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Board of Zoning Adjustment
Office of Zoning
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RE: BZA case 18296: 3825 Morrison Street, NW

Dear Members of the Board:

It is our understanding that Deany and Dan Merlis have applied for a special exception to allow them to keep the garage and deck they constructed nearly two years ago under City permit. We met the Merlises through mutual friends and find them to be very friendly and community-oriented people. We want the Board to know that we think they have done a terrific job with the renovation of their home and with exterior landscaping. Their property is a fine example of the kind of renewal that is taking place in our neighborhood and we are very puzzled that any neighbors would object to the deck and garage they have built. There are many similar structures throughout our community and considerable diversity regarding design and aesthetic treatments. From the street, the garage and deck are not out of place or intrusive in the slightest. We understand that a couple of neighbors have concern about the Merlis driveway and want to eliminate a parking space there. That makes no sense to us at all. We need more off-street parking, not less.

We hope that you will approve the Merlis request for the special exception without conditions.

Sincerely,



Mark Adams



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