming then the ruling is that any member of the public can  
16 appear as a witness with regard to the supplemental material?

17 MR. BERGSTEIN: If there are witnesses that  
18 were pre-identified at the beginning of this hearing, those  
19 are the witnesses who can testify with respect to the  
20 supplemental material. In this case, you are permitting this  
21 individual to also testify, but only with respect to the  
22 supplemental material.

23 MR. WATSON: Pardon me, but I don't understand  
24 what pre-identified means.

25 CHAIRPERSON REID: Those that testified  
26 previously in the hearing segments that we had, those

1 witnesses.

2 MR. BERGSTEIN: The question is do you wish to  
3 allow anyone who wishes to testify today, but only with  
4 respect to the supplemental materials that are being presented  
5 to testify or with the exception of this particular witness do  
6 you want to limit the witness testimony to those persons who  
7 had testified previously int his proceeding?

8 CHAIRPERSON REID: Yes.

9 MR. MOORE: Madam Chair, I would agree with the  
10 ruling that you just made. This has been a long process.  
11 This application, these applications were filed the 20th of  
12 July. Any person or party has had full opportunity to present  
13 their views to the Board.

14 To the extent that Mr. Mandelbaum is here today  
15 and he is a new ANC Commissioner who wants to testify in  
16 support, we would very much support him, the Chair ruling that  
17 his testimony can be placed in the record and the Board would  
18 take due note of that. But this case needs to be decided and  
19 there are a number of people in the room which we brought  
20 which are in support of the application and these are not only  
21 residents of the area, but also people who work in the  
22 hospital and I assume there are people who would like to  
23 testify today in opposition to this application.

24 My understanding is that this hearing was very  
25 limited, that it was the ruling of the chair and I would urge  
26 the chair to keep the witness list to those who are -- have

1 already testified today and those who are parties and the  
2 issues that are before this Board today, today, are those  
3 relating to design and those relating to parking and  
4 transportation as it relates to the DPW study. That's all.  
5 We need to move on.

6 CHAIRPERSON REID: Mr. Moore, thank you very  
7 much. I had not finished.

8 MR. MOORE: I'm sorry.

9 CHAIRPERSON REID: But no, today is exactly  
10 that. It is for the purpose of looking at the supplemental  
11 information that's been presented to us and those persons who  
12 have already testified as witnesses will be given an  
13 opportunity to testify, testify on the supplemental  
14 information that's been submitted only. The exception is for  
15 this gentleman who was not here before because he is an ANC  
16 single member district representative to testify at the time  
17 of witness testimony and that's an exception, the only  
18 exception.

19 MR. MOORE: I would cede my time to Mr.  
20 Mandelbaum.

21 MR. MANDELBAUM: My name is Steve Mandelbaum.  
22 I'm the Commissioner --

23 CHAIRPERSON REID: No, no --

24 MR. WATSON: I object to this process.

25 CHAIRPERSON REID: Mr. Moore, he will be  
26 brought back up. Not at this time.

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DIRECT EXAMINATION

MR. MOORE: Sir, would you state your name for the record?

MR. SLADE: My name is Louis Slade. I reside at 3500 Cresada Street.

MR. MOORE: And you've been sworn in and recognized by the Board as an expert and you have done detailed traffic and pedestrian studies of this application?

MR. SLADE: Yes, I have.

MR. MOORE: Sir, would you identify yourself?

MR. WILLS: I'm Byron Wills.

MR. MOORE: Are you employed, sir?

MR. WILLS: Yes.

MR. MOORE: How are you employed?

MR. WILLS: With George Washington University.

MR. MOORE: In what capacity?

MR. WILLS: I'm the program manager for the parking operations.

MR. MOORE: You're in charge of parking operations for the hospital?

MR. WILLS: I am.

MR. MOORE: And you have been sworn in?

MR. WILLS: I have been sworn in.

MR. MOORE: Mr. Slade, do you have testimony for us today?

MR. SLADE: Yes, I do.

1 MR. MOORE: Will you give it, sir.

2 MR. SLADE: Madam Chair, members of the Board,  
3 I'm pleased to be here today. I'm going to cover two points  
4 and I'll try to be as concise as I can. The first is that at  
5 our January 5th hearing, you directed us to meet with DPW to  
6 work with them to develop a consensus on how the hospital  
7 entrances should be located and operated. And subsequent to  
8 that we had three meetings with DPW and I wanted to briefly go  
9 over the substance of those meetings and the participants in  
10 these meetings.

11 First of all, they were work sessions in that  
12 meeting. They were lengthy and there was an effort for  
13 everyone to roll up their sleeves to insure that we found ways  
14 to make this project work well from a standpoint of its  
15 impact.

16 The first meeting, the major substance of the  
17 meeting involved the owner and the architect, we were present,  
18 discussing the internal workings of the hospital and how the  
19 three driveways, the main entrance, the emergency room  
20 driveways and the loading dock related to internal workings of  
21 the hospital and how the grades of the streets affected how  
22 those driveways had to be located.

23 This was a lengthy presentation to members of  
24 DPW so they would have an understanding of how these driveways  
25 had to relate to one another internally. We also expressed at  
26 that meeting that we thought that the results of the internal

1 configuration which dictated the location of the driveways was  
2 fortunate, because it led to locating the three driveways in  
3 the most logical locations for this site, that the main  
4 entrance where most pedestrians would enter the hospital,  
5 either having arrived by automobile or by Metro, would be near  
6 the Metro Station. The front door of this hospital has to be  
7 at the Metro Station. The existing hospital is very dependent  
8 on Metro, both for patients as well as employees of the  
9 hospital.

10 Secondly, the emergency room driveway had to be  
11 at Washington Circle. That is where the ambulances coming to  
12 the emergency room come from and we offered and later this was  
13 part of a subsequent meeting that Captain Blaylock from  
14 Emergency Medical Services would be glad to come and talk to  
15 DPW about that aspect. This left the loading dock in the  
16 corner of the hospital, you just heard testimony about, and  
17 there are two things about the loading dock in that location.  
18 One is that of all the sidewalks around this hospital, this is  
19 where the least amount of pedestrian traffic is. Secondly,  
20 there is an opportunity with the triangular island at the  
21 intersection to do some buffering of the visible impacts of  
22 the loading dock.

23 So that first meeting the result of the meeting  
24 was an understanding on DPW's part about why these driveways  
25 were fixed where they were located. And it was agreed that we  
26 would proceed with additional work sessions to talk about how

1 those driveways could be made as workable and as safe as  
2 possible and it would be two parts to that. Number one was,  
3 as I mentioned, Captain Blaylock would come to a subsequent  
4 meeting to talk about the emergency room driveway from his  
5 viewpoint and the second part was that we would work with the  
6 hospital team to identify measures that could be taken in the  
7 design of these driveways to create as safe an environment for  
8 pedestrians and motorists as possible.

9 We then proceeded to have two more work  
10 sessions. These were all at DPW. One of the work sessions  
11 involved Captain Blaylock. He confirmed that --

12 MR. WATSON: I object to the testimony of  
13 Captain Blaylock being put on this record. I object to any  
14 testimony of Captain Blaylock being put in through this  
15 witness. Captain Blaylock is an official of the District of  
16 Columbia Fire Department. This Board has requested the Fire  
17 Department for their comments. To my knowledge, this is  
18 something in addition to their comments and I object to the  
19 attempt to include a purported expert through someone else's  
20 testimony.

21 CHAIRPERSON REID: Sustained.

22 MR. SLADE: I'm sorry, Madam Chair.

23 CHAIRPERSON REID: Sustained. Please continue.

24 MR. SLADE: At one of the subsequent meetings,  
25 discussed the location of the emergency room. Captain  
26 Blaylock was present at that meeting. There was discussion at

1 the meeting about how we would propose emergency room operate  
2 with traffic entering from New Hampshire and exiting on 23rd.  
3 As a result of statements made by Captain Blaylock and  
4 discussions among the participants of the party --

5 MR. WATSON: I object --

6 MR. SLADE: It was agreed --

7 MR. WATSON: I object. Again, we're putting in  
8 --

9 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Mr. Watson, the chair  
10 already ruled on that.

11 MR. SLADE: Madam Chair, I often have to  
12 collaborate with experts in the city on matters. This is how  
13 we get things done so they work well in the city.

14 CHAIRPERSON REID: The objection as stated on  
15 the record is statements made by Captain Blaylock without his  
16 testimony to corroborate that.

17 MR. SLADE: Very well. I was present at a  
18 discussion where Captain Blaylock was present. There was  
19 input to that discussion by all members present. The  
20 consensus was that the emergency entrance was at the right  
21 location and that if the entrance was operated with traffic  
22 entering from 23rd Street and exiting on New Hampshire it  
23 would be equally acceptable to Emergency Medical Services and  
24 would have the potential of creating a safer pedestrian  
25 environment than the original proposal.

26 MR. WATSON: I don't mean to be disruptive, but

1 I don't know how many times I can say that I don't think we  
2 should hear on the record what's accepted to Emergency Medical  
3 Services. They're available. They can testify.

4 CHAIRPERSON REID: Mr. Watson, at this  
5 juncture, the witness is simply giving us information as to  
6 the discussion at that particular meeting without citing  
7 anyone in particular, so I don't see anything wrong with that.

8 MR. WATSON: He cited an official body of the  
9 District of Columbia and said they agreed to it.

10 CHAIRPERSON REID: That particular -- we had  
11 eliminated or we had stopped in him from citing specifically a  
12 quote from Mr. Blaylock. And he is just at this juncture  
13 giving us information about the course of that particular  
14 meeting, without citing specifically or quoting anyone there.

15 MR. MOORE: Just for the record, Madam Chair, I  
16 would just add that what the witness, my view of what the  
17 witness says, the witness said there was consensus at the  
18 meeting and he stated what the consensus is. That is his  
19 opinion, not Captain Blaylock's testimony.

20 CHAIRPERSON REID: I understand that.

21 MR. SLADE: The other matters brought up at the  
22 two, the second meeting and the third meeting had to do with  
23 additional data. We offered to compile additional data to  
24 address any of the questions which DPW had. DPW was in the  
25 process of collecting their own data and they chose to follow  
26 that route. However, they did agree that it would be useful

1 for us to provide videotape of traffic conditions around the  
2 cite during a weekday and we did provide that videotape to  
3 them for their view.

4 Finally, we as a result of working with the  
5 hospital team, we outlined a series of design and operational  
6 measures which the hospital is ready to commit to, to insure  
7 that the environment at these three driveways will be as safe  
8 as possible and I'll just summarize those very briefly.

9 At the loading dock, the hospital will have a  
10 loading dock management plan. There will be a manager present  
11 and the dock will operate within hours that are restricted  
12 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

13 As someone else testified, the doors will be  
14 closed at all times except when a vehicle is entering or  
15 exiting the loading dock and that manager will be responsible  
16 for controlling that door.

17 All vendors to the hospital who must use the  
18 loading dock will be requested to use as small a truck  
19 possible and if tractor trailer trucks can be avoided, they  
20 will be avoided.

21 The sidewalk in front of the -- where the  
22 loading dock crosses the sidewalk and this will be true for  
23 all the driveways, that sidewalk will have a change in pattern  
24 or material to distinguish it from other sidewalk approaching  
25 the loading dock and the purpose of that is simply to make the  
26 pedestrian aware that they're entering an area where the

1 driveway is crossing the sidewalk. Signs will also be used to  
2 alert pedestrians that they are approaching a driveway.

