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Mr. Jon Bender  
Commissioner, ANC 3E 03  
Chair, ANC 3E  
c/o Lisner Home  
5425 Western Avenue NW, Suite 219  
Washington, DC 20015

Dear Commissioner Bender:

We are writing regarding the proposal from Urban Investment Partners to rehabilitate the federally owned building at 4023 Chesapeake Street, NW, in Fort Reno Park, which is administered by Rock Creek Park. The building has been determined eligible for listing to the National Register of Historic Places (2011). This rehabilitation is part of the community benefits package for the Planned Unit Development proposal for the 4620-4624 Wisconsin Avenue, NW redevelopment.

As part of this process, the National Park Service to date has accepted two donations by Urban Investment Partners: a clean-out of debris from the Chesapeake Street building, and the preparation of a Historic Structure Report, which provides documentary, graphic, and physical information about a property's history and existing condition. Broadly recognized as an effective part of preservation planning, a Historic Structure Report also addresses goals for the use or re-use of the property.

Should the Planned Unit Development proposal be approved by the Zoning Commission, the National Park Service anticipates accepting a third donation from the developer, specifically a warm-lit shell fit-out of the Chesapeake Street building. The partial restoration would follow recommendations set forth in the Historic Structure Report, and include the installation of new plumbing, electrical and HVAC systems.

We recognize there is significant community interest in 4023 Chesapeake Street, NW, and agree strongly with the ANC that the building, once rehabilitated, should be occupied and used. The National Park Service therefore is committed to engaging all interested community members and stakeholders, including the ANC, as we move forward with this process. This will include discussing the various options for the building's use and occupancy at future ANC and community organization's meetings and forums. We also commit to providing information and soliciting feedback through the National Park Service's Planning, Environment and Public

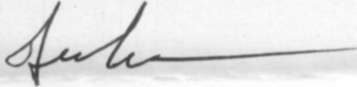
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Comment web site ([parkplanning.nps.gov](http://parkplanning.nps.gov)) as we follow the required laws, regulations and guidelines for determining use and occupancy for the building.

We look forward to working with the community regarding the future of the Chesapeake Street building. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at any time at 202-895-6004.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julia Washburn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Julia Washburn  
Superintendent