

April 12, 2019

BZA Application No. 19990

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am highly opposed to the possibility of the two (2) new semi-detached principal dwelling units being built at: 919 47th St. N.E., Square 5151, Lot 105, in which Thomas Houston is pursuing. And I take it as an insult because individuals such as Thomas Houston only think of themselves and have no regard towards the ethics, to make sound decisions. Especially, in regards to the safety for others. As long as, the negative impact does not spill into his neighborhood where he and his love ones are living, Thomas Houston does not care, my daughter and I live alone. And the serious fact, we could be in harm's way, day or night. Nor does he care, the dwelling units will only be about 10 feet from my home! The dwelling units will draw a different crowd of people. And right now the neighborhood is quiet, clean and many of my neighbors are established seniors. I am an established resident who have worked in the federal government for nearly twenty years; therefore, I bring value to the neighborhood, also.

A few years ago, some individuals who tried to start trouble in the neighborhood, would stand on the side of the A & S Grocery Store that is directly across from the vacant, Lot 105. And they would stand outside of the store selling drugs and loitering. The owner of the store decided to invest in a fence with barbwire; since then, we have not had any problems. And the neighborhood is quiet and clean. Also, parking is already limited and the dwelling units would **produce** more parking problems. Which will make my teenage daughter and I have to park further from our house. Especially, since I am attending college full time at night; by the time I would get home it's rather late. And I am positive, the available parking near my home will be taken. And I will have to walk for 2 or 3 blocks from my house, which can be dangerous. Right now, my daughter and I have no problem parking near our home.

In my conclusion, I truly believe "you too" will realize, the semi-detached principal dwelling units in which Thomas Houston is pursuing is motivated by self-interest. In which, his project will only bring inconvenience and misery to our neighborhood. Therefore, thank you for taking the time to view my concerns.

Sincerely,

Sharon D. Tucker

PS - If you need to reach me, please call 202 997-5848 (cell) or 301 287-3791 (work).