

Kwasi Hemeng

From: brad1723swann@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 5:26 PM
To: Michael O'Hearn; Kwasi Hemeng
Subject: Fw: Fwd: Renovations at 1723 Swann

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From: Caroline Mindel <carolinejmindel@gmail.com>
To: Brad Edwards <brad1723swann@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2016 5:54 PM
Subject: Fwd: Renovations at 1723 Swann

1760 Swann St., NW
Washington, DC 20009
January 5, 2016

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Sincerely yours,

Caroline Mindel

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Washington, DC 20009

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District of Columbia
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From: **Caroline Mindel** <carolinejmindel@gmail.com>

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On Wed, Jan 6, 2016 at 11:15 AM, Brad <brad1723swann@yahoo.com> wrote:

You mean you aren't able to scan the signed letter and email that back to me? Then I can stop by to pick it up, around 6:30 tonight. Or you could stick it through our mailbox slot at 1723.

On Jan 6, 2016, at 10:53 AM, Caroline Mindel <carolinejmindel@gmail.com> wrote:

Do you want it mailed to 1728 Swann

On Wed, Jan 6, 2016 at 10:43 AM, <brad1723swann@yahoo.com> wrote:

Thanks a lot Caroline. Can you email it to me?

From: Caroline Mindel <carolinejmindel@gmail.com>

To: Brad Edwards <brad1723swann@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2016 8:41 AM

Subject: Re: Renovations at 1723 Swann

Brad, I printed out the letter, put my address on it and signed it. Do you want me to mail you the letter, email it or do you want to pick it up? Caroline

On Tue, Jan 5, 2016 at 5:39 PM, <brad1723swann@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Caroline,

Happy New Year!

I think we've talked about the major renovation of our house at 1723. New kitchen and bath in the basement apartment, new powder room and kitchen windows on the first floor, and a complete gutting of 3 bedrooms upstairs, converting them to a guest suite and new master and bath. We are using CASE Design and Build, the same firm and crew that rebuilt our porch a couple of years ago. The interior work should be finished by the end of this month, pretty much on schedule. We'll have to have you over for an open house in the spring after we've moved back in.

I'm writing you now to ask for your help with some exterior work. We want to build a small deck off the 2nd floor guest room in the rear. It would be 6 ft by 8ft, and extend out over the front of the car we park there. We already are built out over 60% of our lot, so we need a variance from zoning to proceed. A hearing has been set for tomorrow, 1/6.

A letter of support from you would help a lot at the hearing, and also at an ANC meeting next week. As we see it, the changes to the rear facade will improve the look of the house immensely, and help nudge all our property values a little bit higher.

I'm attaching the sketch of the plan we're taking into tomorrow's meeting. Please let us know if you have any concerns about the proposed work. I hope we have your support on this. I'm attaching a draft letter you can use if you want, but of course you're free to write your own or revise this one.

I just flew back from South Beach this morning, where it was a brisk 65 degrees and sunny. We are staying in a 2 BR residence at the Mondrian Hotel this year, through the end of February. Well, Alan and the dogs are staying there, I'm flitting back and forth on weekends. Just on Swann to pick up mail and check on the renovation work.

Brad