

To:
Mr. Clifford Moy
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09/18/2015

Subject: BZA Case No.19040 6002 Clay St NE

Dear Mr. Moy,

A certified letter was sent on 05/26/15 to Mr. Mounir Ouarid, owner of record of the adjacent property. I visited the site on different occasions and met with Mr Budd' owner of the property on the right. I asked him if had any objection on the house we are proposing to build next to him and he responded no. We then had a nice conversation about the neighborhood and his 35 years of owning and living at that house. He asked that we cut the grass which was not high and this property is regularly maintained by our landscaper.

I attended ANC 7C monthly meeting on June 11th. Commissioners Holmes, Gaffney and Cosby were present. No one expressed an opposition to our variance request. Commissioner Holmes recommended that we reach out to the community contractors and laborers when we build in the neighborhood. I reiterated to him that this is a practice of ours and one contractor who was present asked me to reconsider him again even though his bids were much above his competitors for the same services.

Neighbors asked questions about the price and availability of the property and had a positive approach toward the presentation.

Commissioner Holmes promised then to send their decision prior to the hearing but later inform me that he still working on getting a fourth person to be able to call a vote while reassuring me not to worry. He then requested a postponement of the hearing which was granted.

On Thursday August 27th, I received a call in the afternoon from Commissioner Holmes to come and join their executive board meeting in the evening. I could not attend with a very short notice on a day that I was home sick. Mr holmes accepted my absence and reassured me that they will discuss this case and try to wrap up it up. No decision was made and I was again asked to attend the monthly meeting on Thursday September 10th. I attended the meeting, Again no decision was made.

Commissioner Holmes told me he will again ask BZA to move the hearing date for later. I have requested BZA to maintain the September 22nd date in order to move forward with this process.

Commissioner Dr Gaffney called me on Sunday September 13th to attend her meeting with her constituents the next day Monday the 14th and I attended. Ms Steffany, owner of the house on the left of our property had 2 concerns: the water flooding her yard from our lot and worries of possible cracks on her foundation when we start excavation. I told her that as per DDOE laws, building this house will resolve the sheet flow of water to her property and I can issue a letter of guaranteed repair of her foundation if we cause any new damage to it. She promised to discuss it with her husband and get back to me if they can support the project.

I have done everything I could for a long period of time to get their support and they are still undecided as Mr Holmes told me that Dr Gaffney had asked him to call for another executive board meeting to come up with a solution.

Respectfully,



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Attachments:

- a) Exhibit A: Letter sent to Mr. Mounir Ouarid
- b) Exhibit B (7 pages) : e-mail correspondences with commissioner Antuwan Holmes, 7C