

Surplus Meeting Transcription

Project Name: McMillan Sand Filtration Site

Property Description: Square 3128, Lot 800; 2501 1st Street, NW in Washington, D.C. (the "Property")

Size of Property: 1,075,496 Square Feet (24.69 Acres)

Zoning of Property: Unzoned

Ward: Ward 5

Date: Thursday June 6th, 2013

Time: 6:30pm

Location: All Nations Baptist Church, 2001 North Capital St NE, Washington, DC 20002

Moderator: Shiv Newaldass, Project Manager, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development

Agenda

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| I. | Introductions | 6:30 pm |
| II. | Discussion of 10-801 Surplus Legislation Process: | 6:45 pm |
| III. | Site Overview | 7:00 pm |
| IV. | Surplus Feedback Process | 7:10 pm |

- a. Public Comments:
 1. Name: Anne Sellin
 - a. Comment: This site is on the Historic Preservation list as one the most endangered sites. There is misinformation about what was park. Site is located here. I have spoken to people who played on the park. Hot summer nights, people slept on site. The City never looked at this as an asset.
 2. Name: Malcolm Kenton

- a. Comment: Sierra club environmentalist. Region is growing and there needs to be places to accommodate. I'd like to see some development. If no surplus, nothing happens.
3. Name: Theodore Bush
 - a. Comment: Residents since 1964. No surplus. I'd rather see a park.
4. Name: Blanche McCloud
 - a. Comment: She's lived on Franklin Street for 19 years and suggests that the site be turned into park, since they are worried about revenue would be for a water park. Virginia and Maryland have them. None of the recreation center pools are really legal for them to be swimming, meaning for the pools to have meets. There are a bunch of developers. Where she lives, there are lots of children. More than one children. Not just a water park, different size pools, kiddy pools. Her grandkids don't have a place to ride bikes. Why can't they do a bike lane around it?
5. Name: Jason Sadian
 - a. Comment: Resident of, born in DC, lived all over the place. Since we are hearing the process, just airing our grievances, he wants to speak to you directly. This is the problem in the world right now. Incestuous relationship between business and government. The same thing happened in Gaza Turkey, the same thing is happening here. If we are being told right that the process doesn't involve our voices, we have over 90% of the room wanting one thing, then we should consider working together horizontally to making this a park ourselves. It's a matter of removing the fence and covering some holes. He wanted to put it out there and see how the process works.
6. Name: Mark Mueller
 - a. Comment: He's an ANC for Bloomingdale, below the park. If surplus is needed, for smart, creative, balanced growth, even if there is some development. We know that they are surplus for a particular plan, which I don't believe has all of that now. Until they find a plan that we all love, then I say we surplus it. So right now, not quite yet. DC Code 10-801 states that the Mayor is authorized for the best interest of the District to sell, lease, etc. real property for which the Council finds that are no longer for public purpose. McMillan is needed for very necessary public purposes. Area needs for the last remaining green space. McMillan is our National Historic site in our community. We need it for historic status and rare aesthetic beauty. But with smarter growth, McMillan can fulfil its maximum potential and purpose. The City should take in consideration how all the development in area can act in concert to bring the most community satisfaction and the most amount of money. McMillan is consistently thought of in a Silo without thinking how this monument would greatly enhance the many projects around it. Development of the 100 acres soldiers home, the idle Reservoir, Howard and Catholic Universities development. The development of the 4 leaf Clover, Main Street Revitalization

and Rhode Island. The other development of NoMa, which is solely lacking greenspace. Of more immediate importance, our neighbourhood has been ravaged by flood, which Councilmember started work at McMillan for flooding. What if it doesn't work? Goes against the code for surplussing it. Need to keep it in case additional cells for more flooding. Government transparency and freedom of information as cornerstone. Diligent oversight.

