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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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June 13, 2003

Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

RE: 1247 35th Street, Peterson residence, Application No. 17036

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board:

At the June 3, 2003 regularly scheduled meeting of the ANC 2E which was duly noticed, the above-referenced item was on the agenda. All seven commissioners were present. The following motion was made and unanimously passed:

> ANC 2E supports the application of Meredith and Stephen Peterson who reside at 1247 35th Street requesting a special exception from the Board of Zoning Adjustment to allow a rear addition. We applaud the Petersons for working closely with their neighbors and acquiring letters of support from them.

Please make this letter part of the record for the July 8 hearing and give it the "great weight" that it deserves. We are also enclosing the letters of support from the Peterson's neighbors.

Sincerely,

Tom Birch

Tom Birch
Chair, ANC 2E

Enclosures

BZA
Case No. 17036
Exhibit No. 22

COMMISSIONERS:

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 17036
EXHIBIT NO. 22

1259 35th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007
November 10, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

As a 28-year resident of 1259 35th Street, I support the addition to 1247 35th Street proposed by the Petersons. In the time I have lived here, the houses on this block have been used mainly as short-term rental units. The small size of the houses (under 700 sq. feet) is generally not conducive to long-term residence. However, the small addition planned here would counteract this situation by making a viable second bedroom and storage possible. Moreover, an infill that adds a mere 30 sq. feet to the footprint of the building would have no adverse impacts on the surrounding area; rather, it would contribute to a more stable neighborhood.

This project is a win-win arrangement that I would urge you to approve.

Sincerely,

Karen T. Cruse

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NANCY MC KEON

October 27, 2002

To whom it may concern:

I am the owner, and resident, of the house at 3422 N Street NW in Georgetown. The western edge of my backyard is separated by only a narrow walking alley from the rear of 1247 35th Street NW. The owners of the 35th Street property, Stephen and Meredith Peterson, have shown me drawings of an infill addition they hope to make, and have requested comments.

I have no problem with the Petersons' proposed project. In fact, I believe it will enhance the surroundings.

The ten narrow brick dwellings that constitute the bulk of the 1200 block of 35th Street NW are quite old. In the sixteen years I have been on this block, the little houses have suffered greatly from deferred maintenance, mostly by absentee landlords who pump a constant stream of short-term rental tenants onto the block (leading to the annual discarded mattress in my backyard, but that's a different story, a different letter).

Because the 35th Street houses are extremely small, many prospective homeowners understandably reject them. Anything that can make these houses more livable in modern terms, without destroying the historical fabric, should, in my view, be encouraged. Improving the livability of the houses can only improve the stability of the immediate neighborhood. And attracting more committed homeowners like the Petersons can only enhance Georgetown as a whole.

Please allow the Petersons to improve their house.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy McKeon

Neighbor of 1247 35th Street NW

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