

October 15, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Loniese Lee attest that for at least 2-3 days the builder had workers with equipment to tear down the house located at 1233 Morse St, NE. I noticed also the builder did not secure the construction area so the neighborhood children would not be playing around and in the area. Every evening I came home from work another part of the building was gone until Friday, February 17, 2006. On that day upon returning home from work, I saw that the house was gone but the sitting room still remained. The sitting room, however, was not stable because it was leaning toward the hole where the house formerly sat. The builder left the sitting room leaning toward the hole over the holiday weekend. The very next day which was President's Day and Monday, the sitting room fell that night leaving live wires exposed, water pipes broken and the fire department along with all utility companies were on the scene. This knocked out electricity in some of the surrounding area including my house and street lights on my block.

This event was the subject of local TV news coverage. Cameras and news reporters were interviewing local residents, one of whom was my God sister, Camilla Parker.

I did make contact with Mr. Bill Crews on several occasions regarding this property prior to the roof's construction. Please find attached emails of our correspondences.



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Subj: **RE: R-4 infringement 1233 Morse St NE**  
Date: 3/8/2006 9:21:19 P.M. Eastern Standard Time  
From: [Bill.Crews@dc.gov](mailto:Bill.Crews@dc.gov)  
To: [Aroma1235@aol.com](mailto:Aroma1235@aol.com)

I'll have to check on the status of the action against them. The building permit folks are taking the lead on this.

In the R-4 district, only conversions of existing buildings are allowed. Since the existing building no longer exist, I'm not willing to approve it from a zoning standpoint.

I check and get back to you

Best regards,

Bill Crews

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**The Office of the Zoning Administrator is looking for additional zoning review technicians. If you or someone you know might be interested, please review the job description posting reference #3217 on the District Office of Personnel website [www.dcop.dc.gov](http://www.dcop.dc.gov) and contact the Zoning Administrator**

**From:** [Aroma1235@aol.com](mailto:Aroma1235@aol.com) [mailto:[Aroma1235@aol.com](mailto:Aroma1235@aol.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 08, 2006 7:14 AM  
**To:** [Bill.Crews@dc.gov](mailto:Bill.Crews@dc.gov)  
**Subject:** Re: R-4 infringement 1233 Morse St NE

Dear Bill Crews,

Thank you for your prompt response to my inquiry regarding the construction at 1235 Morse St., NE. I sincerely apologize for the delay in my e-mail to you as I have since undergone some computer problems now resolved.

Are there any new issues regarding a permit to build upon a vacant lot. They have constructed a cinder block foundation throughout the land and have built four unroofed stories in addition to an underground (basement) level.

Thank you kindly for your expertise.

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**From:** Crews, Bill (DCRA) <Bill.Crews@dc.gov>  
**To:** aroma1235@aol.com  
**Subject:** RE: construction at 1233 Morse St., NE  
**Date:** Mon, 30 Oct 2006 9:43 am

Sorry for the delay in responding, I did drive by there yesterday and am recommending that the building permit be revoked. I'll let you know how this is going.

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**From:** [aroma1235@aol.com](mailto:aroma1235@aol.com) [<mailto:aroma1235@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2006 7:06 AM  
**To:** [BILL.CREWS@dc.gov](mailto:BILL.CREWS@dc.gov)  
**Subject:** Fwd: construction at 1233 Morse St., NE

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**To:** [BILL.CREWS@aol.gov](mailto:BILL.CREWS@aol.gov); [BILL.CREWS@dc.gov](mailto:BILL.CREWS@dc.gov)  
**Sent:** Thu, 26 Oct 2006 7:36 AM  
**Subject:** Re: construction at 1233 Morse St., NE

Hello Mr. Crews,

I am writing to you because I am very disturbed at the knocking and banging going on at 1233 Morse St., Ne. The last time we communicated you told me if there is any movement or work being done at that construction site to make you aware of it. I noticed the first time yesterday that work was being done. This morning it is approximately 5 or more workers and 2 trucks with equipment. Has anything changed? Were permits given because I do not see any visible permits. Can you please send an inspector out to see what is going on? I look forward to hearing from you.

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**From:** aroma1235@aol.com

**To:** Bill.Crews@dc.gov

**Subject:** Re: construction at 1233 Morse St., NE

**Date:** Thu, 9 Nov 2006 6:45 am

Hello Mr. Crews,

I forgot to mention that the separate building in the back alongside the alley at 1233 Morse St., NE is made of what is now rain-soaked wood having been exposed to the elements since February. Windows are now placed on this structure. There is a safety issue at hand which I feel may adversely affect adjacent homes if allowed to manifest.

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