James and Karen Foreit
4140 Linnean Ave, N.W.
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November 8, 2004

Geoffrey H. Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Room 210
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Variance for Hillwood Museum, BZA No. 17229

Dear Mr. Griffis:

This will authorize Stephen N. Gell to represent us and bind us in proceedings on the subject matter before the Board of Zoning Adjustment and other District agencies.

James R. Foreit
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Karen G. Foreit
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TO: Board of Zoning Adjustment
Washington, DC

FROM: James R. and Karen Gail Foreit
4140 Linnean Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20008

DATE: 6 November 2004
Accra, Ghana

SUBJECT: Request for Party status, Hillwood Museum

By this communication, we request Party status in the future deliberations concerning changes to Hillwood Museum's operating conditions. We are unable to present in person because we are both temporarily outside the United States.

The location of our residence – directly across the street from Hillwood and between its two gates – makes us especially sensitive to traffic and street parking. Three seasons of the year, we spend our weekends gardening. Every bus, truck, and service vehicle entering Hillwood passes our front yard twice, once on the way in and again on the way out. Every visitor's car passes on the way out. When our windows are open, noise at the gates can be heard throughout the house, including in the bedrooms.

We built our house in 1994, in full knowledge and appreciation of Hillwood's presence. Over the years, Hillwood has been an excellent neighbor and we have tried to reciprocate. We regularly attend neighborhood liaison meetings and did not oppose Hillwood's application for a liquor license for the café. We especially treasure the neighborhood pass that grants us access to the gardens and greenhouse.

We support measures to strengthen Hillwood's institutional mission, *provided that* they minimize negative impacts to our quality of life. Our primary concerns are traffic, street parking, and noise at the gates. We therefore request Party status in future deliberations so that changes to Hillwood's operating conditions may be arrived at in the spirit of neighborhood cooperation and consensus.

Dear BZA Zoning Board,

My name is Ann Sheldon and my husband Christopher and I live at 4024 Linnean Avenue, NW 20008. We are unable to attend the meeting on Tuesday, November 9, 2004 as we are out of town.

We moved to Washington DC in July of 1998 and after much searching chose our home on Linnean Avenue because of the quiet neighborhood and beautiful setting. At that time, Hillwood Museum was closed for renovations. We checked out the Museum and the restrictions in place before buying our home.

As we live between Tilden Street and Hillwood Museum all museum traffic passes by our home. Obviously it has greatly increased since the Museum reopened. With the new proposal of 110 cars(including buses, taxis, etc.) twice per day that means traffic will increase even more. On a full day there is a possibility of 440 vehicles passing by our home going and coming. On the weekends is is very noticeable when Hillwood is open and/or having an event because of the increase in vehicular traffic and sometimes the queues of cars to get in the gates. Increasing dramatically the number of evening and Sunday events will also bring more traffic and possible parking problems.

As "Hillwood Neighbors" we recognize that the Hillwood Museum also has a mission of its' own. We hope to come to an agreement which will satisfy both sides.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Sheldon

Robert Axelrod

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Sent: Monday, November 08, 2004 10:36 PM
Subject: Re Hillwood and BZA meeting

11/8/04

Re: Meeting of November 9, 2004 and the Hillwood Museum Proposal

To: Board of Zoning Appeals

I live at 4101 Linnean Avenue N.W. which abuts the south entrance of the Hillwood Museum.

We have already experienced the difficulties resulting from the current functions at Hillwood and want to limit the problems that will ensue with their current proposal.

Presently on at least several Sundays, there have been queues of cars extending from the museum entrance across my driveway up Tilden Street preventing me from using my own driveway. The queues were 50 cars long.

Currently, extensive traffic exists from the Burke School, the Howard School of Law and the Levine School of Music. The proposal from the Hillwood Museum will increase traffic congestion enormously as the Museum is attempting to increase every aspect of their operations including evening activities, Sunday activities and benefit affairs 300 % --from the 26 currently allowed to a total of 80 functions

Forest Hills is a residential neighborhood and Hillwood in their current proposal has lost their perspective that they exist in a residential neighborhood. Their proposal would have a negative impact on the character and safety of our neighborhood..

Respectfully submitted.

Burton Schonfeld M.D.