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McMillan Park Advocates Win Court Ordered Release of DC Government Documents



The McMillan Park Committee, a close ally of [Friends of McMillan Park](#), prevailed in its Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the District of Columbia, McMillan Park Committee v District of Columbia (DC Superior Court 2010). On August 5, 2013, the DC Superior Court issued an order requiring the District Government to release by September 6, 2013 a large volume of public documents held in secrecy including communications and arrangements with the Government's development consultants, Vision McMillan Partners (VMP).

In general, the Court found that the District Government could not withhold all relevant documents simply by claiming, without any merit, that the documents were "Confidential and Exempted". "This is a major step forward towards transparency. The District Government has unusual arrangements with VMP on the McMillan development project, and these documents will shed more light on those arrangements, which are essentially sole-source contracts", said [Tony Norman](#), Chairman of McMillan Park Committee.

McMillan Park Committee was represented by the [Georgetown University Law Center Institute for Public Representation](#) in the FOIA case. The court order will result in the release of several key public documents including the Government's term sheet and public-private partnership agreement with VMP.

Full text of the Court order: <http://bit.ly/17jhut2>

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