7. Name: Kirby Vining

- a. Comment: Kirbing Vining, active in the Stronghold Association and Friends of McMillan Park. Mayor's proposal to surplus raises legal and ethical questions. What is the basis? The City is the developer, so why do we need to sell the land. DC Code 10-801 lists several documents needed before surplus. Clearly the Mayor has decided to proceed to surplus this land. What are the economic basis for the 10-801. DMPED has an exclusive rights agreement with Vision McMillan Partners where VMP has competition to buy land. This makes the land surplussing a sham as there will be no opening bidding process. The Secret Document for which we submitted a Freedom of Information Action, for which we have not heard from DMPED. The site is to be used for two DCWater projects. Is this the right time to be surplussing the land? The comprehensive plan recommends leasing, not selling. There has been no competition for the land. How can Mayor consider selling the park? Do we have enough parks to give away?

8. Name: Dara Johnson

- a. Comment: I am a 4th generation Washingtonian and places like McMillan park has anchored me here when things are changing. So preserving McMillan park and utilizing it as a park, and historic elements, and not just economic. This is an anchor.

9. Name: Daniel Wolkoff

- a. Comment: Historic Restoration Artist in Brookland. Need to reject these fixed process. Gives us crumbs of community meetings to vent concerns and then move forward. Fixed process. Bribes given to Harry Thomas. Nobody has to know about this. It's a neighbourhood issue. We need things like Glen Echo in Bethesda. We things historic restoration like landmarks. Class schedule at Glen Echo, I'll pass around. I lived in Mt. Pleasant for 20 years. No idea what the city was like. Like living in a country club. Walked under beech trees, in the shade looking at lizards. Fixed process, we need to reject it. This entire thing is racism and class discrimination. If McMillan was in Friendship Heights, Cleveland park. Who believes this would be fenced off for 27 years. An affront to the community. We need this for public use. Tired of bullshit use for the fucking law. The City Council is people are in prison. Harry Thomas number is prison. Kwame Brown smiled throughout resignation. Give \$55,000. Prison and corruption.

10. Name: Patrick Hudak

- a. Comment: When my partner and I moved to Bloomingdale, I tried to get involved with the McMillan Park process but dropped out after finding it confusing. Came to find out that this boiled down a few main facts and common sense. Despite the anti-park crowd facts. The facts are this. The McMillan Reservoir Historic Park is on Historic Registrar and was landscaped by Olmsted Jr. It was the first park to de facto integration and was closed off in World War II. Some people have memories of playing in the park. No one wants this site to remain fenced off. And the fact the City has fenced it off is not an argument for its destruction. The Friends of McMillan have collected over 2000 signatures who believe we can have amenities and green space. Collage City Plan has the creative thinking. According to Historic Preservation Review board, the Vision McMillan plan will destroy 80-90% of the historic site. Will turn into tombstones. Will turn it into Roslyn or Tysons Corner. There is 10 million feet of development, including grocery, coming around the area by the park. There is no metro. Paying NoMa \$50 million and giving \$50 million to rich developers to destroy our park. DC can't afford park? DC is sitting on over \$1 billion in savings. DC is not poor. I oppose the surplus of McMillan. These are 2,000 signatures on this petition. Present it to you, as pro park, anti-surplus.

11. Name: Laura Good

- a. Comment: Living in DC for 8 years. Working as public school teacher for past 3 years in Ward 8. First time homeowner in Bloomingdale. Speaking on behalf of the kids. Finalist for DC teacher award. Took field trip with students to National Building Museum. Talked about Park. Students are playing on a thin concrete park. Right in front of house, neighbour's throw football in street because of no park. Other things to say, but that's what it's about. A place for children and families.

12. Name: Stewart Davenport

- a. Comment: Owner of Big Bear Café. Wanted to say that we've done a good job building community over the years. Met with developers a lot, including with Jair Lynch. Working hard and plan has come a long way from the K-Mart. Last time, Big Bear was flooded and lose your tenants, who should I be talking to. Who's listening? If I lose tenant, it's becomes hard. More investment in what you have, the better.

13. Name: McKinney

- a. Comment: Thank everyone who was here. Not many in the past. It's not us and them. It's about the neighbors who live around the site. Live across the property. A few weeks ago, I got to see Mr. McDuffie and the EYA team walking around the cells, just like Tony Norman used to do. Only Tony Norman cannot do it anymore because it's not safe. Corrupt way for the City to be behaving. 600 lbs lawnmower going over the property. Been there, can see the National Monument. Grand view, Olmsted built that walk. Beyond pale, turning it into another Shirlington.

