

To Whom It May Concern

December 7, 2015

BZA Application No. 19141

This letter serves as my participation to oppose the applicant Janis Gross request for relief or special exception for the detached carport structure at the premise of 4608 Sargent Road NE (Square 3916, Lot 8).

I along with my daughter reside at 4610 Sargent Road NE. My property is semi attached to the property in question on the left side (from the rear).

I am in opposition of this structure remaining in place due to safety concerns for my daughter and I as well as it out-date the neighborhood. I usually arrive home late at night around 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. due to my work schedule and about 3 months after the structure was installed, I had my first scare. On this particular night as I arrived home from work and getting out of my car, I did not see a man standing at the front of her driveway between her vehicles. As I reached in the back seat for my lunch bag to my surprise he ran out. I screamed, jumped back in the car and closed the door. It is very dark in the area of the carport at that time of night and with no visibility of a human figure. As a result to bringing this to her attention, nothing was done. There was another situation last winter when Janis Gross' son hid at the front of the parking area behind the pole of the carport structure. It is very hard to see someone with the carport up. It is difficult to make out someone standing in the front area because she has tall trash cans and other object that someone can hid behind but can be seen if the carport was not there to conceal the open area. The carport cover makes it darker than usual. Also, Janis son is not such a good driver and has run into the down spout that is attached to the pole of the carport structure at the rear. Last winter the snow would drain the water into my driveway during the day and at sundown the water would turn to ice and make it very slippery. My daughter was coming in from school and fell on the ice patch. My daughter hurt her knees and both wrist from the fall. Janis son has hit my fence while trying to park the car in the driveway carport area. The carport made the parking area smaller and difficult to park in; even she has problems parking and has to maneuver back and forth many times just to park both vehicles in the area. I have called and emailed the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs about these issues for 2 years. I recently called the Mayor's Office and was assigned an individual to look into these problems. In the beginning DCRA was communicating but stopped for some reason I am not privy to. My parking area of my home is surrounded by a brick foundation structure the issues of the water from the drain spouts have caused corrosion to my parking foundation. It is detrimental to my safety, finances, and overall wellbeing that you make the right decision and remove this carport. For these reasons I beg you to have this

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carport remove it has cause me so much pain, time, stress, and money. Most importantly the issue of my safety and foundation are still my major concerns. Also carports are very antiquated and make the neighborhood look old-fashioned and outdated when young families are moving in and bring a refreshing change to this neighborhood.

Janis Gross has lived in Washington DC in the same property for 30+ years. Janis is not a stranger to the zoning regulations and the permit process in this city. Janis continues to defraud the government and do things just because she has gotten away with it for so long. When the carport was installed Janis was "a little more than a friend" to the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) ward5A at that time, Timothy Day, and she cannot say she didn't know how to go about the process. Janis has used her influences to get over regardless of who she hurt or impact along the way; with no remorse. The facts are this carport has been constructed without following proper zoning requirements. There is no excuse or any major conditions that this carport is a necessity to have. Therefore, with the headaches this carport continues to cause me I highly recommend you rule to have it removed.

Sincerely



Mary Larris – Homeowner 4610 Sargent Rd NE