3 A signal, flashing light, will be placed at the  
4 loading dock and will come on and flash a warning to  
5 pedestrians whenever the door is opened. This is simply to  
6 make pedestrians aware that the door is open is when of course  
7 a truck is using that driveway.

8 And then as others have testified, the loading  
9 itself, the operation will take place behind the closed  
10 loading dock doors and landscaping will be used to mitigate  
11 the visual impact of the loading dock.

12 In addition to those items at the other two  
13 driveways, signs and pavement change will also be used. The  
14 main entrance and all on 23rd Street, the Applicant will work  
15 with DPW to widen the sidewalks as much as possible. If you  
16 recall, there was concern about the inadequacy and the  
17 substandard sidewalks on the west side of 23rd Street and that  
18 will be changed with this project. And then a sign will be  
19 placed on New Hampshire Avenue indicating to motorists to not  
20 block the driveway so that when vehicles are coming out of the  
21 emergency room onto New Hampshire, they'll have a clear access  
22 out into the street.

23 I want to go back to the point about the  
24 videotape. We have used videotape on many projects. It's  
25 very useful to understand how traffic conditions change  
26 through the day. This particular videotape --

1 MR. WATSON: I object to discussion of the  
2 videotape which has not been made available to anyone else.

3 CHAIRPERSON REID: Sustained.

4 MR. SLADE: We submitted the videotape to DPW  
5 in response to their interest in seeing that. The videotape  
6 show traffic congestion during the peak commuter hour in the  
7 morning and in the afternoon and showed very low levels of  
8 congestion at other times of the day on both the 23rd Street  
9 and New Hampshire Avenue side.

10 MR. WATSON: I objection to the categorizations  
11 as I just indicated of the videotape which I believe you  
12 sustained. He's telling us now what it shows.

13 CHAIRPERSON REID: Mr. Slade, try to give  
14 testimony without going into details about the videotape in  
15 that we don't have it. We don't know specifically what's on  
16 it.

17 MR. SLADE: I'll move on.

18 CHAIRPERSON REID: Thank you.

19 MR. SLADE: The second topic I want to cover  
20 this morning is the campus parking plan. We've talked about  
21 this at previous hearings. Mr. Wills and I have been working  
22 on this plan and this plan will be submitted as part of the  
23 new campus plan which will come to the BZA at the end of the  
24 year.

25 At this time, the parking plan has been worked  
26 out in enough detail to assure that the parking requirements

1 in the current campus plan can and will be met at all times  
2 over the next three years during the construction of the  
3 hospital and other projects which are taking place on the  
4 campus.

5 The campus plan requires that a minimum of 2700  
6 parking spaces be maintained at all times on campus. The  
7 university parking operations have found several locations  
8 where additional capacity can be developed, and in fact, some  
9 of those locations have already been developed so that when  
10 the surface parking lots of the proposed hospital site are  
11 taken out of service, the supply of parking will remain above  
12 2700 spaces.

13 Finally, in conclusion, Madam Chair and members  
14 of the Board, we have conducted extensive studies of  
15 pedestrian, vehicular, loading, parking effects of this  
16 proposal. You've challenged us. The community has challenged  
17 us. The community's expert has written a report which we've  
18 reviewed extensively and we've worked closely with DPW about  
19 all the concerns that have been raised by you and the  
20 community. I'm convinced as a result of this that we have  
21 very carefully tested every aspect of this project and that we  
22 have a project that will have impacts, but those impacts are  
23 well within acceptable standards and limit in an urban  
24 situation that we have here.

25 I think it's important to simply characterize  
26 the project from the traffic and parking standpoint to

1 understand it. There's an existing hospital on the east side  
2 of 23rd Street. The new hospital will be on the west side of  
3 23rd Street. The main entrance will be moved across the  
4 street. There will be no real change as a result of that main  
5 entrance, except we think a slight benefit because much of the  
6 traffic comes from the north approaching the hospital and it  
7 will make right turns into the main entrance now and then make  
8 right turns out to go to the parking facility where hospital  
9 visitors park and doctors and other staff.

10 So moving the main entrance across the street  
11 does not change things on 23rd Street, except that we're  
12 adding some driveways to that west sidewalk. We're proposing  
13 to widen the sidewalk to mitigate the effect of those  
14 driveways and assure that those a standard, greater than  
15 standard sidewalk for the heavy flow of pedestrians on that  
16 side of the street. We're placing the pedestrian entrance  
17 adjacent to the Metro Station. Today, pedestrians, and the  
18 majority of people to come to the hospital do so by Metro must  
19 cross 23rd Street. They won't need to cross 23rd Street with  
20 the hospital on the west side. All beneficial, all beneficial  
21 from the traffic and pedestrian and safety and operations  
22 standpoint.

23 We're moving the emergency room from a location  
24 on Washington Circle to another location adjacent to  
25 Washington Circle. The entrance will be on 23rd Street and  
26 everyone involved and who is concerned about this has

1 expressed their opinion that this will work and that this is  
2 the right place for that emergency entrance.

3 We're locating a loading dock on the west side  
4 of the hospital adjacent to a neighborhood. At the present  
5 time, the driveway for the 265 parking spaces is located on  
6 New Hampshire Avenue, just a couple hundred feet north of  
7 where this loading dock is located, so we're replacing a  
8 driveway which generates the traffic that 265 car parking lot  
9 generates with a driveway which generates on average 27 truck  
10 trips a day, a radical decrease, it's a very significant  
11 decrease in the total vehicular traffic on that street.

12 I just realized I forgot to mention one of the  
13 measures that we're incorporated in the loading dock  
14 management plan and that is to work with DPW on a routine plan  
15 for trucks to and from that dock that use the streets that has  
16 a minimal impact on the community as possible.

17 CHAIRPERSON REID: Mr. Slade, you say that  
18 you're going to or you have?

19 MR. SLADE: That is part of the commitment, we  
20 believe we have the routing we've suggested at DPW and perhaps  
21 they can comment on that this morning. We're proposing that  
22 trucks approach the loading dock from the south on 24th  
23 Street, use the dock and then return in that direction after  
24 they leave the dock. We think that's the best location for  
25 the trucks to approach and depart from.

26 Finally, we're moving the parking that is on

1 this site, adjacent to the neighborhood to the interior of the  
2 campus where it will serve the hospital very well. It's  
3 within visible site of the new main entrance to the hospital.  
4 Doctors, visitors and staff will be able to go to this parking  
5 facility which is an existing facility being expanded and walk  
6 a very short distance to the new hospital.

7 I think I've covered all the key points of what  
8 these changes mean from the traffic standpoint. There is a  
9 lot of traffic in this neighborhood. I've estimated that the  
10 traffic on the campus streets, including New Hampshire Avenue  
11 adjacent to the hospital site on an average weekday is 85  
12 percent of the traffic is not generated at George Washington  
13 University or George Washington University Hospital. It is  
14 through traffic passing through this neighborhood. The sense  
15 that there's an enormous amount of traffic at this site is  
16 accurate during commuter peak hours because a lot of commuters  
17 must use these streets. When those commuter peak periods are  
18 over, in the middle of the day and in the evening, these  
19 streets are lightly used.

20 In my professional judgment, approval of this  
21 hospital project will not an adverse effect on neighboring  
22 properties from the standpoint of vehicular traffic,  
23 pedestrian traffic, parking and loading.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON REID: Thank you.

26 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Mr. Watson, the Board has

1 the opportunity to question first, please.

2 MR. MOORE: Mr. Wills, in your capacity as the  
3 parking manager for George Washington University, you have  
4 studied these applications, have you not?

5 MR. WILLS: Yes, I have.

6 MR. MOORE: Will there ever be a time that the  
7 parking for the George Washington University falls below the  
8 2700 required in the approved campus plan?

9 MR. WILLS: No, there will not.

10 MR. MOORE: Thank you. Please answer any  
11 questions from the Board.

12 MR. GILREATH: I have a question. The loading  
13 of these trucks coming in, is that going to occur during the  
14 day when rush hour, between morning rush hour and evening rush  
15 hour, the loading and unloading take place?

16 MR. SLADE: The loading dock is proposed to be  
17 open to accept trucks from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The scheduling of  
18 specific arrivals and departures will be made to avoid the  
19 peak period as much as possible. Some goods must be brought  
20 in early in the morning which are essential to the operation  
21 of the hospital, but that should be a relatively low number of  
22 trucks.

23 MR. FRANKLIN: Mr. Slade, I had a question  
24 about that schedule as well. 6 p.m. is regarded as the cutoff  
25 for what reason?

26 MR. SLADE: I can't answer you, Mr. Franklin,

1 because it's an internal hospital requirement. I think it has  
2 to do with the functions of the hospital and that there are  
3 things that need to be either delivered or picked up near the  
4 end of the regular work day.

5 MR. FRANKLIN: Well, perhaps I need an  
6 education as to why these hours were chosen. They seem to be  
7 coterminous with the time that we've been told that is the  
8 most heavy traffic in the area. Obviously, we don't want to  
9 have trucks there to interrupt people when they're asleep or  
10 what have you, but it seems to me 6 p.m. is the height of the  
11 rush hour.

12 MR. MOORE: Mr. Franklin, I have the  
13 administrator of the hospital here who has been sworn in as a  
14 witness and he can address your question.

15 MR. FRANKLIN: Mr. Schaengold

16 MR. MOORE: Yes, it's Mr. Schaengold.

17 MR. FRANKLIN: I think we need a little  
18 education as to what the demands are for these hours.

19 MR. SCHAENGOLD: The hours, first of all, I'm Philip  
20 Schaengold. I'm the Chief Executive Officer of the George  
21 Washington University Hospital. The hours of operation of the  
22 dock of 7 a.m. in the morning to 6 p.m. are sort of the  
23 general parameters of when the docks are open today.

24 We usually begin receiving some deliveries of  
25 material as early as 7 in the morning to correspond with our  
26 normal operations and staffing of the facilities. The 6 p.m.

1 end date simply reflects the normal operations through half of  
2 the evening shift and there are occasions where last minute  
3 supplies, linen are either picked up or delivered by  
4 relatively small vans.

5 We do not anticipate a utilization of the dock  
6 by a large vehicle except but once a day and our goal would be  
7 to schedule it in the manner that does not conflict with the  
8 peak hours.

9 MR. FRANKLIN: In other words, you'd be willing  
10 to adhere to a program whereby the street was not blocked as  
11 such and I understand, am I correct that the only time there  
12 would be a necessary blockage of the street would be for the  
13 18 wheelers?

14 MR. SCHAENGOLD: That is correct.

15 MR. FRANKLIN: Is that correct, Mr. Slade?

16 MR. SLADE: Yes.

17 MR. FRANKLIN: And are you felling us that the  
18 deliveries in such vehicles would be limited to one a day,  
19 let's say, at a time that did not conflict with the peak  
20 congestion during the day. Is that what we're hearing?

21 MR. SLADE: Yes, that is what you're hearing.  
22 That first part is that there is a major vendor that must use  
23 large vehicles and at this point it looks like it will be a  
24 tractor trailer and that commitment to limit the number is  
25 it's one a day, sometimes two, but never more than two and two  
26 a day is very rare.