Another ugly place for Chipolte. Two issues, traffic and stormwater. Three issues, maybe four now, traffic, stormwater, lack of design, and corruption. Four reasons to stop this thing. Don't want to be grumpy old man. God will not let them build Shirlington. He went back to an old favourite, flooding.

14. Name:

- a. Comment: Hello everybody. People talk about balanced approach, quotation mark. All about smart growth. I'm all about Chipolte. There are so many buildings that have Chipolte. Happening all over Eckington, Brookland. We have opportunity to do something different, something great. For those that want more money for the City treasury, vast property that is being underutilized. It's called Rock Creek Park. Of course we wouldn't do that, it's a special place. People go there. Add to property value. Tourist go there. This is our special place. New York City was going to raze Highline until citizens got together with another vision. New York made right call, DC should too.

15. Name: Cheryl Cort

- a. Comment: Have a cold. With Coalition for Smarter Growth. Support surplussing this property. This property has been locked up for over 70 years. We need to restore in order for everyone to enjoy it. Concerned that so much demand to put in new park, which we love, but we are losing affordable housing. Want DMPED to do more. Commit to affordable housing during land disposition. Very special place, important historic features. Don't walk away from this planning process now. Strongly in support of moving project forward.

16. Name: Tali Vardi

- a. Comment: Brought house a year ago. Have PHD in Marine Biology and studied climate science. Not sure if the District is paying attention to this. These floods are only going to get worse. This little creature playing on the sidewalk and she wants park. Obviously make our property values go up. Voice my support.

17. Name: Phillip Blair

- a. Comment: Grumpy old man, especially when competing with a good looking kid. Reason I'm grumpy, I make my opinion known and my neighbors make theirs known. Opinions overwhelming. We do not get paid attention to. Why is this? Big reason, we let you people tell us what alternatives are. We think a park is a real alternative. You said we never did it before. If that's what the people want. If that's what the people are willing to pay for. Why not? This is a site to have to be developed for the economic interest of the City. What real smart growth looks like. Finding the 25 acres property up and down Rhode Island Avenue. Doing infills, small things. Traditional arteries. Not messed up by big tract development. If we let them tell us, then we will lose. Grumpy enough for you?

18. Name: Ana Simon

- a. Comment: I live in Bloomingdale. Lived here for a couple years. I thought that no surplus meant that the land would stay in public domain. After listening to introduction and I think there is some confusion. Add that to your record. Need more explanation. What surplus process means. If surplus means turning this into a park, then surplus it. I need more information. We want to keep it in public domain. We can develop in the sense that takes down the fence. Whatever process supports that, I'm for. I'm an Art Historian and I work in a 1970s building, in a brutalist building. If we can't change a brutalist building, then why can we develop something that was designed by the son of the man who developed central park. At US Capital, we have obligation to preserve our history and heritage. Know that cells have structural issues. Doesn't matter. Can't do it. It shouldn't be allowed. More affordable housing? What about North Capitol? What about all that's developed? When green spaces are gone, they are gone. Urban decay, this is our place. Our neighbourhood. All the advocacy, people restoring houses. We need to do everything we can to make this possible.

19. Name: Peter Miles

- a. Comment: Got involved with Miriam as part of Collage City Studios. Now graduated. The plan that cannot be named. The purpose of the surplus is to change the site. The only thing that changes site is the plan that cannot be named. You saw what a professor and four students did. What can done with site when you think creatively and how to use it when greed and money isn't primary motivation. The purpose of government isn't for more revenue, they don't have shareholders, they have citizens like us. The plan cannot be named, I'm not sure if we can trust the judgment of the Mayor's office, especially when there is a campaign that shall be seen.

