

Honorable Lloyd Jordan, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment of the District of Columbia
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Date of Hearing: March 17, 2015 - Case #18952, 7100 Blair Rd., NW
Request to convert single-family home in the R-1-B Zone into four apartments

My name is Carol Rende. I am strongly opposed to BZA application #18952, to convert a detached, single family home into four apartments.

The Takoma Park, Washington, D.C. neighborhood in which this property is located is comprised mainly of detached, single family homes and was built up seventy-five to hundred years ago. The zoning is mainly R-1-B.

For the past forty-four years I have lived at 7212 Blair Road, N.W., a single family detached home of which I am a co-owner. My home is just one block away from the subject house at 7100 Blair Road, N.W. During 1966 to 1971, the five years prior to my moving to my current home I lived at 502 Dahlia Street, N.W. which is right across the street from the house at 7100 Blair Road, N.W..

During some of that time period that property was occupied by a single family. My son and one of the children in that large family often played together. I was in my son's friend's home two or three times and can report I saw nothing that indicated the property was being used as anything other than a single family home. After they moved I think the property was vacant for a while. I also remember a young couple who rented the house but I don't think it was for very long.

This house at 7100 Blair Road N.W. was built as and should remain a single family house in the R-1-B zone. It is an attractive house and abuts a small city owned park. Blair Road N.W. is a busy road but so are a lot of other roads with houses close to the street and that is no reason to allow a fine house to be cut up into apartments.

I believe the BZA should deny application #18952.

Thank you very much for your time and attention.



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