

Friends of Wesley Heights/Rock Creek Park

between Foxhall and 49th Streets and Fulton and Dexter Streets. NW.

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Reference: Appeal # 17285
Hearing Date: March 1, 2005

Appellant alleges that the Zoning Administrator erred by issuing a Building Permit (No. B460927, dated April 23, 2004) allowing the construction of a masonry retaining wall serving a single-family detached dwelling. Appellant contends that the retaining wall violates the Zoning Regulations, including the side yard requirements (section 405), rear yard requirements (section 404), and structures in open space requirements (section 2503). The subject premise is located within the Tree and Slope/Wesley Heights/R-1-A District and is located at 4825 Dexter Terrace, N.W. (Square 1381, Lot 806).

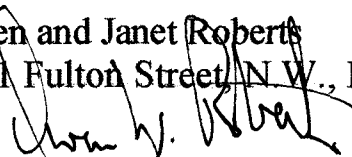
Statement

My wife and I are 35 year D.C. residents at 4701 Fulton Street, N.W. Our home faces a Wesley Heights Park ravine, off the lower section of which the defendent has built a large house, a huge embankment and a high wall. We walk the street and the Park area several times a week. I also have been for several years a Park approved exotic weed control volunteer for the ravine area.

We greatly value the Park. We enjoy its space, naturalness, the seasonal changes, and tranquility. Until the defendent built, there was a generally natural transition from Park space to backyard area to house on the Dexter Street/Terrace side of the Park ravine. Now there is a hulking eyesore.

The defendent's huge embankment and and high wall are a major esthetic intrusion of the Park space. They spoil that section of the Park. They violate all that zoning tries to protect for residents and Park users. The embankment and wall should be removed.

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