4 Bethesda Metro Center, Preliminary Plan No. 11981068B, Extension Request No. 2

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Description
Location: Intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and Old Georgetown Road
Zone: CR 8.0, C 8.0 R 7.5, H 210 and CR 8.0; C 8.0, R 7.5, H 290
Master Plan: 2017 Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan
Property size: 4.35 acres
Request to extend the Preliminary Plan Amendment from September 12, 2019 to October 24, 2019
Applicant: BOP Bethesda Metro Center LLC
Acceptance Date: February 1, 2018

Summary
Section 50.4.1.E of the Subdivision Regulations provides a 120-day limit for preliminary plan hearings. The Planning Board may, however, extend this period. The Application was granted a 30-day extension by the Planning Director, on May 21, 2019, extending the review period from August 15, 2019 to September 15, 2019. The Applicant requested, in an application dated August 6, 2019, that the review period for the Preliminary Plan Amendment be extended from the current date of September 12, 2019 to October 24, 2019. The extension will allow the Applicant more time to address agency comments and for agencies to complete their final review and issue letters. The Planning Board hearing on the application may take place before the end of the review period and will be publicly noticed in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance. This is the second extension request associated with the subject project.

Staff recommends APPROVAL of the extension request.