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**Subject:** Fwd: Opposition to Special Exception request for 3608 S street / Case 19672

7) An additional concern is the presence of built in OUTDOOR SPEAKERS on the rear decks of renovated/reconstructed houses. In a dense neighborhood where after years of effort and negotiation with Georgetown University outdoor speaker use has markedly decreased in Burleith, this should truly be absolutely prohibited in future construction. To have these is to guarantee a bone of contention between buyers of these houses and current residents, and is creates significant interference with the enjoyment of ones rear garden. In fact, the sound often penetrates into the rear rooms of our homes. Speaker noise impacts the houses up and down both sides of the alley.

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On Monday, January 1, 2018, Alan Stone <[aws.md@verizon.net](mailto:aws.md@verizon.net)> wrote:

We write in opposition to the proposed exception for case 19672.

Basis for this is as follows:

- 1) Morning light - photos to illustrate - blocked out from our yard at 3614 "S" St by a similar structure at 3612 "S" St.
- 2) Elevated outdoor decks significantly impinge on privacy of adjoining gardens and back rooms.
- 3) Third floor additions significantly alter the appearance of the community as it was originally planned in the 1920's and are very controversial among neighborhood resident owners.
- 4) Pervious ground space is markedly reduced by these additions; e.g. a plan for 3608 "S" St reduces pervious Surface in the backyard to only 160 sq. Ft. A similar reduction at 3612 "S" St has resulted in run-off to our Rear garden at 3614 "S" St leaving it damp and muddy all summer. Ground water has little or no ground to go to in the rear.
- 5) There are concerns about the weight of these large three story additions on the common wall and structural Integrity of adjacent homes. These should be expressly addressed in builders proposals with analysis from a licensed structural engineer. No such information is addressed in the materials requesting the Exception. We would like to see them.
- 6) Finally, what is the purpose of a zoning code if it is easily circumvented or unenforced.

Sincerely,

Dr. and Mrs. Alan Stone

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