1 MR. FRANKLIN: And at what time?

2 MR. SCHAENGOLD: We will work with the vendor  
3 to insure that that occurs in off hours, meaning anything  
4 beyond the 7 to 9 o'clock period. They make a delivery pretty  
5 much to a number of institutions in the District. They come  
6 out of usually Maryland. We will work with them to insure  
7 that they don't come to our site at the peak morning hours.

8 They do not deliver beyond the  
9 mid-morning, midday period.

10 MR. FRANKLIN: Mr. Slade, if an 18 wheeler  
11 comes and does have to block the street, with the redesign do  
12 the go in head first or do they go in back first?

13 MR. SLADE: They back in.

14 MR. FRANKLIN: They back in. Okay, so the  
15 heading out probably is not going to take very much time.

16 MR. SLADE: Right.

17 MR. FRANKLIN: On the backing in process, do  
18 you have an opinion as to how long that would take?

19 MR. SLADE: It's intended to be very brief.  
20 The vehicle will pull up to the loading area  
21 -- they're all to the curb. Puts flashers on. The dock  
22 attendant will open the doors and come out to insure that when  
23 the vehicle is backing that no pedestrian is put in harm's  
24 way. The vehicle then pulls forward into the -- alongside  
25 that island and then backs into the driveway. So it can very  
26 well be within a minute.

1 MR. FRANKLIN: Would you analogize to what  
2 happens on Connecticut Avenue and Porter Street when fire  
3 trucks have to back into the fire station on Connecticut  
4 Avenue.

5 MR. SLADE: Yes, of course some of those fire  
6 trucks are bigger.

7 MR. FRANKLIN: Longer. Do you have an opinion  
8 as to whether under this loading dock management plan, parking  
9 -- Mr. Watson raised earlier the question of whether parking  
10 adjacent to the loading dock on I guess it's 24th or New  
11 Hampshire, would be prudent?

12 MR. SLADE: There will be some adjustment to  
13 on-street parking in the vicinity of the loading dock. We  
14 have not worked out the specific spaces that will be affected.  
15 That typically comes when the site --

16 MR. FRANKLIN: Is that something within the  
17 purview of DPW?

18 MR. SLADE: Yes.

19 MR. FRANKLIN: So what you're representing is  
20 you think that in your opinion it might be necessary to  
21 prohibit parking within some distance from the loading dock at  
22 that point to allow for maneuverability?

23 MR. SLADE: Yes. On a project like this, every  
24 curb parking space will be looked at to see what the proper  
25 ultimate location will be, both on the west side and the east  
26 side. And that's a step taken as the plans move into

1 construction drawings.

2 MR. FRANKLIN: I need a little education on  
3 this. You showed some photographs of other loading docks in  
4 the vicinity. Are those docks capable of handling the really  
5 large vehicles or does one -- when a loading dock is provided,  
6 is there any -- maybe I should put this to DPW folks, but the  
7 question is on the photographs we're seeing, are those loading  
8 dock likely to be visited by 18 wheelers?

9 MR. SLADE: I think the answer is yes on maybe  
10 two of them, maybe two or three of them. Some are not  
11 designed for 18 wheelers.

12 MR. FRANKLIN: It does appear to me that those  
13 are not really capable of handling very large vehicles without  
14 some blockage of the street.

15 MR. SLADE: I think the package that you saw  
16 was primarily from the immediate neighborhood.

17 MR. FRANKLIN: Right.

18 MR. SLADE: And most of those do not handle 18  
19 wheelers without having to encroach across the sidewalk.

20 MR. FRANKLIN: If you have a loading dock that  
21 is not as deep as the one you're proposing, is there any  
22 regulation that says that 18 wheelers cannot deliver to those  
23 loading docks because of the street blockage problem? Or once  
24 you have a loading dock it just takes anyone who comes?

25 MR. SLADE: I don't know the answer to that.  
26 The zoning ordinance is intended to provide the right size

1 loading docks for the use so that if at least a relatively new  
2 building does not have a loading dock that will handle an 18  
3 wheeler, then it's expected the 18 wheeler is only come to  
4 come when furniture is being moved in or out of the building  
5 or a major move is taking place. And that is either handled  
6 by straddling the sidewalk or at the curb by bagging meters or  
7 by some other means of clearing the curb lane so that loading  
8 can take place and materials are taken across the sidewalk.

9 MR. FRANKLIN: Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON REID: Mr. Slade, what are the peak  
11 hours both in the morning and afternoon?

12 MR. SLADE: Well, it's a long peak period.  
13 Typically, I think this is typical of downtown. The peak  
14 extends all the way from 7 a.m. until 9 a.m. and then in the  
15 afternoon from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

16 CHAIRPERSON REID: So you're going to try to  
17 have the morning hours, the peak hours, the smaller vans and  
18 the other -- the larger vehicles will be utilized when traffic  
19 is lighter. Is that my understanding?

20 MR. SLADE: That's correct.

21 CHAIRPERSON REID: My other question is you  
22 mentioned that when the large truck is backing into the  
23 loading dock that it would be lights that would flash to warn  
24 pedestrians. Would there also be an audio signal beeping or  
25 something like that?

26 MR. SLADE: There could be. There could be for

1 the hearing impaired.

2 MR. FRANKLIN: I think the trucks themselves  
3 are equipped with such beepers.

4 MR. SLADE: Audible when they're backing.

5 CHAIRPERSON REID: Yes, okay. We're going to  
6 take a short 5 minute break.

7 (Off the record.)

8 CHAIRPERSON REID: The hearing will please come  
9 to order. The hearing will please come to order.

10 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Excuse me, could the  
11 hearing please come to order?

12 CHAIRPERSON REID: We have a couple of  
13 housekeeping items. One is that those of you who are relying  
14 on the clock on the back of the wall, it has not been reset  
15 and the time is now 12 o'clock approximately. This hearing is  
16 supposed to draw to a close for today at 12:30, so we would  
17 ask that -- try to expedite as much as we can. We understand  
18 that this hearing will be continued on April 22nd at 9:30 a.m.  
19 Anyway that was already set, but we need to get through as  
20 much as we can possibly. For any witness that's testifying,  
21 you have three minutes. Parties have --

22 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Madam Chair, actually  
23 parties -- I thought it was 15 minutes.

24 CHAIRPERSON REID: It depends on the ANC. ANC  
25 will have 15 minutes.

26 MR. WATSON: I object to 15 minutes for the

1 ANC. We will have over 3 hours of testimony by the Applicants  
2 and the ANC deserves at least an equivalent of time to  
3 respond.

4 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: The Applicant is the  
5 person who has to do the burden of proof, sir, so they  
6 generally get a little bit more time.

7 MR. WATSON: I will state right now that in the  
8 event the ANC is limited to 15 minutes, we will raise on  
9 appeal the great weight has not been statutorily provided to  
10 the Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

11 CHAIRPERSON REID: We will take that into  
12 consideration. How much time do you think you need?

13 MR. WATSON: I don't know what is going to come  
14 from their further witnesses, but my estimate is that we have  
15 probably on the order to two to two and a half hours.

16 MR. MOORE: Madam Chair, I would point out that  
17 the time that we have been up here has also been lengthened by  
18 the examination and cross examination of ANC and all the  
19 parties.

20 Our direct testimony, if it were compacted,  
21 without those democratic interruptions would be about an hour.

22 CHAIRPERSON REID: Mr. Watson, I don't think  
23 that we're going to be able to do that today, anyway. We only  
24 have 30 minutes. So we will take that into consideration and  
25 perhaps extend you an hour.

26 MR. SLADE: Madam Chair, I'm finished. I just

1 had two more comments to make. I think first of all it's  
2 important to note that every commercial building in the city  
3 of Washington and every large residential building has loading  
4 docks, have sidewalks, have sidewalks crossing those loading  
5 docks, so what we're proposing here with driveways crossing  
6 sidewalks is very common downtown and to my knowledge of  
7 working in my field here for about 28 years, driveways  
8 crossing sidewalks are not a safety issue in the District of  
9 Columbia or any other major city.

10 Secondly, this site will be developed as a  
11 hospital or similar use if we're not successful here and it  
12 will be a large structure of this scale. It will have loading  
13 requirements and therefore loading docks will be provided. It  
14 would be imprudent to put loading with backing trucks on a  
15 major street like 23rd Street which carries about five times  
16 more traffic than the streets on the west side of the site.  
17 So I would anticipate that any building built on this site  
18 will have its loading dock on the west side of the site.

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON REID: Are you done?

21 MR. MOORE: Yes. Questions of the Board and/or  
22 cross examination.

23 CHAIRPERSON REID: Mr. Franklin, are you done  
24 with your questions?

25 MR. FRANKLIN: Yes.

26 CHAIRPERSON REID: Mr. --

1 MR. GILREATH: I have no questions.

2 CHAIRPERSON REID: Okay, Mr. Watson, cross  
3 examine.

4 CROSS EXAMINATION

5 MR. WATSON: Mr. Slade, did you consider the  
6 application with the Americans With Disabilities Act in your  
7 planning?

8 MR. MOORE: What does that have to do with the  
9 zoning case?

10 MR. WATSON: I would like him to answer the  
11 question.

12 MR. MOORE: You're going to answer my question  
13 first, Mr. Watson.

14 MR. WATSON: I didn't realize the other counsel  
15 could order me to do whatever.

16 MR. MOORE: Would you answer my question first?  
17 What relevance does the Americans With Disabilities Act have  
18 before a zoning board?

19 MR. WATSON: Have I been asked a question by  
20 the Board?

21 CHAIRPERSON REID: You can answer that  
22 question.

23 MR. WATSON: The answer is very simple. The  
24 Americans With Disabilities Act require that for pedestrians  
25 that any visual impact which is given has to also been given  
26 by sound as well. And I want to know whether or not they

1 believe they will comply with the Americans With Disabilities  
2 Act and whenever their flashing lights are flashing for  
3 pedestrians, not for vehicles, when they are flashing for  
4 pedestrians, whether they are going to have an audible  
5 warning?

6 CHAIRPERSON REID: Mr. Watson, I asked that  
7 question and they responded to it that they would.

8 MR. WATSON: That wasn't clear that they would.  
9 They said they might. And I want to know whether they  
10 considered the Americans With Disabilities Act. It's a  
11 perfectly --

12 CHAIRPERSON REID: Answer the question, please.

13 MR. SLADE: The building will be designed to be  
14 in full compliance with ADA.

15 MR. WATSON: So you expect then that there will  
16 be audible warning?

17 MR. MOORE: Asked and answered.

18 MR. WATSON: Let us talk about how you expect  
19 this management plan to work with the flashing lights and  
20 audible warning. You indicated that the flashing lights at  
21 the loading dock will be on only when the loading dock is up,  
22 is that correct?

23 MR. SLADE: Yes.

24 MR. WATSON: How will the operator of the  
25 loading dock know when to raise the loading dock?

26 MR. SLADE: He'll observe the arrive of a truck

1 and he'll raise the door for an arriving truck or when a truck  
2 is finished loading, he'll raise the door for that truck to  
3 leave.

4 MR. WATSON: Is it your testimony that the  
5 operation of the hospital will have a full-time person for the  
6 purpose of watching for trucks?

