

April 22, 2015

Mr. Anthony Hood, Chairman
DC Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001

RE: 18986

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Board:

The Friendly Neighbors Cooperative abuts 1000 Kenyon Street, NW. Our building is a direct neighbor, since the house sits at the corner of Kenyon Street and Sherman Avenue, NW, facing Kenyon and our building sits at the same corner, facing Sherman Avenue. We were not aware of the application by Gigi Matthews until the public notice of hearing was posted on the existing rear porch of the house. While it is true, as the ANC has stated, that the deck would cover an existing concrete pad, it is not true that it would not negatively impact anyone. The deck, once built, would sit directly underneath the window of the first floor resident in Unit 7 of our building. With the advent of warm weather and open windows, that proximity could ultimately prove less than comfortable.

The application asks the owner to notice everyone within 200 feet, and we see that the applicant provided notice to two homeowners in the 1000 block of Kenyon and no one else. This is similar to the tactic the homeowner employed to obtain a curb cut a few years ago—no notice was given and it resulted in the loss of two parking spaces in order to allow off-street parking for the owner. That change has had an unalterable impact on our block, and highlights the attitude taken about the rest of the homeowners in the immediate community.

Our building is 75% senior citizen, comprised of residents who have been in the building for many years. As our name implies, we take great pride in being friendly with our neighbors and working together to resolve community issues and take care of the neighborhood. We are dismayed to have been left out the decision making process, and concerned that we did not hear from our ANC about this potential issue.

We take exception with the proposed deck. We are opposed to this project.

Sincerely,



Dolores W. Tucker, President on behalf of
Friendly Neighbors Cooperative Association

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CASE NO.18986
EXHIBIT NO.26