

Philip Anderson

From: ruthhargraves@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2014 1:25 PM
To: panderson@studiolaan.net; jmcrane17@gmail.com
Subject: 15 Brown's Court SE

DC Office of Planning
Historic Preservation Office
1100 4th Street SW
Suite E650
Washington, DC 20024
Attention: Frances McMillen

Dear Ms. McMillen:

I am writing to support proposed plans for the renovation of #15 Brown's Court SE. I have owned a house on Brown's Court for almost thirty years and my home is directly across the court from #15. Almost any change to the current state of the property would be an improvement but the renovation plans I have seen will be a big boost to the entire neighborhood.

A week ago another neighbor and I hosted a "meet and greet" event for Jessica Crane and Andy Anderson, the new owners, to which the entire court was invited. I would estimate that about ten to twelve houses on the court were represented that evening. The renovation plans were posted on the walls of #15 and Philip Anderson, Jessica and Andy's architect, walked everyone through the plans and answered questions. The response from all who attended was overwhelmingly positive. Particularly popular was the assurance that the renovation would include garage parking for #15 as parking on the court is already quite limited.

While I cannot speak for every owner on the court, I would be happy to provide the Historic Preservation Office with the names and addresses of the neighbors who attended the gathering so their responses could be solicited directly.

Again, I feel the proposed renovation plans will be of great benefit to all the residents of Brown's Court and I strongly support them.

Ruth Hargraves
11 Brown's Court SE
Washington, DC 20003

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From: Sara Zdeb
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2014 2:40 PM
To: Ivan Frishberg ANC
Cc: panderson@studiolaan.net; jmcrane17@gmail.com; ruthhargraves@aol.com
Subject: Re: URGENT!!! 15 Brown's Court SE

Hi Ivan,

Please count me among those who support the proposed renovation plans for 15 Browns Court. As Ruth mentioned, I'm particularly pleased that the renovation will include garage parking; more broadly, I'm a big fan of how the renovation has clearly been planned with the historic features of the building in mind and will, in many respects, result in a structure that looks more consistent with the original building than the current version does.

I'm unable to attend tonight's planning and zoning committee meeting, but appreciate your conveying my support.

Thanks,

Sara Zdeb
632 Browns Court SE
[REDACTED]

On Mon, Jun 30, 2014 at 2:24 PM, Ivan Frishberg ANC <ivanfrishberganc@gmail.com> wrote:
Thanks Ruth - and just to be clear, it is our planning and Zoning Committee that is meeting tonight and the ANC will formally consider next Tuesday at its full meeting. The recommendations will be then sent to the Historic Preservation Board which meets and considers the case at the end of July.

If you want to send me note over email with your thoughts on the case, that is extremely helpful. Or if you want to attend the committee meeting tonight, it is 7pm at St. Colletta's of Washington DC. 19th and Independence Ave SE, right across from the Armory.

Thanks,

Ivan

On Jun 30, 2014, at 2:05 PM, ruthhargraves@aol.com wrote:

Have just learned the Historic Preservation Office is holding a meeting tonight on proposed renovation to #15 and the new owners just heard about it today. Many of you who attended the party last week offered to write letters of support but we all thought we'd have more time to organize.

If you can, please just drop a note asap to our ANC rep Ivan Frishberg at ivanfrishberganc@gmail.com,

Easier, just hit reply to the cc address above. Your note doesn't have to be long. Just say you support the proposed renovation plans for #15 Brown's Court and give you name and address.

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From: Patricia Mink
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2014 7:16 PM
To: Ivan Frishberg ANC; Philip Anderson; ruthhargraves@aol.com
Subject: Re: 15 Browns Ct. SE, HPA #14-534

Ivan,

Just found the email regarding this evening's meeting on the renovation of #15. Wish we could have had more notice, and unfortunately, I will be out of town next week.

The new owners, Jesse and Andy, and their architect met with Ruth and I initially, then we organized a gathering of neighbors and owners last week. I think I can state that all are excited and in agreement of their plans. Speaking for myself and having gone through the renovation of 626 Independence Avenue (bordering 601-607 and #15 Browns Court) and the problems that arose during that project---their willingness to listen and take into consideration all the problems that arose was reassuring that we are going to have a smooth renovation. I support their plans and look forward to helping out in any way I can.

Thanks for your work, and again, so sorry that I cannot be in attendance this evening and next Tuesday. Patti Mink, #601

On Mon, Jun 30, 2014 at 1:31 PM, Ivan Frishberg ANC <ivanfrishberganc@gmail.com> wrote:
Hope you are doing well. I wanted to make sure you had a copy of these plans and check to see that the outreach had been done around the court. This is a late-breaking case but the architect told me that the owners had had a meeting with the neighbors around the court and that folks were supporting. I thought I would check in with you to see if that was your sense of things.

We are hearing the case in committee tonight and then a full decision next Tuesday.

Ivan

Begin forwarded message:

From: Philip Anderson <panderson@studiolaan.net>
Subject: Fwd: 15 Browns Ct. SE, HPA #14-534
Date: June 30, 2014 at 1:01:40 PM EDT
To: Ivan Frishberg ANC <ivanfrishberganc@gmail.com>

Ivan,

Per our conversation, below are links to download presentation materials.