20. Name: Hugh Youngblood

- a. Comment: Good evening, live in Bloomingdale community. Work for organization called the Friends of McMillan Park. Speaking in opposition to declare the Historic McMillan Park as surplus. Thank Deputy Mayor Victor Hoskins. Native from Chicago, he appreciates creative thinking and public private collaboration that created Millennium Park. Recognize he is a busy man and is unaware that Mayor Gray is proposing to privatize Bloomingdale's only national landmark. Transfer critical water and security assets to a private developer. We must resist the privatization. Petition going around. Petition says McMillan Park is a tremendous asset to the City. Action should be taken to return this space to public use. Any plan must be appropriate. Strongly urge to reject the plans from Vision McMillan. To consider more alternatives that creates destination for our capital. Over 2,000 have signed in agreement. Key part of debate is that this is a tremendous asset. What you hold on to. Does Ward 5 have a surplus of national parks? Certainly not. McMillan Park is a strategic water security asset. DCWater will be testing a partial solution to Bloomingdale. May require expansion. One day, we might need to purify our drinking water again. Let's avoid rushing

judgment on homeland security issue. Creative adaptive reuse of the future. We urge rejection of Surplus.

21. Name: Dean Floyd

- a. Comment: No surplus. Opposed to Surplus on basis of process involved. The HPRB has not been made findings as yet. Premature to consider when the board needs to make its findings as to what can be done with the property. The other issue, such a large commitment of public funding, something in the order of \$55 million. A lot of money. We have to see what bidding process is necessary to see if someone could come in and do it for less. Not a drain on DC budget. We have schools and not just condos for the private sector.

22. Name: Paul Bloch

- a. Comment: Lived in Bloomingdale for the last 10 years and DC for the last 27. Opposed to the surplussing. DC has created a false dichotomy. This property with a chained link fence or we could have this plan. That's not the only two choices. This used to be a park. If they took down the fence again, this would be a park again. Three things can be served. It can be a park. It can be a green roof. It's doing its part. Aesthetic beauty. The Mayor's sustainability plan of having parks within 10 minute walk for all DC residents. That is the only thing within a 10 minute walk for Bloomingdale. Turn into Crystal City and nothing is left. There is nothing of that nature here. Want to enjoy site with view and history. Largest green roof, soaking up water. Keeping water out of basements, even though water is coming into basement. City has no plans or concept for all water that will come from development. Just take down the fence. Build it up as a park to enjoy it.

23. Name: Justy Justice

- a. Comment: Working in Eckington for 12 years, living in Bloomingdale for 9 years. Biking for 3 years, right past McMillan. Wow when saw it. Been inside, thought wow. Been here before New York Metro. Third federal, third local, third private. First infill station. My ask, surplus seems a short-circuit to losing control. Ask is for City Council to reject surplus until we have a better idea of what we can get.

24. Name: Gwen Southerland

- a. Comment: Like to acknowledge officials and people of church who let us meet. Testifying on her behalf to say, please do not privatize this site unless the offer is made to this community first. Regarding site listed on notice, beg and implore elected officials of District to maintain site. The McMillan reservoir as known as the Industrial Sand Filtration site must be maintained for public purposes and not for profit making. Do not privatize. Although no voting rights in the Congress, it is the public that flips the bill. This site is a historic national treasure. It is a special kind of place. I was practically down there every day. Not go in everyday in case I fall into one of the holes. Spirit of the place that drop her there. According to Historic Preservation Review Board, this high density mixed-use development

plan will destroy most of the historic structures. Don't need Historic Review Board to tell them that, meetings and literature from developer tells that this will destroy the site. Not going to be anything there. Opposed to the current plan. The multi-million of square footage. Recommendation to create and design a world class destination. To engage community in order to create this park. The communities of Stronghold, Park Place, and Bloomingdale, are competent to design and implement plan for McMillan. Accused of not wanting anything there. Contiguous open space. What's wrong with it? Low density consisting of cultural, recreation and retail. Can be limited community developed. Suggested to bring farmers market there. Give us first dibbs so that we could create something special.

25. Name: Chris Leptak

- a. Comment: Lived in Stronghold for 8 years. Coming to meetings. By training, I am scientist, not creative. Something simple is so beautiful is mind-boggling. How to approach things, what are assumptions about decision. The City had a competition to see who would develop site. No creativity or competition for the rest of the process. The team to their credit has brought together experts. The City has spent 10% of budget and we still don't have a plan. Want to tell the City to do. Take away restrictions and let them design something that they are capable of. Putting glass ceiling on x amount of revenue, will never happen. Asked Jeff Miller how much to develop an acre of park, he said \$10 million. Where figures, he didn't know. Bigger park and Department of Transportation says we need safety. Park got bigger. DDOT didn't change recommendations. The assumptions for the developers are to silence discourse. We need to change them.