7 MR. SLADE: There will be a loading dock  
8 manager as there is today.

9 MR. WATSON: And that that person is that  
10 person on the loading dock at all times?

11 MR. SLADE: Yes.

12 MR. WATSON: And from what hours?

13 MR. SLADE: I don't know.

14 MR. WATSON: Well, then how do you know that  
15 he's there at all times if you don't know what hours --

16 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: He answered that, Mr.  
17 Watson, that he didn't know.

18 MR. WATSON: What did you base your statement  
19 that he's there at all times?

20 MR. SLADE: The proposal is to have a full-time  
21 manager of the loading dock.

22 MR. WATSON: Full-time, does that mean 8 hours  
23 a day?

24 MR. SLADE: The dock will be in operation from  
25 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. --

26 MR. WATSON: That's how many hours?

1                   MR. SLADE: It will include all of the hours of  
2 operation of the dock. It may go beyond that. I don't know  
3 if it will go beyond that.

4                   MR. WATSON: What sort of commitment is the  
5 Applicant offering to insure that there's always a person in  
6 attendance?

7                   MR. SLADE: I don't know what the nature of the  
8 commitment will be in terms of a legal document.

9                   MR. WATSON: Is the loading dock the only place  
10 that there will be flashing lights?

11                  MR. SLADE: Yes, I believe so.

12                  MR. WATSON: Did you review the report filed by  
13 the Department of Public Works?

14                  MR. SLADE: Yes.

15                  MR. WATSON: What was the conclusion of the  
16 Department of Public Works?

17                  MR. MOORE: Speaks for itself.

18                  MR. WATSON: I asked -- he's an expert  
19 testifying that he has complied with the traffic plan. I'd  
20 like to know what the --

21                  MR. MOORE: The report of the Department of  
22 Public Works speaks for itself.

23                  MR. WATSON: Did you consider having flashing  
24 lights at the emergency entrances and exit?

25                  MR. SLADE: I just don't recall at this moment.

26                  MR. WATSON: You're talking about the traffic

1 and warning pedestrians. Will there be flashing lights there?

2 Did you assume that there would be flashing lights there?

3 MR. SLADE: We discussed a lot of different  
4 options to make each driveway a safe environment and I'm sure  
5 we talked about flashing lights at that driveway as well, but  
6 I don't believe that was in our final determination that that  
7 would be provided at the emergency room.

8 MR. WATSON: Did you agree with the consensus  
9 of the parties at your meetings?

10 MR. SLADE: Yes.

11 MR. WATSON: Did one of the parties at your  
12 meeting state specifically that there would be warning lights  
13 for pedestrians at the emergency entrance and exit?

14 MR. SLADE: I'd have to look at the DPW report  
15 which captures what that consensus was.

16 MR. WATSON: Let's go to the discussion of what  
17 the main entrance of the hospital and the functioning of  
18 traffic there.

19 Where is the main entrance to the hospital?

20 MR. SLADE: On 23rd Street.

21 MR. WATSON: And how does one approach that  
22 main entrance?

23 MR. SLADE: Either from the north or south on  
24 23rd Street by car.

25 MR. WATSON: And is that a circular driveway or  
26 elliptical driveway?

1 MR. SLADE: Yes.

2 MR. WATSON: Is there any other entrance from  
3 the Metro level?

4 MR. SLADE: From the Metro level? I don't  
5 understand --

6 MR. WATSON: The exit of the Metro Station, is  
7 there an entrance there?

8 MR. SLADE: There's not a vehicular entrance  
9 other than the elliptical driveway.

10 MR. WATSON: Is there a patient entrance there?

11 MR. SLADE: There's a patient and visitor and  
12 staff entrance at the southeast corner of the building near  
13 the Metro Station.

14 MR. WATSON: Did you consider the flow of  
15 vehicles through the main entrance driveway?

16 MR. SLADE: Yes.

17 MR. WATSON: How many vehicles did you consider  
18 would go through at the peak time?

19 MR. SLADE: Well, we did traffic counts at the  
20 existing hospital and we assumed that the level would be the  
21 same with a slight amount of growth given that the hospital  
22 anticipates business will increase. But I don't remember the  
23 precise number. It's in our report.

24 MR. WATSON: You're telling me you have no  
25 recollection of numbers going through. Can you give us an  
26 approximate number?

1                   MR. SLADE: I think it was in the range of 20  
2 vehicles per hour.

3                   MR. WATSON: Twenty vehicles per hour?

4                   MR. SLADE: Yes.

5                   MR. WATSON: Do you know how many patients are  
6 coming to this hospital per day?

7                   MR. SLADE: No, I don't.

8                   MR. WATSON: Do you know how many beds are in  
9 the hospital?

10                  MR. FRANKLIN: Madam Chair, I would like to ask  
11 whether this is germane to what we have been devoting -- are  
12 there changes that have been testified to that are related to  
13 this?

14                  MR. WATSON: It's going to cause a blocking of  
15 the emergency entrance.

16                  MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Changes in the number of  
17 beds before?

18                  MR. WATSON: I'm not testifying.

19                  MR. FRANKLIN: It strikes me that we're going  
20 over ground that we went over at the last hearing.

21                  MR. WATSON: No, we're not because they've  
22 changed the location of the emergency entrance. The entrance  
23 is now --

24                  MR. FRANKLIN: You're talking about the main  
25 entrance of the hospital.

26                  MR. WATSON: That's right. The main entrance

1 and we can proceed -- the main entrance is just to the south  
2 of the emergency entrance, to any extent that there's backup  
3 from the main entrance it will block the emergency entrance.  
4 We have had testimony here that --

5 MR. FRANKLIN: Why don't you ask that question?  
6 Will there be a backup?

7 MR. WATSON: Well, because --

8 MR. FRANKLIN: Or will there be blockage?

9 MR. WATSON: He apparently is indicating and I  
10 have to know what the basis of his answer is. He doesn't know  
11 how many patients are in the hospital.

12 If I can proceed further, you have indicated  
13 that you base this on your analysis of the existing main  
14 entrance.

15 Is there valet parking at the existing main  
16 entrance?

17 MR. SLADE: No.

18 MR. WATSON: Is there going to be valet parking  
19 at the new hospital?

20 MR. SLADE: No.

21 MR. WATSON: Your testimony is there will not  
22 be valet parking at the main entrance?

23 MR. SLADE: Correct.

24 MR. WATSON: Where is the closest parking,  
25 where is the closest parking to the current main entrance, the  
26 proposed main entrance, I'm sorry.

1                   MR. SLADE: The closest parking to the proposed  
2 main entrance that is hospital parking?

3                   MR. WATSON: Hospital parking.

4                   MR. SLADE: It will be in the university  
5 parking garage, a half block to the east along I Street.

6                   MR. WATSON: Is that further from the existing  
7 -- from that parking is from the existing hospital now?

8                   MR. SLADE: It's slightly further than the  
9 surface lot that exists on the proposed hospital site.

10                  MR. WATSON: Have you done any analysis as to  
11 the length of time that it takes for a patient to be  
12 discharged from a car or to enter a car from the hospital?

13                  MR. SLADE: No.

14                  MR. WATSON: Do you know how many cars are  
15 likely to be parked at any given time in the main entrance?

16                  MR. SLADE: Based on our observations of the  
17 existing entrance, yes, it varies from zero to a few.

18                  MR. WATSON: If a car was parked in the middle  
19 of the main entrance drive and was blocking the traffic  
20 proceeding through there and cars were behind it, how many  
21 cars could queue up behind that car before a car would block  
22 the sidewalk?

23                  MR. SLADE: Perhaps one or two, depending on  
24 where the standing vehicle is located.

25                  MR. WATSON: So that if a standing vehicle is  
26 located in the middle and two more cars arrive, the sidewalk

1 will be blocked by cars coming in?

2 MR. SLADE: It could be. It rarely, if at all  
3 happens today, so it's unlikely to happen in the future.

4 MR. WATSON: But three cars arriving at the  
5 same time could do that.

6 Now if that car blocked the sidewalk and then  
7 cars went out into the street, how many cars could queue from  
8 the entrance to the main entry and the emergency entrance?

9 MR. SLADE: I don't know. I'd have to look at  
10 the plans and measure them.

11 MR. WATSON: You analyzed the parking going  
12 through this and you specifically analyzed the change in the  
13 emergency entrance. Was no consideration given to the  
14 possibility of a queue of cars?

15 MR. SLADE: It was definitely considered.

16 MR. WATSON: Well, if it was considered and  
17 you're testifying to your opinion, can I know what that's  
18 based on?

19 MR. SLADE: Yes, observation of existing  
20 hospital and what you're describing does not happen and will  
21 not happen.

22 MR. WATSON: Would you ever have as many as six  
23 cars arriving at the same time?

24 MR. SLADE: No.

25 MR. WATSON: You would never have six cars  
26 arriving at the hospital?

1                   MR. SLADE: I'll never say never about traffic,  
2 but it's such a rare occurrence, that it doesn't have to be  
3 designed for.

4                   MR. WATSON: Now, how often would you have  
5 three cars arriving?

6                   MR. SLADE: Very rarely. 20 in an hour means  
7 that there's rarely going to be three.

8                   MR. WATSON: Now if I were to tel you, giving  
9 you a hypothetical as an expert, as an expert, I can give him  
10 a hypothetical. A hypothetical as an expert that there were  
11 going to be 100 patients admitted at the hospital per day and  
12 100 patients discharged from the hospital per day meaning that  
13 there were 200 patient trips. And when would you respect  
14 patient trips would come to the hospital?

15                   MR. SLADE: They are scheduled throughout the  
16 day, admittance is a scheduled event.

17                   MR. WATSON: That is a scheduled event. Are  
18 those likely to be scheduled between early morning and late  
19 afternoon?

20                   MR. SLADE: Yes.

21                   MR. WATSON: So that would cover maybe a 10  
22 hour period?

23                   MR. SLADE: Yes.

24                   MR. WATSON: So if I were to tell you that  
25 there were going to be 100 admitted and 100 discharged, how  
26 many vehicles would you expect to come per hour from patients

1 alone?

2 MR. SLADE: I don't have an estimate of that.

3 MR. WATSON: If each patient comes in one car  
4 and there are 200 trips, how many cars is that?

5 MR. SLADE: Some patients come by Metro.

6 MR. WATSON: Did you do any analysis of how  
7 many patients who are being admitted to the hospital come by  
8 Metro?

9 MR. SLADE: No.

10 MR. WATSON: As a traffic expert, do you expect  
11 that very many patients come to be admitted to a hospital by  
12 Metro?

13 MR. SLADE: I don't use the term "very many" in  
14 my analysis. I don't know the number.

15 MR. WATSON: Do you expect that more than 1 or  
16 2 percent of patients coming to be admitted to a hospital  
17 would come by Metro?

18 MR. SLADE: I do expect it would be greater  
19 than 1 or 2 percent.

20 MR. WATSON: And what percentage do you expect  
21 would come by Metro.

22 MR. MOORE: Asked and answered.

23 MR. WATSON: I asked him what percentage.

24 MR. MOORE: Greater than 1 or 2 percent.

25 MR. WATSON: I asked what percentage greater.  
26 We could get much quicker if we weren't playing shell games.

1 MR. SLADE: I don't have a precise estimate,  
2 Mr. Watson. You're asking a difficult question. I'm simply  
3 saying that it is not insignificant.

