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To the Honorable Members of the
Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee
City of Milwaukee
City Hall, Room 205

Dear Committee Members:

File No. 180436 relates to a Minor Modification to the Detailed Planned Development (DPD) known as the Historic Garfield School Cultural Campus to permit construction of an interior display wall adjacent to a portion of the glazing along West North Avenue to accommodate the America's Black Holocaust Museum's exhibit layout located at 2235 North 4th Street, on the south side of West North Avenue, west of North 4th Street, in the 6th Aldermanic District.

This minor modification was requested by The Griot, LLC, and will permit construction of an exhibit support wall adjacent to a portion of the street-level glazing along North Avenue to accommodate the exhibit displays for the America's Black Holocaust Museum. A DPD was approved for this development in 2016. As part of the Historic Garfield School Cultural Campus, the recently completed Griot Building is a 4 story mixed use development with multi-family housing (the Griot Apartments), office space (Freedom Endeavors) and the soon to be completed America's Black Holocaust Museum (ABHM).

America's Black Holocaust Museum (ABHM) and the Griot, LLC are requesting a Minor Modification to the DPD to allow for construction of an interior exhibit wall within 6'-0" of street level glazing facing North Avenue. General provisions of the zoning code require that walls are not placed closer than 6' from required glazing. Since this site is zoned DPD, all glazing shown on the approved drawings is required. On the side facing away from the street, the wall will support and provide much needed surface area for museum exhibits that are sensitive to natural light. The street face will be activated with combination of museum exhibits/displays, artwork, and signage by possible means of graphic artwork and digital displays that will provide information and advertising for traveling exhibits, upcoming ABHM events, history facts and art.

Since the proposed minor modification will facilitate the interior layout of displays and exhibits for the America's Black Holocaust Museum and the street-facing side of the wall will be activated with art and signage, the City Plan Commission at its regular meeting on July 16, 2018 recommended approval of the subject file.

Sincerely,

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Executive Secretary
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cc: Ald. Coggs