26. Name: Miss Mueller

- a. Comment: Against the privation and surplus of park. Resident of Ledroit Park and a third generation Washingtonian. Also, a teacher. Teach high school currently. You can't really lie to them. In addition to the problem of privation of the park is the process. Tomorrow, I am going to tell them. The meeting has gone great. The model we are setting before them. What I heard is confusing and not in the foreground. Not to mention echoes of Kwame Brown. The same old business as usual. I guess that's back to you.

27. Name: Barrie Danneker

- a. Comment: This site needs a balanced plan. The city purchased this site 30 years ago from the Federal government for \$9 million and we spent x amount since. The City said we did not want this as a part. Heard lot of misinformation about the history of the site. Both and positive. The community has gone through the process three times. I suggest the City surplus this property. Unless we do surplus the property, we will not be able to do even a park. There will be no development there. We should ask the Federal Government to buy this back since our community cannot come together in a balanced way to bring job, affordable housing. Work at HUD. Heard from several residents who are older, who cannot

afford upkeep on home. Property value has gone up \$200,000. Statistically in District, all condos, with 20 or 30 cranes, the District will be short 80,000 housing units for the population growth and job factor that we have. Families, just like you, will be homeless. We have failed as a community. Suggestion surplus this property or ask the federal government to buy back.

28. Name: Mark Materno

- a. Comment: Listening all night. Been in Bloomingdale for 13 years. When asked you what it means to Surplus. You said, it cannot be used for Public use. We are giving a false dichotomy. We're being told that we have to surplus or the fence stays. Take down the fence and we can walk on it. I've walked on the property. Take down the fence and then we can walk on it. Ask the Federal Government to take it back. We can also ask to give it to Ward 5 because we know what to do with it. Give it to us for free.

29. Name: Wanda Foster

- a. Comment: Live at 2905 North Capitol Street, directly across from McMillan. I purchased house in 1986. I have the absolute most beautiful sunset. Lived in other parts of District and don't see such beauty in other parts of the District. I can look out to a clean, undeveloped and it brings me happiness. My neighbors have lived across for 30 years and it brings them joy. It makes me angry that my tenants, who have small children, cannot walk across the street to play ball. There is a lot of young children on Girard Street. Younger people, now renting. It is Stronghold For someone to not have respect for all people who live on North Capitol. I can see Howard. I can see the monument. That will be obstructed by these buildings. I can see the fireworks every July 4th. How dare someone think that I would want the monstrosities of Virginia in my front door? Totally disrespectful people, who were DPW workers who are able to pay off their houses. Linda Cropp said that you don't pay more money to live in your house. Don't daughters and nieces and nephews to live in my house. Don't want them living across the street from 13th story buildings. They don't live in Virginia. There should be a park across the street from my house. The City should be ashamed of itself.

30. Name: Julia Orazato

- a. Comment: Lived in Stronghold for 6 years. I really liked place. With this proposed plan, heard about need for balance. Surplus thing came about recent. Everything has been about VMP. Meeting about proposal and great opposition. People cried out for Parks. Can't understand why this is not listen to. Parks. City Official or Planning office should listen rather than concentrate on development. Only for objectivity. Look at the other plans. Heard one councilmember has voted for additional \$450 million to support the Vision Plan. I'm not sure it's true. Candidate went door to door asking for support. I ask what is your vision of the McMillan. For mixed management, development or something. No there is no big

buildings. I say we need transparency and she I agree with you. All that we want. City Officials to listen and not just focused on what should come. That's how corruption starts. I am for against this. Community support is important. We are together. We have a vision of what we want.

31. Name: Jane Huntington

- a. Comment: I know some of you. Been McMillinista since 1998. Have had many many meetings. The City knows what we want. It's so curious to me. They use to tell us think outside of the box. They stay in the box. We have offered so many opportunities to meet with developer. No we don't want this development but we are not Nimbys. We want something appropriate. One very important thing. We talk about transparency. This meeting isn't being recorded. How respectful is that? Our input.

