

The Mount Pleasant Condominium

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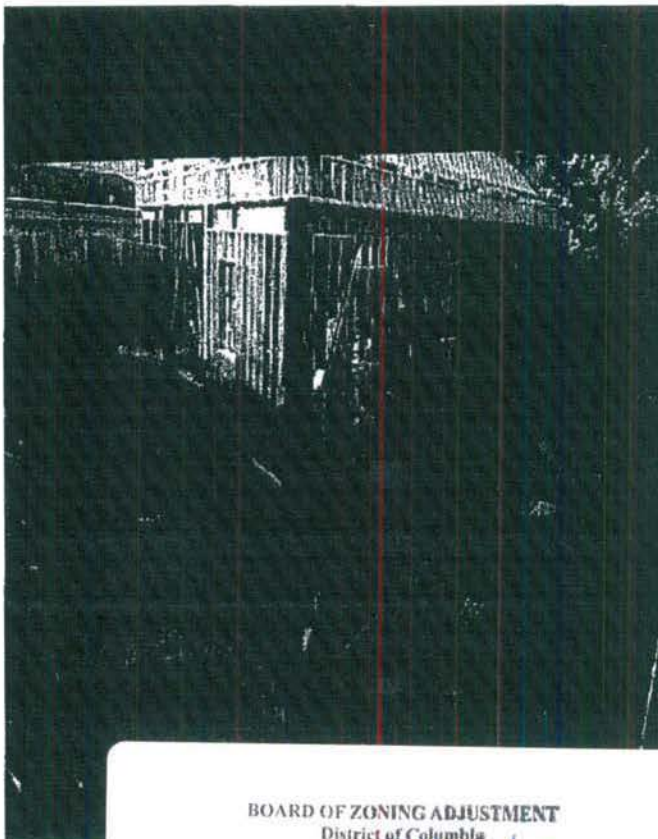
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ATTN: Meridith Moldenhauer, Chairperson
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Chairperson Moldenhauer,

My name is Sean Gannon and I am the President and Chairman of the Mount Pleasant Condominium Association. This letter is on behalf of the residents of our building. Let me first say that we support DCPL's variance and oppose the misguided opinions/actions of Gregg Edwards and Chris Otten, who in my opinion, have used their political positions to further their own selfish goals under the guise of protecting residents.

This is the view from my condo unit at 3155 Mount Pleasant St. NW. I and many other residents overlook the library and their ongoing construction. Our building is in full support of this addition and look forward to the new and upgraded services that the library will be able to offer as a result.

However, we were not always in support of DCPL's expansion of the Mount Pleasant Library. The originally proposed design was opposed by many neighborhood groups and residents, including ANC1D. After we made our opposition known, we worked with DCPL to come to a compromise on the design to something that, although not appeasing everyone, satisfied a majority of residents and neighborhood groups. The shell on



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the right is the result of these interactions and something that everyone in our building worked very hard towards and is very proud of.

Gregg Edwards and Chris Otten want to negate these good faith interactions with DCPL for their own selfish ends. They want to force the library under the guise of public safety. I am frankly appalled at their use of the Deauville Apartment fire in their arguments. It is shameful to use such an event that displaced hundreds of residents to further their self-serving goal of getting the library to do ONLY what THEY want. They should be ashamed of themselves. They do not represent the interests of our residents.

The ANC1D resolution (July 13, 2011) mentions International Fire Standards but they neglect to mention that the opinions and recommendations of the DC Fire Marshall. Previously, when the public was working DCPL on the revised library design, I had heard that the new design was acceptable since fire trucks are not in the habit of fighting fires from behind buildings and would just run hoses and other needed equipment into the necessary spaces where they were needed.

If DCPL's variance is not approved, their actions will amount to:

- Increased costs to rehabilitate the Historic Mount Pleasant Library
 - In this tough economic climate, do we really want to increase the cost of this project on the city and taxpayers because of two people's opinions?
- Potential halt to all construction
- Delay for needy residents and children to utilize the library's services
- Demolition of existing shell which would negatively affect surrounding residents with noise and debris

Thank you for taking our thoughts and this letter into consideration. Please vote to approve DCPL's variance so the construction can continue and the neighborhood can get the library that the public had a say in designing. Please do not submit to the fear mongering and selfish actions of two politically connected individuals. The public had a say in this design and it is time that we let DCPL complete the project without further delay.

Best,



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DATE: 7/18/2011

RE: Mount Pleasant Library Renovation

Please see attached letter. This letter is in relation to the zoning variance application for the Mount Pleasant Library and is meant for the BZA hearing on July 19, 2011 at 1:00PM at 441 4th Street NW in Room 220 South.

Thanks,
Sean

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