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Fw: decision in Ontario/AM4RD case

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Mr. Johnson,

Adams Morgan for Reasonable Development is a community group consisting of affected neighbors living around 1700 Columbia Road NW.

The owner/developers of the Ontario 17 are currently constructing the building at this location (1700 Columbia Road, NW) despite not having a building permit. These same owners razed the building despite not having a raze permit. And the same developers who were putting up a huge tower crane without a crane permit.

You are being asked to grant this permit, however, the zoning issues around the project remain quite up in the air as on June 5, 2014, the highest Court in DC, the DC Court of Appeals summarily reversed the Board of Zoning Adjustment's approval of the variances and exceptions for the project and hence there will be further administrative proceedings on this matter.

I write all of this to say that any granting of the permit is way premature as the structural designs may change significantly by the time the re-review at the BZA occurs.

This all seems besides the point for these developers as they have already started constructing their building despite this ruling and despite the law which says you need a construction permit to start building.

We would ask you not grant any permits until the administrative matters are addressed at the BZA, and that illegal construction specialists are sent to the site to stop current construction work.

Regards,
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--- On Mon, 6/9/14, Jeff Light <jeffrey.light@yahoo.com> wrote:

> From: Jeff Light <jeffrey.light@yahoo.com>
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> See attached reversal from Court of Appeals.
> Jeffrey Light