32. Name: John Salatti

- a. Comment: Great to see all of you in Stronghold and Bloomingdale. And Brookland. I like just across North Capitol in Bloomingdale. I have been an ANC commissioner here. That is what drove me into this issue. Hearing what they had to say and giving them tours on the site, hundreds of people. All kinds of good stuff. Speak to surplus. Should the District surplus this property so that it could be sold or given away to private uses. My answer to that is no. Four ideas about the surplus process. It's great to give opinion here, but we do not have information to give good opinion. We are missing documentation that the City is required to give, which it will do at some point, but will do that at some point, long after you all have this opportunity. The documentation as to why this is a good idea. What is the economic justification for this? What is the exclusive rights the City has with development team. My real problem is that we do not have the information. What's in Ward 5, limited park space. Lots of green, but not park space. Irony is that City is about spend \$40 million for Park-space in NoMa. The City didn't have foresight with Office of Planning. Plan your park-space and build around it. How you do urban redevelopment, they pushed that out of the window. The moment the City is about spend \$40 million to fix a planning mistake, they have budgeted \$50 million to take away a park it already owns. Surplusing idea too quickly. Should this just be a park. How do we turn this to a world class destination. It's not that this can't be done. This is a historic site for both scientific and technologically. As the District's first integrated park, that should be preserved. We have 2,000 residents who said, maybe we are rushing this. The District's urge to turn this place that was extraordinary into something that is ordinary. That is why I say no to the surplus.

33. Name: Steve Sena

- a. Comment: Live across the red sea, on place called Pleasant Plains. Newbie I guess. Been there about 4 years. Wife and I found a great home, doing renovations. Walk around reservoir. Very beautiful, but frustrating because of the fence. Walk by and

drive by the site. First thought were what is this? Appreciated right from the start. Something unique, interesting. DC got to move quick. Driving by it. Saw it, lush green grass. Bring farmers to get goats to cut grass. Against surplus this site. Coming to meeting confirmed. Wasn't sure if I was for or against it. Something wrong in process. Clearly. Against on the grounds that echo what some many have said, I don't have enough information, but yet I'm here for you to take my comments for whether this should be surplus. I went to Charette. They echo the sentiments here. Should review planning notes. The unnamed plan on paper do not reflect what was discussed in meetings. I value it as open space. I want the fence down. I want the fences down at the reservoir. Just put up some security. Put lower fence towards water so we could use the green space. The whole thing is our site. I live in one of the few east-west cross streets. Unnamed proposed, this is a traffic mitigation. If traffic increases 2%, back up to Columbia Heights. These have not been addressed. Cannot support. Feel terrible that it's taken this long. 3 minutes.

Break from Community Member. Wants to know how is this being recorded? When told that it's being transcribed, claims that this is an affront and absurd.

34. Name: Gabe Oliver

- a. Comment: I just moved here. Moved from North Dakota. Desperate for places like this. This is our Nation's Capital. The comments reflect that yearning for maintaining that history. It's easy to win that argument. If we have to restrict our comments to surplus and the limited information given. The question is whether this is serving a public good. It deals with watershed, traffic. Already serving a public good. The surplus question has been answered.

35. Name: Cherise Smith

- a. Comment: Resident of Bloomingdale, native Washingtonian. Even in the courtrooms, they have apps to record. People writing notes. This is ridiculous. There is an app for that. Reiterate a lot of point. We have a flooding problem. We are now using cells to mitigate those efforts. The City worried about spending money. What would the City do, if this process goes through and the climate change and everything happening. If Bloomingdale gets flooded, how would they take if people start suing the City. City overlooked, didn't have foresight and planning. The City and infrastructure going in, and the over-infrastructure. No planning, no foresight in terms of green space. We are capital of America. The fact that we don't have the innovation and people, to bring in City with this, and we're supposed to be the Capital of America. I am ashamed. Let me reiterate about traffic. Infrastructure to metro to Pepco. First moved in, there weren't enough grids. Pepco needed to update the infrastructure. Residents have to deal with these issues. The City doesn't have the foresight to plan. Just overbuilding.

