

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3A



Resolution Supporting BZA Application No. 17703-D of Sidwell Friends School Requesting a Modification without Hearing for a limited change in the Campus Plan for Sidwell Friends School, 3825 Wisconsin Avenue NW

Sidwell Friends School has applied to the DC Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) for a Modification without Hearing, to allow a change in its Campus Plan approved in 2020 in BZA Order No. 17703-C. The applicant made a presentation about the application to ANC 3A at its duly noticed public meeting on March 17, 2026, at which a quorum was present. The applicant explained that as part of the new construction and reconfiguration of the campus at 3825 Wisconsin Avenue NW to accommodate a new Upper School at 3720 Upton Street NW, Sidwell Friends School is requesting a limited change in the Campus Plan to defer construction of a new Middle School Pick Up and Drop Off area (PUDO) until after construction at the Lower School has been completed. The change is intended to avert traffic safety conflicts between construction trucks using the driveway at 3939 Wisconsin Avenue NW and vehicles picking up and dropping off students from the new PUDO in the school parking garage, during the time that Lower School construction will be in progress nearby. As a result, the school is planning to continue using the existing PUDO in the 3900 block of 37th Street NW, across from Hearst Elementary School. The applicant said it is also planning to accelerate the Lower School construction so the work can be completed in 2028 rather than in 2030 as originally planned.

At its March 17, 2026, public meeting, the ANC 3A Commissioners and members of the community were able to ask questions about the application and get clarifications from the representatives of Sidwell Friends School. All questions were answered and the plans and objectives were clear and understandable.

DC zoning regulations provide for a Modification without Hearing if the details of the proposal are clear and straightforward and do not require a full hearing for the public and the BZA to understand.

ANC 3A followed its usual practice of hearing a presentation on the zoning request at a regular public meeting during one month, then providing several weeks for public comments, and holding a further discussion and vote at the regular public meeting in the following month. At the duly noticed ANC 3A public meeting on April 21, 2026, at which a quorum was present, the Commission took up the matter for final review and vote. Commissioner Bowers (ANC3A03) who serves the affected area had examined the plans and checked all the ANC's customary means for receiving public comments and questions. No concerns about the request for a Modification without Hearing had been submitted.

Hearing no objections from the community or the ANC 3A Commissioners, the Chair moved to take a vote on supporting the request from Sidwell Friends School for a Modification without Hearing. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted 5-0 to support the request.

Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis, Chair

Ann Lane Mladinov, Secretary

This resolution was approved by the Commission by a vote of 5 - 0 at the duly noticed public meeting on April 21, 2026, at which a quorum was participating. (Three of the five Commissioners constitute a quorum.) By the same vote, the Commission also designated the Chair or Commissioner Isaac Bowers (ANC3A03) or their designee(s) to represent the Commission on this matter.

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