4 MR. WATSON: What do you mean by insignificant?  
5 If very many has no meaning, what does insignificant mean?

6 MR. SLADE: Greater than 1 or 2 percent.

7 MR. WATSON: How much greater?

8 MR. SLADE: I said I don't know. I don't want  
9 to venture a guess --

10 CHAIRPERSON REID: Next question, Mr. Watson.

11 MR. WATSON: What did you use for your estimate  
12 of number of people coming to the hospital by vehicle if you  
13 don't know how many come --

14 MR. SLADE: We counted the number of cars which  
15 come to the existing hospital.

16 MR. WATSON: And when did you count them?

17 MR. SLADE: During the peak hours during summer  
18 last year.

19 MR. WATSON: And what are the peak hours?

20 MR. SLADE: The peak commuter hours, we  
21 probably started our counts at 6:30 in the morning and went  
22 through 9:30 in the morning, typically covering a 3 hour  
23 period to insure we'd cover the commuter peak and then we  
24 typically would start around 3:30 in the afternoon and go to  
25 6:30 in the afternoon.

26 MR. WATSON: Mr. Slade, does the commuter peak,

1 that is people going to jobs, have anything whatsoever to do  
2 with what time people arrive as patients at hospitals?

3 MR. SLADE: No, but it has --

4 MR. MOORE: Do you know the answer?

5 MR. SLADE: Yes. It has to do with doing a  
6 traffic study.

7 MR. WATSON: We are doing a traffic study of  
8 the number of cars that go through the driveway.

9 MR. SLADE: No, we're not.

10 MR. WATSON: I asked you how many people would  
11 go through --

12 MR. SLADE: No, you asked me when I did my  
13 traffic count. And I told you and I'm telling you why.

14 MR. WATSON: You did your traffic count then.  
15 I am asking you again how many will go through the driveway to  
16 the main entrance of the hospital?

17 MR. SLADE: And I said that I -- based on our  
18 counts the peak hour traffic is typically in the range of 20  
19 or less vehicles.

20 MR. WATSON: Is that peak hour in the hospital  
21 driveway or the peak hour in the street?

22 MR. SLADE: Based on my observations of the  
23 street and when I'm there during off peak periods, the range  
24 that I've indicated, I think is typical throughout the day.

25 MR. WATSON: Did you do any counts throughout  
26 the day in the driveway?

1 MR. SLADE: We did videotaping and I observed  
2 the videotapes.

3 MR. WATSON: Did you do any actual counts in  
4 the driveway?

5 MR. SLADE: Yes.

6 MR. WATSON: And when did you do this?

7 MR. SLADE: During the peak periods, commuter  
8 peak periods.

9 MR. WATSON: Have you reviewed the revised  
10 drawings submitted by the Applicant?

11 MR. SLADE: Yes. I have seen the revised  
12 drawings.

13 MR. WATSON: What's your interpretation as the  
14 reason why the drawings don't show the direction that the  
15 traffic is going through the emergency entrance?

16 MR. SLADE: I think it was inadvertent.

17 MR. WATSON: You think it was inadvertent on  
18 two different drawings?

19 MR. SLADE: Yes.

20 MR. WATSON: And what leads you to believe  
21 this?

22 MR. MOORE: Where are we going with this, Mr.  
23 Watson? The drawings show the height and mass of the  
24 hospital.

25 MR. WATSON: If we're having Mr. Moore testify,  
26 the Board can look itself. The drawings originally show the

1 direction of the traffic. The drawings show the direction of  
2 the traffic for each of the other entries --

3 CHAIRPERSON REID: Mr. Watson, remember now,  
4 you asked the question and he thought it was inadvertent and  
5 that's the answer.

6 MR. WATSON: I asked him what the basis was for  
7 him thinking it was inadvertent.

8 CHAIRPERSON REID: Then you were testifying.

9 MR. WATSON: I am asking what the basis is for  
10 him thinking --

11 CHAIRPERSON REID: Can you answer that, Mr.  
12 Slade?

13 MR. WATSON: What is the basis for your  
14 thinking it's inadvertent?

15 MR. SLADE: It's just an assumption that I  
16 made. The purpose of the drawings was to show the height and  
17 mass of the buildings and not to be a traffic drawing.

18 MR. WATSON: But you said you relied on it for  
19 your traffic study.

20 MR. SLADE: No, I didn't rely on the drawings  
21 from my traffic study.

22 MR. WATSON: What side of the street do  
23 Americans normally drive on?

24 MR. SLADE: Is this a trick question, Mr.  
25 Watson?

26 MR. MOORE: This is absolutely absurd.

1 MR. WATSON: It is not absurd.

2 CHAIRPERSON REID: Mr. Watson, I think we all  
3 know the answer to that question. We know that. Let's move  
4 on.

5 BY MR. WATSON: Is it they keep to the right?

6 MR. SLADE: Yes, it is.

7 MR. WATSON: What side will they keep to when  
8 they come into the emergency entrance of your hospital?

9 MR. SLADE: They'll keep to the right.

10 MR. WATSON: Are you telling me that the  
11 patient coming into the hospital sitting in the passenger seat  
12 of an automobile will keep to the right of a two lane  
13 entrance, get out the passenger side and then have to cross  
14 two lanes of entrance ahead of the vehicle they came in?

15 MR. SLADE: I'm not sure I followed you,  
16 Mr. Watson. Are you talking about within the emergency room  
17 driveway itself?

18 MR. WATSON: Within the emergency room, let's  
19 back up. How many lanes are there coming into the emergency  
20 room driveway?

21 MR. SLADE: It's roughly two lanes wide.

22 MR. WATSON: What do you mean by "roughly two  
23 lanes"? You're a traffic expert. How many lanes come in?

24 MR. SLADE: It's not striped to be a number of  
25 lanes. It's 20 some feet wide. It's a 24 foot lane.

26 MR. WATSON: Are there pillars down the middle?

1 MR. SLADE: I think so, yes.

2 MR. WATSON: Well, there are pillars down the  
3 middle that strikes me as somewhat more extreme than striping.  
4 How many lanes are there on either side of the pillars?

5 MR. SLADE: I'd have to look at the plan to  
6 answer your question.

7 MR. WATSON: Let's show you the plan here.

8 (Pause.)

9 MR. WATSON: Can you tell me from that plan how  
10 many lanes there are coming in to the emergency entrance?

11 MR. SLADE: It's a travel way that's all  
12 northbound and it's divided by columns --

13 MR. WATSON: How do you know it's northbound.

14 MR. MOORE: How many questions are you going to  
15 ask? Would you let him answer the first question without  
16 asking another question, Mr. Watson?

17 What is your question? What is the question on  
18 the table?

19 MR. WATSON: The question is how many lanes  
20 there were, but they answered they were northbound.  
21 Gratuitously, I want to know how he knows they're northbound.

22 MR. SLADE: I should say west and northbound,  
23 northwest bound and it's divided by the placement of columns,  
24 so it's not necessarily intended to be lanes, but it's two  
25 lanes.

26 MR. WATSON: There are two lanes?

1 MR. SLADE: Yes.

2 MR. WATSON: When someone drives into that  
3 emergency entrance, will they keep to the right or will they  
4 keep to the left?

5 MR. SLADE: They can go to the left or the  
6 right. They have that choice.

7 MR. WATSON: So you're saying there's nothing  
8 apparent which side they come into?

9 MR. SLADE: That's correct.

10 MR. WATSON: From drivers, particularly in  
11 emergency situations, do you believe this presents any danger,  
12 that ambiguity as to which side of the lanes they keep on?

13 MR. SLADE: No, it doesn't make any difference.  
14 They're getting into the emergency area which is what their  
15 destination is.

16 MR. WATSON: When one is designing an entry to  
17 go in a particular direction, one normally indicates it. What  
18 gives you the indication in those drawings as to what the  
19 direction of traffic is?

20 MR. SLADE: The drawings don't give an  
21 indication.

22 MR. WATSON: What direction are the vehicles  
23 facing on the drawings?

24 MR. SLADE: They're facing eastbound.

25 MR. WATSON: Is that the proper direction or  
26 the improper direction?

1 MR. SLADE: Improper.

2 MR. WATSON: And was that inadvertence as well?

3 MR. SLADE: Yes.

4 MR. WATSON: Now when you are designing a  
5 loading space and designing for traffic to come in and go out,  
6 does it matter which direction the traffic is moving?

7 MR. SLADE: Yes.

8 MR. WATSON: And would you design differently  
9 if it's moving one way as opposed to moving another direction?

10 MR. SLADE: Yes.

11 MR. WATSON: When you examined the plans and  
12 the change of direction, did you inquire as to why the  
13 configuration was not changed at all?

14 MR. SLADE: No, I did not make that inquiry.  
15 The configuration is designed to function internally for  
16 emergency purposes and that's the primary --

17 MR. WATSON: It also has to function, does it  
18 not, to move vehicles?

19 MR. SLADE: Yes.

20 MR. WATSON: That you're an expert on.  
21 Correct?

22 MR. SLADE: I thought that was a statement.  
23 You were giving me credit --

24 MR. WATSON: No. Is that correct.

25 CHAIRPERSON REID: It's a statement with a  
26 question.

1 MR. WATSON: I'll withdraw the question.

2 MR. SLADE: Okay.

3 MR. WATSON: You testified initially that this  
4 was a proper entrance and safe entrance for cars going from  
5 New Hampshire Avenue to 23rd Street, is that correct?

6 MR. SLADE: Yes.

7 MR. WATSON: Did you analyze the configuration  
8 of the space?

9 MR. SLADE: Yes.

10 MR. WATSON: You have now testified that this  
11 is a safe entrance to go from 23rd Street to New Hampshire  
12 Avenue, is that correct?

13 MR. SLADE: Correct.

14 MR. WATSON: Did you analyze the configuration?

15 MR. SLADE: Yes.

16 MR. WATSON: Can you give to us the reasons why  
17 the configuration did not change in the slightest regardless  
18 of which way the traffic was going?

19 MR. SLADE: The configuration works in either  
20 direction.

21 MR. WATSON: Is it not true there that it has a  
22 wider space at one point when you were coming in from New  
23 Hampshire Avenue and going out 23rd Street?

24 MR. SLADE: The driveways themselves where they  
25 connect to the two streets, New Hampshire and 23rd are  
26 restricted in width by the District of Columbia standards, so

1 they're similar or they're identical in those portions.

2                   Within the emergency area itself, the driveway  
3 has been widened to enable ambulances to maneuver into parking  
4 spaces, so it's the columns that are restricting where the  
5 internal curbs are.

6                   MR. WATSON: On the drawing, where will the  
7 ambulances maneuver?

8                   MR. MOORE: The drawings speak for themselves.

9                   MR. SLADE: In the paved area, Mr. Watson.

10                  MR. WATSON: Again, if you could answer the  
11 question. I don't understand traffic.

12                  MR. SLADE: They'll maneuver in the paved area  
13 which is between --

14                  MR. WATSON: Where is the parking space?

15                  MR. SLADE: There are two spaces shown in this  
16 drawing we're looking at and they're on the north portion of  
17 that driveway area. One shows a vehicle in one of the spaces.

18                  MR. WATSON: Are they perpendicular to the  
19 driveway area?

20                  MR. SLADE: Yes.

21                  MR. WATSON: Now when you were going from New  
22 Hampshire Avenue to 23rd Street a vehicle would come in and  
23 make a 90 degree left turn between two columns into the  
24 parking spaces, is that correct?