36. Name: Abby Lindsey

- a. Comment: Recently became a homeowner in Columbia Heights. I studied Urban Planning, with a masters. Studied public participation processes. Working with 15 other countries. Helping them with public participation processes. They call on US experts and look at my backyard. It's great that the City having us, but public participation is only good as what happens afterwards. I've been very proud with what the City's done with bike lane and infrastructure, but want the City to do more. Space that the community can enjoy.

37. Name: Tim Sloan

- a. Comment: Start writing girls. Agree with everyone here. Our DC government has gone off the rails. Fifth generation Washingtonian. Blown away looking at them. 13 Story buildings. Can't imagine 13 Story buildings there. McMillan is 26 Acres. The Washington Hospital Center has 32.5 Acres of surface parking, including parking garage. None are green surface. Should storm, 2 inches of rain, on just parking lots, creates 2 million gallons of water. Accounts for 1/3 first street over capacity line. This thing is broken. They are talking development. Haven't built the infrastructure. Density is great. It's called transit oriented development. DC has vision for Trolley line, but they have a lot of visions. Washington Hospital Center is largest employer in Washington DC that doesn't have direct access to Mass Transit. Will make traffic worse. Need intervention.

38. Name: Kelly Kotean

- a. Comment: Got involved a few months ago. Thankful for those who kept this alive. Started research, internet and talking to people. I went to the website of the plan and all of the resources, all the links were broken. Administrator email bounced back. Emailed to ANC and they forwarded to individual who were overseeing it and couple months later, still not working. You try and find information. Freedom of Information have gone in. You don't have the information to make a decision. Going to Sunshine week and Councilmember spoke at it. He supports government accountability. He wants a transparent government. Government needs to be transparent about what they plan to do with Surplus. No to surplus at this time. Don't think it's something that should be rushed into. Incredible community that's engaged and active. Could do better.

39. Name: Kelly Genes:

- a. Comment: Lived in Bloomingdale for a couple years. Social worker with dual masters. Walk to the VA Hospital where I work. Blessing. Peace walking up First Street. Wonderful. As a social worker, concerned about this process. Eye for justice, health and community health. Shamed and appalled. Want accountability. Not ok with this process. Want to know what are the next steps for voices to be heard. Want an email or to see it in Newspaper. Not ok with this, no surplus.

Break to announce that the next comment would be the last testimony for the night.

40. Robin Diener

- a. Comment: Worked with DMPED for several, long years. One of the people with the West End library, was given away in a no-bid deal. Went to work with Council to make this better. Sorry to say that we can up with this Bi-furcated process which is misunderstood by DMPED. Saw at the Hines School and the West End. Supposed to bring information and analysis to the community, so that they could give feedback. Your DMPED, economic development and planning and that's missing. Stay strong and fight. Sick of fighting with government. They are about to privatize the Library. Fight on. Sorry it has to be this way.

Break from audience. Community member reads contact information for Shiv Newaldass off of a business card and encourages everyone to email their councilmembers.

41. Name: Christopher

- a. Comment: Resident of Ward 5. If we let this be surplus. The Government of DC will not have the upper hand. It will become this, people who don't have the government of DC at heart. We need this land to produce more taxes. Very simple. There is something called the proximate principle. The closer you are to a park, the higher of your house. As price on residential, there is no premium for medical office building. We have three large tall, 13 story medical office building. Destruction of economic value. Of tax value. Very easy to deal with this. 6 to 8 acres right North of Michigan Avenue. Have map. Right here, 6 to 8 acres, covered or uncovered parking. Put medical offices where they belong. There in emphasis on row houses. City doesn't need more row houses. Row houses are low density. 4 rows. 1 row as partial frontage of park. Even row house will not benefit from 20% premium on park. A lot less row house. Residential, mixed-uses. Need to move. Northern quadrant. Needs to higher than what's currently here. Needs to be slightly higher. No surplus, because City will not be assess our interest, which is raising taxes.

V. Meeting Adjourns
8:30 pm
