



November 19, 2013

Lloyd Jordan, Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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RE: Application to BZA (#18678) for proposed zoning variance for 1100 16th St NW, Embassy of Oman's Chancery Annex Project. Hearing 12/17/13. (2B05)

Dear Chairman Jordan:

At its regular meeting on November 13, 2013 the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 6 of 9 Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following motion by a vote of (6-0):

Whereas, the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman has applied to the Foreign Missions Board of Zoning Adjustment (FMBZA) of the District of Columbia to renovate and occupy a building at 1100 16th Street, N.W. as a chancery annex which will house the Sultan Qaboos Culture Center

Whereas, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B as a whole as well as ANC2B's Zoning, Preservation, and Development Committee have conducted the review of the project requested under law by said Board,

Whereas, the proposed chancery use of the building does not really change the mix of building uses in this SP-2 zone,

Whereas, renovation will not involve major changes to exterior features such as the building's footprint or height,

Whereas, those improvements to a former charter school that do require historic preservation review by the FMBZA (e.g., signage, exterior wall coatings and color, window treatments, door changes, and color) will enhance the building and the neighborhood,

Whereas, the proposed statue to be placed in public space will enhance the neighborhood,

Whereas, the proposed use is supported by the only nearby residents, i.e., members of the Presidential Cooperative at 1026 16th St., NW,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission supports this project.

Commissioners Abigail Nichols (Abigail.nichols@dupontcircleanc.net), Will Stephens (will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net), and Mike Feldstein (mike.feldstein@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,



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Chairman

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