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**From:** Jackie Northam <JNortham@npr.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 19, 2017 12:37 PM  
**To:** DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)  
**Subject:** Zoning around proposed homeless shelter on Idaho Ave. NW

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the plans for the proposed homeless shelter on Idaho Ave. NW. I have no issue with building a homeless shelter in the area - if it'll help struggling mothers provide shelter for their children then I'm all for it.

What really concerns me is the way this is being handled - especially the zoning plans.

I am a resident of McLean Gardens and fully utilize all its wonderful amenities, including the Newark St Gardens, the tennis courts, and over the past couple of years, the dog park. Initially we were told (there was virtually no opportunity for comment) that it was going to be a smaller building that would blend in with the existing community.

This project has metastasized and the latest plan we're hearing is to carve into the gardens, the tennis court and the surrounding areas. We're told it's temporary, but given the way this has been handled so far, I don't believe that. Once these amenities are gone, they're gone.

Please do not allow this to happen - let the developers go back to the drawing board and find another way. Losing these amenities would take away the unique character of this neighborhood.

Thank you,  
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