

for the opportunity to testify. If members of the Committee have any questions after Mr. Bozarth's presentation, we shall be glad to answer them.

Mrs. ROWE. The Planning Commission's role here is to fit this new center into the fabric of the city. The statement by OAS has convinced the committee this is a needed facility. We do have proposed comprehensive plans for the committee which shows this area, and it anticipates rapid rail transit service to this site with the stations serving Connecticut Avenue and Van Ness Streets. It is estimated this service will begin in late 1974. This station would be the terminus of the presently improved system. Hopefully, there will be a regional system that will continue the subways farther out into Rockville.

Our proposed plan also suggests a so-called uptown center in this general area. That center is a rather dense development, residential and commercial and the proposed center is most appropriate and an important part of it.

We also anticipate the retention of the present low and moderate-residential densities around the site, particularly to the west, the Cleveland Park area.

It is a great pleasure to appear before you in support of this proposed legislation which we feel would meet the needs of many of the foreign governments represented here and the OAS, and we do so in a manner consistent with the future needs of the community as a whole, and for the benefit of the members of the committee, I will introduce Mr. Donald F. Bozarth, who will explain some of the planning problems and possible future development of this part of the city.

Before doing that, I might just say for the record that the site is only the southern portion of the existing Bureau of Standards which the total site is 69.7 acres. We are talking here about 34.2 acres, leaving 35.2 acres in Federal ownership.

Mr. GRAY. Leaving 35, Mrs. Rowe?

Mrs. ROWE. Yes.

Mr. GRAY. What will these 35 acres be used for?

Mrs. ROWE. Well, presently they are used by the Harry Diamond Laboratories, and part of it is open space.

Mr. GRAY. I was going to ask that question. I believe there is a park in this area, is there not? You do envision the overall plan of having enough open space to keep from having a sea of concrete?

Mrs. ROWE. We have the proposal to retain open space, 13.8 acres, leaving Federal office use of 18.7. This reflects the present open character on the Connecticut Avenue side of the site which does give it a parklike setting.

Mr. GRAY. You say 13 acres will remain in open space. That is fine.

Before Mr. Bozarth starts to the map I wanted to ask you this question, Mrs. Rowe. Do you feel that this is certainly compatible with your overall planning for the District of Columbia?

Mrs. ROWE. We do.

Mr. GRAY. You think this fits in very nicely?

Mrs. ROWE. This would fit in very well.

Mr. GRAY. It is not in conflict in any way with the planning commission's overall program for the District?

Mrs. ROWE. No.

Mr. GRAY. It compliments it?

Mrs. ROWE. Yes.