

May 25, 2006

The Honorable Carol J. Mitten  
Chairperson, DC Office of Zoning  
One Judiciary Square  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC

Re: 05-26

Dear Chairperson Mitten:

I am writing to express my concern about the condominium building proposed by Clark Construction for 2950 Tilden Street, NW. I am a condominium owner in the Tilden Court Building at 4007 Connecticut Avenue, which is located a half a block west of the proposed building.

Like many other homeowners in this neighborhood, I am not opposed to new construction. However, I am opposed to new construction which is disruptive to our community. The Clark Construction proposal would be disruptive to our community for several reasons, which include problems that would be caused with respect to parking, traffic, and overcrowding.

However, the one I find most disturbing is the proposed design of the building. It is completely out of keeping with the style of the neighborhood and would destroy the beauty of this neighborhood. Cleveland Park is a highly sought after neighborhood full of historic buildings from the early 1900s. Most have dark brick facades. The proposed condominium building, in contrast, would be bright white and very angular. While this style might be appropriate for Miami, it would not be appropriate for a historic neighborhood in Washington, DC, and would certainly detract from the overall appearance of the neighborhood, and consequently, the property values. It is no more appropriate for this neighborhood than a skyscraper. There is simply no reason Clark Construction cannot and should not be required to propose a building which is appropriate for this neighborhood.

The Office of Zoning has a responsibility to preserve the aesthetic value of this neighborhood and I therefore ask that it oppose the proposed construction at 2950 Tilden Street, N.W.

Sincerely,

  
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