25                  MR. SLADE: Yes.

26                  MR. WATSON: Would you describe for us the path

1 that a vehicle will take coming in from 23rd Street to get  
2 into one of those parking spaces?

3 MR. SLADE: The vehicle can come in on either  
4 side of the columns and if it comes in on the left side of the  
5 columns it will pull directly into a parking place. If it  
6 comes in on the right side of the columns, it would probably  
7 have to pull up along the parking spaces, back up a bit and  
8 pull in.

9 MR. WATSON: So you're saying the emergency  
10 room has been designed to require backing in and out of the  
11 parking spaces that's in the emergency facility?

12 MR. SLADE: It's not required. As I said, they  
13 can come in more directly.

14 MR. WATSON: Is it a more difficult task to get  
15 into the parking spaces with the reverse direction than it is  
16 with the previous direction?

17 MR. SLADE: No, when I reviewed it, I thought  
18 that the maneuvering was equal, that the change in direction  
19 made no essential difference to the actual function within the  
20 driveway area.

21 MR. WATSON: Well, do you have to make a turn  
22 greater than 90 degrees if you stick with staying on the right  
23 hand side as we do in general of the entrance?

24 MR. SLADE: If you stay on the right hand side  
25 of those two columns, you cannot pull directly into the  
26 parking space without backing up.

1 MR. WATSON: What angle is the term that is  
2 ultimately made, approximately?

3 MR. SLADE: It's beyond 90 degrees.

4 MR. WATSON: Is it well beyond 90 degrees?

5 MR. SLADE: Yes, it's probably 110 or more.

6 MR. WATSON: Is that thought of as an optimum  
7 situation in the emergency room?

8 MR. SLADE: I think given the site  
9 configuration, it's the best design possible.

10 MR. WATSON: I didn't ask about this site  
11 configuration. I asked whether that's considered optimum.

12 MR. SLADE: No.

13 MR. WATSON: And I believe you also testified  
14 it's not considered optimum to have choices of whether you  
15 bear to the right or the left when you come in?

16 MR. SLADE: No, I think having choices is  
17 necessary in an emergency area.

18 MR. WATSON: Now let's go back to your loading  
19 docks. You indicated to me that the vehicle would come  
20 forward and go past the loading dock and then back into it, is  
21 that correct?

22 MR. SLADE: Correct.

23 MR. WATSON: So a vehicle would go on New  
24 Hampshire Avenue, is that correct?

25 MR. SLADE: Yes.

26 MR. WATSON: Approximately what amount of time

1 do you expect that it would take to go onto New Hampshire  
2 Avenue and back in?

3 MR. SLADE: What size vehicle are we talking  
4 about?

5 MR. WATSON: Well, let's start out with an 18  
6 wheeler.

7 MR. SLADE: The vehicle pulls up to the curb in  
8 front of the loading dock. The loading dock manager opens the  
9 door and comes out. The vehicle pulls forward, stops and then  
10 backs into the driveway and the total operation that I just  
11 described could take more than a minute. Typically, I think  
12 it will take a minute or less.

13 MR. WATSON: Now let's go back to this line  
14 again. You're saying the truck drives up and stops there in  
15 front of the driveway, is that correct?

16 MR. SLADE: Yes.

17 MR. WATSON: And waits for the manger to come  
18 out?

19 MR. SLADE: Yes.

20 MR. WATSON: Now in the off chance that that  
21 manager at some time in the day might be on the telephone, is  
22 it possible that there could be a several minute wait there  
23 for the manger to come out?

24 MR. SLADE: This is one vendor. There's only  
25 one vendor that will come with an 18 wheeler and the manager  
26 will know pretty much time this vendor will arrive. In fact,

1 the vendor will probably have a cell phone and will call in  
2 advance. So we anticipate that there won't be any delay at  
3 that point.

4 MR. WATSON: Is there any possible over the  
5 next 50 years the vendor may change?

6 MR. MOORE: Do you know the answer to that  
7 question?

8 MR. SLADE: I don't know.

9 MR. WATSON: But you've relied on the fact that  
10 it will be one vendor with one mode of operation?

11 MR. SLADE: We've described the current mode of  
12 operation.

13 MR. WATSON: Now that truck you say stops  
14 there. At some point the manager comes out, opens the doors,  
15 then the driver pulls forward and after that backs up again?

16 MR. SLADE: Yes.

17 MR. WATSON: And then pulls forward again?

18 MR. SLADE: Not necessarily.

19 MR. WATSON: Well, the 18 wheeler, can the 18  
20 wheeler in one curve back up and go all the way back into the  
21 loading dock?

22 MR. SLADE: I would anticipate that this  
23 driver, given that he is visiting this hospital on a regular  
24 basis will be able to make that maneuver very efficiently.

25 MR. WATSON: But it might be possibly he has to  
26 pull out again?

1 MR. SLADE: From time to time there will be a  
2 new driver or the need to maneuver somewhat.

3 MR. WATSON: When that is happening will  
4 traffic have to be directed on 24th Street?

5 MR. SLADE: No, I think traffic will just wait,  
6 briefly, while this takes place.

7 MR. WATSON: Are you aware as to whether or not  
8 the George Washington University has suggested that staff  
9 would be available to direct traffic?

10 MR. MOORE: Excuse me, Mr. Watson, the  
11 university didn't make that representation. Universal made  
12 it, just for the record.

13 MR. WATSON: I thought we were on the George  
14 Washington University campus. I apologize.

15 MR. MOORE: You are.

16 MR. WATSON: And the university apparently is  
17 not committing. You're saying the university is not committed  
18 to having personnel there?

19 MR. MOORE: I am saying the Universal Health  
20 Services has committed to have the person there. It's just a  
21 technical correction on my part.

22 MR. WATSON: If I can ask Mr. Slade, what's the  
23 function of this person?

24 MR. SLADE: To insure that when the truck is  
25 backing that there's -- no one is put in harm's way, either  
26 pedestrian or motorist.

1 MR. WATSON: Well, let me understand --

2 CHAIRPERSON REID: Excuse me, Mr. Watson, let  
3 me interrupt you just a second here. Although we are over  
4 time, how much longer do you think you need  
5 --

6 MR. WATSON: I'd like to finish within ten  
7 minutes.

8 CHAIRPERSON REID: Then we will extend, grant  
9 you that time, given the fact that we did start late this  
10 morning.

11 MR. WATSON: What do you foresee the function  
12 is? Would this person be at times directing traffic?

13 MR. SLADE: No, he would simply be observing  
14 that the path that the truck is backing into is clear, so he  
15 can warn the driver or a pedestrian in that path to make sure  
16 of their safety.

17 MR. WATSON: The function of this person will  
18 never be to halt traffic, either on 23rd Street or on New  
19 Hampshire Avenue?

20 MR. SLADE: Correct.

21 MR. WATSON: During the time that the vehicle  
22 is there, well, let me back up a second. With regard to other  
23 vehicles, not an 18 wheeled truck, but the next size down, a  
24 moving van type of vehicle, same process be followed?

25 MR. SLADE: Yes.

26 MR. WATSON: And that vehicle will stop in

1 front and wait for the operator to come out and open the door?

2 MR. SLADE: Correct.

3 MR. WATSON: And then back in. What about  
4 going to a smaller vehicle, a van?

5 MR. SLADE: The vans, the door, of course, has  
6 to be open so the manager of the loading dock will open the  
7 door for the van. The van will have a much easier maneuver to  
8 back in. In fact, some of the vans will be able to pull  
9 forward in.

10 MR. WATSON: Where will the van be while it's  
11 waiting for the door to be opened?

12 MR. SLADE: Same location, stopped at the curb.

13 MR. WATSON: Which curb?

14 MR. SLADE: The curb that demarks the end of  
15 the driveway?

16 MR. WATSON: I guess what I'm trying to say  
17 which -- I don't understand which end of the driveway. Is  
18 that on 24th Street? Is it on New Hampshire Avenue? Which is  
19 the curb?

20 MR. SLADE: The driveway attaches to 24th  
21 Street.

22 MR. WATSON: And will they be in front of the  
23 driveway or before the driveway?

24 MR. SLADE: Yes, in front of the driveway.

25 MR. WATSON: Now you're saying that he's going  
26 to pull up parallel -- he's going to pull up on the street in

1 front of the driveway?

2 MR. SLADE: Yes.

3 MR. WATSON: Now in order to turn in, he's  
4 going to have to back up and then turn in?

5 MR. SLADE: A small panel truck probably won't  
6 have to. The driveway is wide. It's the width of the entire  
7 loading area.

8 MR. WATSON: As a traffic expert, isn't it more  
9 likely that this van driver will come and make his right turn  
10 into the driver to wait for it to be --

11 MR. SLADE: He made turn on to the apron, yes.

12 MR. WATSON: May turn on to the apron, but  
13 didn't you indicate to me that the lights don't start flashing  
14 until the door goes up?

15 MR. SLADE: That's correct.

16 MR. WATSON: So every one of these drivers  
17 turns across the sidewalk before the warning lights?

18 MR. SLADE: No, the apron is between the  
19 sidewalk and the curb.

20 MR. WATSON: And how long is that?

21 MR. SLADE: I don't recall, but it's certainly  
22 enough to pull the front wheels of the vehicle onto.

23 MR. WATSON: Oh, you're saying he leaves  
24 himself in the street and front wheels in the --would that  
25 block traffic on 24th Street?

26 MR. SLADE: Briefly, waiting for the door to be

1 opened.

2 MR. MOORE: What size vehicle, Mr. Watson, are  
3 you talking about?

4 MR. WATSON: I'm talking about a van.

5 MR. SLADE: A van in that position or any truck  
6 along the curb won't block traffic that's moving along that  
7 driveway. There's parked cars along that side of the street  
8 as well.

9 MR. WATSON: Why do you assume that that van  
10 driver won't drive his van all the way up to the door to wait  
11 for it to be opened?

12 MR. SLADE: Well, he could do that as well.

13 MR. WATSON: And if he does that, would he  
14 cross the sidewalk?

15 MR. SLADE: Yes.

16 MR. WATSON: And do you think, from your  
17 knowledge of van drivers, do you think that's likely?

18 MR. SLADE: It's possible and not unlikely and  
19 not unsafe.

20 MR. WATSON: Now how many spaces are there  
21 within this loading dock being provided?

22 MR. SLADE: I think there's five.

23 MR. WATSON: How many spaces are there in the  
24 existing loading docks?

25 MR. SLADE: I think there's five.

26 MR. WATSON: You think. Do you know?

1 MR. SLADE: I just don't -- my memory, the last  
2 time I looked was probably two months ago, but my recollection  
3 is there's five in the existing hospital and we're replicating  
4 those five.

5 MR. WATSON: Are there any supplementary docks  
6 within the existing hospital other than the main loading dock  
7 area?

8 MR. SLADE: I'm not sure. I don't think so.  
9 There is a loading area, now that you mention it, there's a  
10 driveway near the north end of the existing hospital and that  
11 may be a loading area, I'm not sure what it's function is.

