

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. MP40



UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA VAN NESS CAMPUS PLAN

4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

Submitted by the University of the District of Columbia

December 1, 2011

Commission Action Requested

Approval of final master plan pursuant to the terms governing the transfer of jurisdiction of the University of the District of Columbia site as recorded in the Office of the Surveyor of the District of Columbia on January 11, 1973.

Commission Action

The Commission:

Approves the University of the District of Columbia - Van Ness Campus Plan for use by the Commission in future reviews of individual site and building projects, **noting** that the Commission will defer action on the proposed Student Housing and Athletic Zone located in the southwest portion of the campus until additional information on the site plan and design of the student housing is available to allow the Department of State to conduct a security assessment of potential impacts of the student housing on the embassies located in the abutting International Chancery Center.

Commends the University of the District of Columbia on its efforts to green its campus, improve the streetscape, and add community oriented retail along Connecticut Avenue, NW.

Notes that the Commission supports the development of student housing on the Van Ness Campus, and with the additional security information provided by the Department of State the Commission will be able to assess the degree to which the student housing may impact the embassies within the International Chancery Center during its subsequent review of the student housing project.

Requests that the applicant coordinate closely with NCPC staff and the Department of State throughout design development of the student housing and on any enhancements to the campus perimeter adjacent to the International Chancery Center.

Notes that if the University of the District of Columbia decides to locate the proposed student housing elsewhere other than what is currently depicted in the master plan that additional analysis will be required in order to allow NCPC to meet its obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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