

Fwd: 1700 Columbia Road NW Permit Application #B1309151

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Mr. Legrant, Mr. Moy, Mr. Benjamin, and Mr. Legaspi,

I have either spoken to you or written to you about the illegal construction underway at 1700 Columbia Road NW. It would seem that the developers are proceeding to build without the required building permit at this location.

This follows from when the owner/applicant razed the building without a raze permit, and started to build a tower crane without a tower crane permit. Now the applicant/owner is proceeding to construct a building without a posted Building Permit, and without DCRA approval.

I am writing on behalf of Adams Morgan for Reasonable Development, who represent residents of Adams Morgan who live and work nearby this project slated for 1700 Columbia Road NW.

We have checked the PIVS webpage at the DCRA website for information and we see that Building Permit #B1309151 has not yet been approved, as it is still under review by some DCRA disciplines. Mind you, the owner/applicant has started vertical construction at this point.

Further, as seen by the attached Order, the decision by the BZA to grant rooftop variances so that this project could proceed to construction have been summarily reversed by DC's highest court, the DC Court of Appeals.

I received a phone call from Mr. Moy, Secretary of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, on Tuesday, July 22 about this matter. He explained that he has not yet received word about the attached Court Order from the OAG, and thus is missing the administrative direction he needs to schedule upcoming hearings.

We understand that the additional hearings need to be scheduled to ameliorate the court-requested remand for the BZA to re-approve the rooftop variances correctly. Adams Morgan for Reasonable Development is a party to these BZA proceedings.

We are asking you, as key District agencies and central participants in this review and approval process, to quickly coordinate a Stop Work Order to be delivered to the developer and construction managers at 1700 Columbia Road, NW as soon as possible.

This Stop Work Order should remain in effect until such time that zoning variances are no longer under BZA and Court review, and subsequently a Building Permit is legally issued by DCRA following evaluation of all applicable ADA and other construction codes.

Please affirm receipt and inform.

Regards,
Chris Otten, Volunteer Coordinator
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