12 MR. WATSON: Did you examine the traffic flow  
13 around the existing hospital?

14 MR. SLADE: Yes.

15 MR. WATSON: And you don't know what the  
16 function of another driveway is?

17 MR. SLADE: I never saw a vehicle in that other  
18 driveway.

19 MR. WATSON: Did you inquire?

20 MR. SLADE: No.

21 MR. WATSON: Now with regard to the parking  
22 spaces that are passed the driveway, you're coming along 24th  
23 Street, you make a right turn onto New Hampshire Avenue. I  
24 believe you testified one would have to lose some of those  
25 parking spaces, is that correct?

26 MR. SLADE: I'm not sure if those are affected.

1 We did look at the maneuvering area requirements at one time  
2 and I know some parking in the vicinity of this intersection  
3 is going to have to be relocated, but I can't recall exactly  
4 which spaces are affected.

5 MR. WATSON: You said relocated. These are  
6 public street parking spaces, are they not?

7 MR. SLADE: Yes.

8 MR. WATSON: Well, what does relocation of  
9 parking spaces mean? They'll be put where there's no parking  
10 now?

11 MR. SLADE: Yes.

12 MR. WATSON: Why is there no parking in the  
13 other places now?

14 MR. SLADE: The existing driveway to the  
15 surface parking lot. We could move two spaces there without  
16 any loss of space.

17 MR. WATSON: How many spaces are going to be  
18 necessary to be used for maneuvering?

19 MR. SLADE: I don't remember the exact number.  
20 It's in the range of four or five.

21 MR. WATSON: Has it been presented in any of  
22 your testimony?

23 MR. SLADE: No.

24 MR. WATSON: In any of your written material?

25 MR. MOORE: Mr. Watson, I think Mr. Slade  
26 testified that that is a subject that has to be worked out

1 with the Department of Public Works. The Applicant has no  
2 ability to close any parking, public parking space on a public  
3 street.

4 MR. WATSON: I understand. With regard he has  
5 designed the traffic, I'd like to know how much space is  
6 necessary to be taken from what is now public parking for the  
7 residents.

8 MR. MOORE: And he has testified that there  
9 will be some. He doesn't know how much. That is a question  
10 he has to work with the propriety of the streets with the  
11 Department of Public Works.

12 MR. WATSON: If the Department of Public Works  
13 were not there and you wanted the optimum arrangement, Mr.  
14 Slade --

15 MR. MOORE: The fact is the Department of  
16 Public Works is there, Mr. Watson.

17 MR. WATSON: I would like to ask the question.  
18 If you wanted the optimal arrangements for your design, how  
19 many spaces need to be taken?

20 MR. SLADE: We haven't addressed the final  
21 number --

22 CHAIRPERSON REID: You have three minutes.

23 MR. WATSON: How have you examined the traffic,  
24 if you don't know?

25 MR. SLADE: This is a matter that is usually  
26 not addressed at this point when it involves a few spaces.

1                   MR. WATSON: Now the next, you had talked about  
2 the other warning to pedestrians being given by means of  
3 changing the paving material, is that correct?

4                   MR. SLADE: Yes.

5                   MR. WATSON: How would a pedestrian notice that  
6 that was a warning change and not merely a cosmetic change?

7                   MR. SLADE: We have another project in the  
8 District where the sidewalk crosses a driveway without any  
9 change and we've observed that pedestrians are not aware  
10 they're crossing a driveway and DPW has asked that client to  
11 change the driveway.

12                  MR. WATSON: I didn't ask that question, Mr.  
13 Slade.

14                  MR. SLADE: And we're applying the same  
15 guidance here.

16                  MR. WATSON: So you're not applying your  
17 traffic expertise, somebody else has told you. I want to  
18 know, for instance, when I go out to K Street, the city has  
19 put in nice brick crosswalks. Those don't indicate danger to  
20 me. They indicate a crosswalk. Why wouldn't the change in  
21 paving indicate a crosswalk, just the way it does on K Street?

22                  MR. SLADE: The change in paving along a  
23 sidewalk would indicate a crosswalk. Are you talking about a  
24 straight crosswalk on a street?

25                  MR. WATSON: I'm talking about a brick  
26 crosswalk on K Street, dozens of them. Now indicates a

1 crosswalk. It doesn't indicate danger.

2 MR. SLADE: Correct.

3 MR. WATSON: What sort of paving do you use to  
4 indicate danger?

5 MR. SLADE: We're not trying to indicate  
6 danger. We're simply trying to alert a pedestrian that he is  
7 in the area of a driveway.

8 MR. WATSON: What sort of -- well, let me go  
9 back. There are international traffic signs. Are there  
10 international pavement materials?

11 MR. SLADE: There are international crosswalk  
12 markings.

13 MR. WATSON: But we're not having a crosswalk,  
14 you said. This was to tell you you're over a driveway?

15 MR. SLADE: Yes.

16 MR. WATSON: Are you intending to put a  
17 crosswalk there?

18 MR. SLADE: No.

19 MR. WATSON: So it's not a crosswalk. What is  
20 the paving material --

21 MR. SLADE: I'll tell you once and I'll tell  
22 you again. We have another project in the District --

23 MR. WATSON: I don't want to hear about other  
24 projects --

25 MR. MOORE: You asked him the question, let him  
26 answer.

1 MR. WATSON: I object to him answering about  
2 another project.

3 CHAIRPERSON REID: Okay, Mr. Watson, let him  
4 answer your question, please.

5 MR. SLADE: Mr. Watson, all of the items we  
6 apply for safety in the United States and in the world are  
7 based on experience on other projects. You'll have to let me  
8 answer it this way. We have another project in the District  
9 where the sidewalk is continuous across a driveway and there  
10 is a safety concern at that particular driveway.

11 The District of Columbia and we have worked  
12 together and have agreed to change the sidewalk material there  
13 so that it just adds to the information available to the  
14 pedestrian that helps them realize they're crossing a driveway  
15 and that's what we're proposing to do here.

16 MR. WATSON: What will the changed material be?

17 MR. SLADE: I don't know.

18 MR. WATSON: Well, how do we know it will be  
19 successful in warning, if we don't know what it will be?

20 MR. SLADE: We'll change the material and  
21 anticipate that it will have that effect.

22 MR. WATSON: Can you give any experience  
23 anywhere where this technique is shown to be beneficial?

24 MR. SLADE: You want me to give you experience  
25 on another project?

26 MR. WATSON: No, no, I'm asking -- is there

1 accepted scientific literature?

2 MR. SLADE: I have not found any scientific  
3 literature on this.

4 MR. WATSON: So your testimony to me is you have  
5 not found any scientific literature and the only thing you can  
6 talk about is the project not yet done?

7 MR. SLADE: We're talking about common sense.

8 CHAIRPERSON REID: Mr. Watson, how many more  
9 questions do you have? You're out of time.

10 MR. WATSON: I would like to just finished  
11 this. I had expected I'd be able to --

12 CHAIRPERSON REID: How many more questions do  
13 you have?

14 MR. WATSON: Probably half a dozen.

15 CHAIRPERSON REID: You can't do a half a dozen  
16 in a minute.

17 MR. WATSON: Well, then I think we should  
18 reconvene on the 22nd. We have a situation here where  
19 considerable testimony has been given as to the material  
20 that's going to surround windows and now we have a situation  
21 where everybody agrees presents a safety hazard and the expert  
22 witnesses from the architects say we don't know and the expert  
23 traffic witness says it will be some material and we'll put it  
24 in and see if it works.

25 MR. MOORE: You're not testifying, are you, Mr.  
26 Watson?

1 CHAIRPERSON REID: Be that as it may, Mr.  
2 Watson, nonetheless, in this segment what you're doing is  
3 asking questions and then the witnesses will answer your  
4 questions and then do a determination as to the interpretation  
5 of how the answered questions is left for us to decide.

6 MR. WATSON: I guess we'll have to reconvene on  
7 the 22nd.

8 MR. MOORE: Madam Chairperson, Mr. Watson asked  
9 you for 10 additional minutes. You granted him those 10  
10 additional minutes. I would think he would be entitled to no  
11 more.

12 MR. WATSON: I don't believe there's any  
13 commitment to a particular time and again, I am putting on the  
14 record very clearly --

15 CHAIRPERSON REID: Mr. Watson, if you --

16 MR. WATSON: Great weight means an opportunity  
17 to be represented.

18 CHAIRPERSON REID: Mr. Watson, you're very much  
19 well aware and we shouldn't have to remind you that that's  
20 been twice that you've been reminded of that and that's  
21 totally unnecessary.

22 What we need to do at this juncture is, I would  
23 suggest that you wrap up your cross examination. This is the  
24 opportunity. We're not going to extend it. If you have a  
25 couple of very pertinent, relevant questions that you must  
26 have answered, I'll allow you to do that, but that's going to

1 be the end of it.

2 MR. WATSON: I will put on the record at this  
3 point for the purpose of making the record on behalf of the  
4 Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A that we believe our rights  
5 to be representing the community at these hearings have been  
6 deprived by cutting short of the cross examination and I will  
7 terminate here.

8 CHAIRPERSON REID: Very well. Very quickly, is  
9 there a party who had a question or any questions to ask these  
10 witnesses?

11 This will end the cross examination portion of  
12 this particular hearing.

13 MS. TYLER: Madam Chair?

14 CHAIRPERSON REID: Yes. Ms. Tyler, if you have  
15 a question, I will indulge you, but you must speak into the  
16 mike.

17 MS. TYLER: I would like to present the  
18 testimony whenever in the reply to what has been brought up by  
19 the Applicant today.

20 CHAIRPERSON REID: Do you have any cross  
21 examination questions?

22 MS. TYLER: I think they will be incorporated  
23 in the testimony.

24 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: We'll do that on the  
25 22nd.

26 MS. TYLER: Thank you. When th continuation

1 takes place.

2 CHAIRPERSON REID: Is there anyone else who is  
3 a party to this case who wishes -- the ANC or a party to this  
4 case who wishes to cross examine these witnesses? This is the  
5 last opportunity to do so.

6 I'm sorry, ma'am, can you come forward?

7 MS. BECKER: I'm Ana Becker. I probably will  
8 have questions, but not today.

9 CHAIRPERSON REID: You said will? No, there  
10 will be no other time. If you have a question, you could --  
11 you are now granted that time to ask your question.

12 MS. BECKER: The question is will the trucks  
13 beep when they back up?

14 MR. SLADE: I believe it's OSHA who requires  
15 that all commercial vehicles have beeping devices on them that  
16 are activated when the truck is put in reverse, so the answer  
17 is yes.

18 MS. BECKER: Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON REID: All right. Ma'am, I don't  
20 know if you have party status? Come up and identify yourself,  
21 please.

22 MS. JONES: My name is Ellia Jones.

23 CHAIRPERSON REID: And you are?

24 MS. JONES: I was a former resident of Foggy  
25 Bottom and still have property there.

26 CHAIRPERSON REID: Okay, you weren't granted

1 party status?

2 MS. JONES: No. I don't know what that --

3 CHAIRPERSON REID: Party status the persons who  
4 are in close proximity to the property who have been granted  
5 the status when we began the case and you would then be  
6 allowed to cross examine the witnesses as well as you would be  
7 served with all the materials that would go into this  
8 particular case.

9 MS. JONES: I think I'm not then.

10 CHAIRPERSON REID: You would not be able to ask  
11 questions at this time.

12 MS. JONES: So can I ask one at another time?

13 CHAIRPERSON REID: No. You cannot.

14 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: For this case, party  
15 status has already been determined. This is a continuation of  
16 a case that started in November, actually, and that's when the  
17 party status was determined at the opening.

