ANC 6D Motion in Support of the Southwest Neighborhood Plan Draft

Whereas, the current draft of the Southwest Neighborhood Plan, released November 21, 2014, is the result of more than one year of community engagement where residents have had the opportunity to influence the outlined recommendations;

Whereas, the draft plan represents a general community consensus on issues of future development, preservation, and enhancement of existing community assets;

Whereas, there is a general consensus of the six high-level concepts highlighted in the draft plan - that Southwest remain a model of equity and inclusion, promote the preservation of modernist architecture, preserve and invest in our green spaces, flourish as an arts and culture destination, establish 4th Street as the commercial heart of the community, optimize District-owned parcels, and benefit from multi-modal transportation options.

Whereas, it is imperative to have a framework in place to influence and guide change in Southwest over the coming decade;

Therefore, we move to express our general support of the draft Southwest Neighborhood Plan, and request additional information from the Office of Planning on the following issues, and ask that these points of clarification be included in the final Southwest Neighborhood Plan presented to City Council.

Please clarify in the draft plan:

The specific income brackets targeted for affordable housing recommendations.

As it pertains to the redevelopment of Greenleaf, that “mixed-use” assumes that each new building be comprised of an acceptable ratio of market-rate and public housing/affordable units.

That “safe routes” pertain not only Amidon-Bowen Elementary Schools, and Jefferson, but also Van Ness Elementary School.

Precisely which streets are included under the recommendation to restore the L’Enfant Plan grid.

A clearly defined plan for Randall Park that reflects the community consensus that the park space not be lost to future development.