

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E



Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown and Hillandale

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September 3, 2014

Lloyd Jordan, Chairperson and Members of the Board
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street N.W., Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: 2709 N Street NW, Alexander Memorial Baptist Church, BZA Application No. 18780

Dear Chairperson Jordan and Members of the Board:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E, at a public meeting held on September 2, 2014, duly noticed, and at which eight commissioners of eight were present constituting a quorum, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

Regarding 2709 N Street NW, BZA Application No. 18780:

Whereas, the Citizens Association of Georgetown has agreed to support and not oppose this application based upon the applicant's agreement to file the historic preservation easement within 90 days and no more than 120 days of the issuance of BZA and Commission of Fine Arts orders, and

Whereas, the Foundation for the Preservation of Historic Georgetown has stated that its concerns with the proposed project have been addressed so long as the applicant adheres to the plan to leave Lot 805 perpetually vacant and combined into one lot with the Hall House lot, to restore the Hall House to single family use, and to adapt the use of the historic church structure into two or three residences; and

Whereas, a group comprised of the owners and residents of 25 homes in the area surrounding the Alexander Memorial Baptist Church support the approval of this application before the BZA based on the preservation of the open space on Lot 805, the proposed plan for the entire project and the Applicant's agreement with the Citizens Association of Georgetown;

Whereas, the Applicant has represented to the BZA in its Prehearing Statement that it will leave Lot 805 in its historically unimproved state, rather than construct a townhome

COMMISSIONERS:

Ed Solomon, District 1 Ron Lewis, District 2 Jeff Jones, District 3 Craig Cassey, Jr., District 4
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CASE NO. 18780
EXHIBIT NO. 38

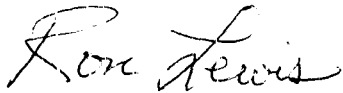
on that lot, and preserve it as an open, private garden, and that it has agreed to record a historic preservation easement on Lot 805 and Lot 804;

Therefore, ANC 2E has no objection to the request for a use variance to allow the conversion of the Alexander Memorial Baptist Church, a historic church, to no more than three residences, with the understanding that the considerable support from the community for this project and this application depends significantly upon the terms of the Settlement Agreement with the Citizens Association of Georgetown and the recordation of a historic preservation easement as agreed to by the Applicant.

ANC 2E Commissioners Solomon, Lewis, Jones, Cassey, Starrels, Birch, Steury and Quinn, or any one or more of them, are authorized to act for ANC 2E in this matter and any matters which may come before the Board relating thereto.

We trust that you will give this resolution its full weight. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Lewis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Ron Lewis
Chair, ANC 2E