18 MS. JONES: You had to get it then?

19 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Yes, that's how  
20 procedurally we work. You always identify parties at the  
21 beginning of a case.

22 MR. GILREATH: Well, could she testify as a  
23 witness?

24 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: She can testify as a  
25 witness, yes.

26 MS. JONES: I would just like to --

1 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: But not at this time.

2 MS. JONES: I just have one question.

3 CHAIRPERSON REID: One moment.

4 (Pause.)

5 CHAIRPERSON REID: You can ask your question  
6 through your ANC representative.

7 The question must be asked through your ANC  
8 representative. Do you want to do that? Who is the ANC  
9 representative?

10 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Mr. Watson is  
11 representing the ANC. His time has been terminated.

12 Ms. Miller, Mr. Watson is representing you all  
13 and has been throughout this whole hearing.

14 CHAIRPERSON REID: Who will ask the question  
15 for --

16 MS. MILLER: The cross examination is done by  
17 the lawyer. The ANC is being represented by the chair and  
18 Maria Tyler who is also a party to the case and we've changed  
19 chairs, so we now have a chair and a former chair and that was  
20 supposed to have been cleared up and I talked to the staff  
21 about it.

22 CHAIRPERSON REID: Well, Ms. Miller at this  
23 point who is going to ask the question on behalf of the  
24 witness who just --

25 MS. MILLER: Marie Tyler has party status and  
26 Rebecca has party status and our lawyer.

1 CHAIRPERSON REID: One of them please come  
2 forward.

3 Where is Ms. Tyler?

4 You can come forward and Ms. Tyler, you may  
5 come forward and what was the question that she asked you to  
6 ask for her. This is how we have to do it. I'm sorry.

7 MS. TYLER: Nobody asked me to ask any  
8 questions. ANC 2A will have testimony as a follow up of the  
9 data which were presented today by the Applicant during the --

10 MS. SPILLINGER: I will ask the question. I am  
11 the Chair of ANC 2A. I've not been sworn in.

12 (Witness sworn.)

13 MS. SPILLINGER: The question was could the  
14 hospital possibly use its current loading dock instead of  
15 building a new one? In other words, use the current loading  
16 dock and be able to transfer things underground or some other  
17 way to the new edifice?

18 MR. SLADE: In a simple terms, the answer is  
19 no.

20 CHAIRPERSON REID: Okay, thank you.

21 MR. MOORE: I'm sorry, the lady identified  
22 herself as the chairperson of ANC2A. She didn't say her name  
23 on the record, please.

24 MS. SPILLINGER: I'm sorry, Barbara Spillinger.

25 CHAIRPERSON REID: And your address, please.

26 MS. SPILLINGER: 2500 Virginia Avenue.

1 CHAIRPERSON REID: Thank you very much. Okay,  
2 this will conclude the cross examination of the witness. Yes?  
3 You have to come up to the mike.  
4 MR. McLEOD: I'm James McLeod, Vice President  
5 of the Foggy Bottom Association.  
6 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: But you were not granted  
7 party status, sir, right?  
8 MR. McLEOD: The Association was, yes, they  
9 were.  
10 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: They were?  
11 MR. McLEOD: I've cross examined --  
12 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: I'm sorry, I am mistaken.  
13 I apologize.  
14 MR. McLEOD: This is the traffic expert?  
15 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Right.  
16 MR. McLEOD: I just had a few questions.  
17 CHAIRPERSON REID: They have to be -- you only  
18 have just a couple minutes.  
19 MR. McLEOD: Very brief, yes.  
20 MR. McLEOD: In the drawings, I'm confused. On  
21 the ground level drawing of the Applicant's submission, it  
22 shows that the emergency ambulance vehicle entrance is just  
23 put in outline there while the main entrance is put in full.  
24 I don't understand why that is.  
25 MR. SLADE: It's just a nature of the grades of  
26 the property, Mr. McLeod. So when you show a floor, you only

1 show the entrance that provides access to that floor. The  
2 emergency is providing access to a different floor than the  
3 one you're looking at there.

4 MR. McLEOD: By moving the entrance to 23rd  
5 Street rather than New Hampshire, isn't it true the ambulance  
6 still has to go through a pedestrian walkway from east to west  
7 on 23rd Street?

8 MR. SLADE: Yes.

9 MR. McLEOD: And the current hospital, that  
10 situation doesn't exist. Is that correct?

11 MR. SLADE: Well, it crosses a walkway.

12 MR. McLEOD: Just a walkway, but not a  
13 crosswalk.

14 MR. SLADE: I see what you're saying, yes.

15 MR. McLEOD: And you stated, I believe, in the  
16 past that you factored in the additional pedestrian traffic  
17 and I guess vehicular traffic for developments in west end,  
18 including the one at 22nd?

19 MR. SLADE: Correct.

20 MR. McLEOD: How many additional pedestrians do  
21 you predict per day based on just the 22nd and M Street?

22 MR. SLADE: I can't tell you the precise  
23 number. We used the study that I know you're very familiar  
24 with because you were involved in that case as well.

25 We used the study that we did for that case  
26 which included estimates of the number of people who would be

1 using public transportation and we assume that the majority of  
2 them will be coming from the station, but I don't recall the  
3 exact number of pedestrians.

4 MR. McLEOD: You don't know the exact number of  
5 pedestrians.

6 MR. MOORE: He said he didn't recall.

7 MR. SLADE: I don't have the answer in my head.

8 CHAIRPERSON REID: He doesn't know. He doesn't  
9 know. Go to the next question.

10 MR. SLADE: It's in the report we did for that  
11 study.

12 MR. McLEOD: Isn't the Foggy Bottom Station the  
13 last station in the District of Columbia on the blue and  
14 orange line?

15 MR. SLADE: Yes.

16 MR. McLEOD: And isn't it true a lot of  
17 tourists use that stop to go to Georgetown or hotels in the  
18 west end?

19 MR. SLADE: Yes.

20 MR. McLEOD: And isn't it true that, well,  
21 isn't it likely that many of those pedestrians will be coming  
22 to time for the first time will use the very sidewalk, the  
23 western side of 23rd Street?

24 MR. SLADE: Yes.

25 MR. McLEOD: Going across your main entrance,  
26 main exit in the entrance to the emergency room?

1 MR. SLADE: Correct.

2 MR. McLEOD: I believe that's all the questions  
3 I had.

4 CHAIRPERSON REID: Thank you. Before we  
5 --

6 MR. WATSON: May I just ask the chair to make  
7 clear as to what will go on in the meeting of the 22nd as to  
8 whether witnesses who have previously testified will be  
9 permitted to give additional public testimony not on as either  
10 party as well as whether others who have not previously  
11 testified who will be permitted to give testimony?

12 CHAIRPERSON REID: We, in our opening remarks,  
13 opening segment, I thought we had clarified that, but this  
14 particular hearing, this is a continuation in that only  
15 persons who had previously testified, witnesses, will be able,  
16 will be allowed to testify and only on the supplemental  
17 information.

18 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: And also I have started a  
19 list. Could I please have everyone here today who is planning  
20 -- who has testified before and is planning on testifying on  
21 the 22nd, if you could just sign up, I'll put it over here on  
22 the side. We would appreciate it. It will help us.

23 CHAIRPERSON REID: Be sure to indicate whether  
24 you're in support or opposition for our records.

25 Before we close I have a couple of -- just one  
26 second.

1 (Pause.)

2 We made one exception and that was for the  
3 gentleman, Mr. Mandelbaum, was the only exception that we  
4 made. The ANC single member district representative of the  
5 ANC.

6 MR. MOORE: Madam Chair, because this case is  
7 now eight and a half months old, I would ask that the chair  
8 set time limits on the presentation of all parties on April  
9 22nd so that we can get through this matter.

10 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Well, Mr. Moore, time  
11 limits have been established, particularly for witnesses which  
12 are like 3 minutes.

13 MR. MOORE: Then I would ask --

14 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: And I wanted to remind  
15 everybody to pare their testimony to a three minute --

16 CHAIRPERSON REID: They were granted an hour  
17 for the opposition which includes ANC and the parties who are  
18 involved with the opposition.

19 MR. WATSON: I object to the setting of fixed  
20 limitation of time since no previous limitations were set.

21 MS. PRUITT-WILLIAMS: Noted.

22 CHAIRPERSON REID: They were. There were time  
23 limitations set from the onset, Mr. Watson. You must have  
24 forgotten. It's in the testimony. If you check the record,  
25 you will see.

26 Before we close I had just two other questions,

1 very quick questions and that is, Mr. Slade, how many,  
2 approximately how many vendors per day do you anticipate would  
3 be actually using the loading dock? Per day and/or per week?

4 MR. SLADE: We did surveys at the existing  
5 loading dock and we'll have a similar level. The average of  
6 our five days of surveys was 27 different vehicles came to the  
7 loading dock.

8 CHAIRPERSON REID: Per?

9 MR. SLADE: Per day on a daily basis.

10 CHAIRPERSON REID: Twenty-seven vehicles will  
11 come to the loading dock?

12 MR. SLADE: Yes.

13 CHAIRPERSON REID: My other question is -- and  
14 some days it will be heavier and some days lighter?

15 MR. SLADE: Yes, but I think the worse day was  
16 only 32. It doesn't vary by a great amount. It probably  
17 ranges between 25 and 35.

18 CHAIRPERSON REID: My other question is in  
19 listening to some of the testimony here this morning and some  
20 of the questioning, are there for the sliding doors, is that  
21 what you call it, I don't know loading dock that well, but the  
22 doors that slide up and down, that would be overhead doors,  
23 they would be opened manually by the attendant?

24 MR. SLADE: Well, there's an electrical noter.

25 CHAIRPERSON REID: Is there an automatic  
26 apparatus that could be used by the drivers to open the door?

1 MR. SLADE: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON REID: I don't know if there's such  
3 -- I'm just wondering if, in fact --

4 MR. SLADE: We could equip each of the vendors  
5 with something like that.

6 CHAIRPERSON REID: Rather than relying on the  
7 attendant who may or may -- if the weather is inclement or  
8 something like that and they have to wait, if they -- if the  
9 vendors had the instrument by which the door could be  
10 automatically opened.

11 MR. SLADE: We can look at that, Madam Chair.

12 CHAIRPERSON REID: Okay. That will then  
13 --

14 MR. SLADE: Madam Chair?

15 CHAIRPERSON REID: One more question.

16 MR. SLADE: There will be a camera monitoring  
17 the entrance, the loading dock outside, just for security  
18 purposes and safety and so forth and so the manager will have  
19 access to what's going on outside that way and of course,  
20 he'll see the trucks when they arrive.

21 CHAIRPERSON REID: Okay.

22 MR. SLADE: Many of the drivers have cell  
23 phones and they'll have this number if they're a regular  
24 vendor and they'll call ahead.

25 CHAIRPERSON REID: That's part of the loading  
26 dock maintenance and management that you are referring to?

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MR. SLADE: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON REID: Okay. Thank you. So we will then conclude today's hearing. We'll resume at about 1:25, 1:30 for the afternoon hearings.

(Whereupon, at 12:58 p.m., the hearing was recessed to reconvene tomorrow, Thursday, April 22, 1999.)