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Miller's proposed parking and mixed-use structures are shown here just outside centerfield.

The DCSEC announced Wednesday that Herbert S. Miller's planned mixed-use structures that would house parking for the new Nationals Stadium scheduled to open in 2008, had failed to reach an agreement on the financing terms by Wednesday's deadline. As reported, *With Miller's plan off the table, commission officials are uncertain about how they will provide the required 1,225 parking spots for the Washington Nationals in time for the stadium's scheduled opening in April 2008.*

"We are disappointed that Western hasn't accepted our fair and reasonable agreement for parking and development," said board member William N. Hall, head of the commission's baseball committee. "We are now considering all options to provide the parking and development for the baseball stadium, which is in the best interests of the city."

The dissolution of the Miller project could have far-reaching consequences on the entire baseball experience and the city's planned revival of the waterfront.

The Lerner Group, which owns the Nationals, has been concerned about the parking structure situation since purchasing the club in May. As Stan Kasten, the president of the Washington Nationals said in an [interview with Baseball Prospectus](#), *We don't have a specific opinion on whether one scheme is better than another or not. All we care about is what is doable in the time left, and for the budget. And the particular schemes we saw for underground parking, everyone acknowledges can't be done on time and on budget. We think our responsibility as*

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stewards of this baseball team is to make sure the stadium is built on time, on budget and in a first-class manner and we are absolutely determined to help the people in this city who have never been involved in this process avoid the mistakes that would derail them from achieving those goals.

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