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Sent: Sunday, June 01, 2014 5 43 PM
To: DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: Case #18785

Hello,

I'd like to submit my opposition to the zoning variance that has been applied for regarding case #18785. I have lived at 1120 Orren St NE since September 2009 and frequently walk, bike, or catch the bus at the proposed site for the 45-unit apartment building.

My main concern is where the cars that are not allotted parking spots in the new apartment building will end up parking. On Friday and Saturday nights, our corner already receives a higher amount of parking than the neighborhood can fit. At times, this has even resulted in our driveway being blocked by cars parked in the neighborhood temporarily while the owners are on H St or attend a nearby art show on the 1400 block of Florida. I have a hard time believing that those who are not allotted parking spots through the new complex itself will be without cars and can only assume that they would increase parking on our block permanently.

I also walk, bike, and catch the bus in this area often. I must say that the increased traffic that would come with even the 17 allotted parking spots is concerning. The multiple intersections of I St NE, Florida, Orren, and Trinidad are already quite congested and are somewhat perilous for pedestrians and bikers - although the new bike lanes on I St have helped when it comes to biking. There are often children and families also waiting for the buses either at Florida and Trinidad (the D8 and D4 lines), and on Florida (the X3 line). I hope that residents of this block can be assured that the new apartment complex has taken into consideration the increased traffic for these pedestrians.

In short, I hope that the zoning board does not approve the parking variance and that the developer will provide local residents with clear evidence that they have considered the impacts of the increased traffic, and how they have chosen to address these issues.

Thank you,
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