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Mr. Richards S. Nero, Jr.
Acting Director
Office of Zoning
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Government of the District of Columbia

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Dear Mr. Nero and Members of the Zoning Board

I am a resident of Ames Place, NE, as well as someone that was born in addition, raised in the District of Columbia and a property owner of 1433 Ames Place, NE for the past 14 years. I am writing in reference to a letter I received regarding the expansion of their residence according to 11 DCMR § 3104.1 of the special exception application of Steve and Elizabeth Allenbach. This includes the Allenbach's wanting to expand out and well as upward to their property.

My home is located North East of their home (one block behind) the Allenbach's home. I am using this written form of communication to address my concerns. I am on vacation and will be unable to attend the hearing on December 20, 2011.

As long as I have lived on this block, I am amazed that Ms. Allenbach along with former neighbors of Ames Place took it upon themselves to go around to homes that were making improvements, having stop work orders implemented. They approached these properties, being inquisitive about the work going on in the residence and successfully had the projects stopped for whatever reason for whatever the cause. Ms. Allenbach celebrated having those projects enhancements stopped.

I know that I am one tiny voice in regards to this zoning application, however, it is necessary that my concerns are noted in consideration regarding the approval of the Allenbach's application. I love my neighborhood. I enjoy the pleasantness and the overall aesthetics; I love how it looks when I am walking around visiting and communicating with my friends and neighbors.

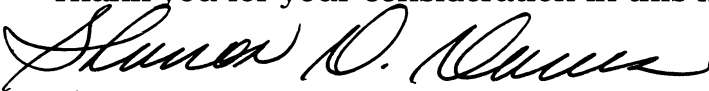
My response is due to concerns I have and the affects that this proposed construction will have to the following:

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- ❖ The expansion of a roof construction to 1414 A will truly affect the aesthetic and historical preservation of the neighborhood as stated earlier.
- ❖ This extended construction will cause a rodent infestation that already exists; in this neighborhood and will cause rodents nest to be disturbed which allows them to run rampant through the front and backs of homes on my block on Ames Place and as well the alley.
- ❖ The residual effects of the dust and chemicals draining in the alley and possibly causing residue to flow in sewers and get into the water systems and well as Anacostia River.
- ❖ I work from home the noise from this construction will have an affect my ability to concentrate on my work This will have an impact on me being able to perform work and complete assignments that have deadlines.
- ❖ The aesthetic appeal as well as the preservation of the Historical looks of Ames Place and A Street Blocks.
- ❖ Noise level along with the use of other equipment and machinery during this construction/building project will be a nuisance to many of the neighbors on Ames Place as well as A Street.

Please take into consideration each of these issues I have mentioned above in your in to decision making process. Your consideration in making a decision regarding this construction project is of utmost importance to the historical preservation of Lincoln Park Section of Capital Hill.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.


Sharon D. Davis