

District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Box 75115 Washington, DC 20013



April 18, 2020

Mr. Matthew LeGrant Zoning Administrator, Dept of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Government of the District of Columbia 1100 4th St SW - Room 3100 Washington, DC 20024

Re: Request for expedited permit request for Eliot-Hine Middle School

Dear Administrator LeGrant:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on April 9, 2020, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that the Zoning Office expedite a revised permit request (once submitted) for Eliot-Hine Middle School that brings the site plan into alignment with the recently approved Zoning Commission text amendment (ZC-Case No. 19-11).

The revised zoning rules permit new school sites to reduce the required minimum number of on-site parking spaces by 50% relative to the prior rules. Authorizing a permit revision for Eliot-Hine Middle School that aligns with the new rules would allow for elimination of a second planned parking lot with 14 parking spaces, to be replaced by additional green and play space, including athletic fields that accommodate DCIAA regulation-sized baseball and soccer fields. This would further benefit the community by allowing for greater engagement and participation at sporting events and increased student safety and well-being by eliminating the need to transit for home games. This permit amendment is further justified by Eliot-Hine Middle School's location just two blocks from the Stadium Armory Metro and adjacent to multiple bus lines, as well as the availability of unregulated (non-RPP) parking in DCPS curbside adjacent spaces on both the south side of the 1800 and 1900 blocks of Constitution NE and the east side of the 200 block of 17th Place NE.

Our Commission and the community we represent are grateful for the decision by DCPS and DGS to prioritize student and community well being. The Commission requests that your office work closely with DCPS and DGS to expedite the revised permit request (once submitted) so that the school may complete construction of the fields in time for spring sports in 2021.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at AmberANC6A@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

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Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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