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Geoffrey H. Griffis
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: No.17349 -- Application of Michael Taylor for a special exception to allow a rear addition to an existing single-family detached dwelling under section 223, not meeting the lot occupancy, side yard, and nonconforming structure provisions requirements in the R-1-B District at premises 6919 6th Street, N.W. (Square 3191, Lots 19 and 811).

Dear Mr. Griffis:

We own and reside in the house located in Square 3191, Lot 0809, 516 Cedar Street, N.W. Our immediate neighborhood is one of large lots and homes that do not cover an excessive portion of the lots. The houses are sufficiently spaced to afford each a fair amount of privacy.

Mr. Taylor requests that you grant him a special exception to allow him to complete the addition that has so far been constructed in violation of municipal regulations. The original home at 6919 6th street was a small bungalow whose footprint covered a portion of the lot comparable to the other houses in the neighborhood. Mr. Taylor has begun construction on a rear addition that more than doubles the square footage of the house. His construction to date does not conform to the permits he has been granted or the documents on which those permits were based. The addition looms over the backyards of our neighbors, the Giancolas, the Haileys, the Mitchells and the Harrises, detrimentally affecting the light and air available to those properties in violation of municipal regulations. The addition is even visible from our own kitchen and backyard, in spite of the Giancola's lot, substantial vegetation and fencing between our home and the Mr. Taylor's lot. All of this violates regulations protecting the privacy of use and enjoyment of the neighboring properties Moreover, the large addition is visible from the street and sidewalk in several places, visually intruding on the character, scale and pattern of houses in the neighborhood.

In 2000 and 2001, we put a rear addition on our own house. In doing so, we were careful to comply with the regulations and historic preservation requirements and our builder constructed the addition in total compliance with the approved construction documents.

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We believe it is only fair that Mr. Taylor be required to play by the same rules as everyone else in D.C.

We strongly oppose Mr. Taylor's request for a special exception and ask the Board of Zoning Adjustment to deny the request and compel Mr. Taylor to conform his structure to applicable existing regulations.

Sincerely,

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