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RE: Application Number 16798

I noticed in the Northwest Current the application to grant an exemption to DC rules and regulations concerning the house at **4325 47th Street, NW.**

I live in AU Park and I walked by that house to see it. I am opposed to giving an exemption because it will signal a trend to "McMansion" AU Park. Based on a talk with one of their neighbors, apparently the owners will build right to the property line thereby causing too much house and not enough open space on the property. The houses in AU Park should remain a certain size. If the owners need more room, they should move, not create a monster-sized house that is out of character with the other houses in the neighborhood. This is what many, many people do. Why should an exception be made by your office for this house?

The houses in the neighborhood are all about the same size; this one will probably be so large that it will make the other house look tiny. If you grant this exemption, an unwarranted trend will be set.

Suggest denying the application in order to keep the neighborhood livable.

An AU Park Resident

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