

Dear Board of Zoning Adjustment Members,

Please find part 1 of 2 files containing letters and pictures from Lee elementary children about what they would miss if the green space in front of Lee Montessori Public Charter School were gone, as proposed in BZA Case 19377: The Boundary Companies and The Missionary Society.

The kids are ages 8 and 9 and reside all over the city. The children's names have been redacted for their privacy, but you may direct any questions to their teacher, Ms. Allison Denny, per her contact details below.

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Dear D.C. Government,

Hi D.C. Government, I want to state my reasons on what I would miss if there were houses built in front of our school. I would really miss: Every living thing in that big and beautiful space. I would also miss the trees, the butterflies, the pond, and the rocks. Our green space is used to keep our children and staff safe if a fire breaks out.

In conclusion,

I do not think it is a good idea.

Sincerely,

MAY 7, 2018

Dear D.C. Government,

I do not think it would be a good idea to build in the green space in front of Lee Montessori because I would miss the trees that make the shady areas, and I would also miss the little pond. I would also miss the trench next to the pond because I sometimes play there. I will also miss the entire bottom area because my class does really nice lessons there. So please do not build those houses in front of Lee Montessori.

Sincerely, [redacted]

[redacted]

Dear D.C. Government,
I have a few reasons what I will miss if you cut down the trees:

1. The trees are beautiful in the spring and summer time.
2. My class and I love to study of the trees.
3. Sometimes we have P.E. on the green space.
4. We like the shade of the trees.
5. We use the green space for fire drills.
6. The kids love to play in the green space.
7. There is a path where staff and students can walk through.
8. The adults walk their dogs in the green space.
9. I love to be outside because I love the green space.

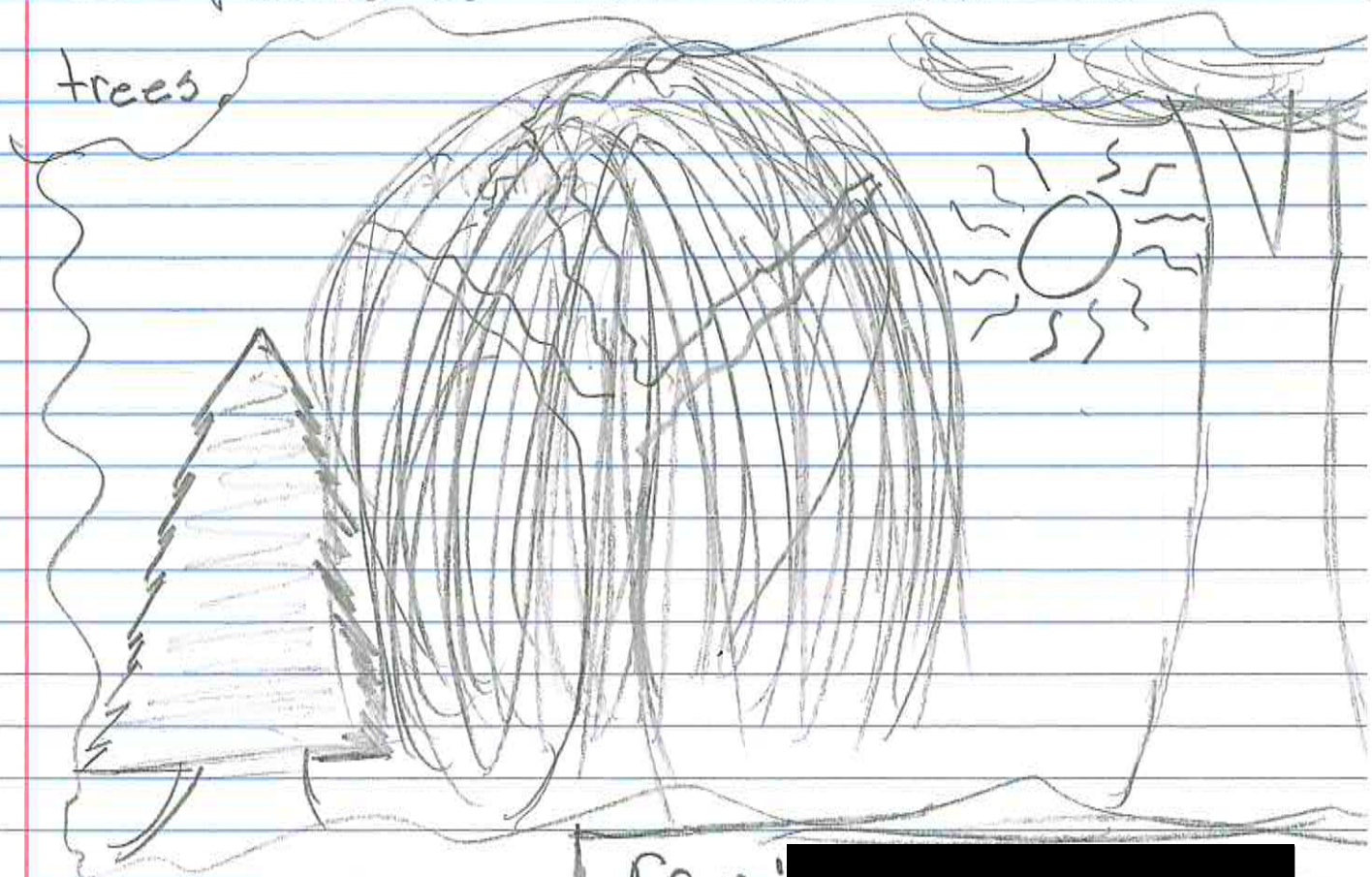
Sincerely,

P.S. This is not a joke.

Dear D.C. government,

If there were houses built in front of the school, a lot of people would miss climbing trees, and running around. Having picnics/ playing by the bushes, and hearing the sounds of animals while you read so please do not cut down the

trees.



From: [REDACTED]
Date: 9.

Dear D.C. Government,

I am writing to you about the construction that will be taken place in front of my school very soon. This construction will prevent us from gardening, climbing trees and having a place for us to stand for fire drills.

Firstly, gardening is a very very important activity for kids at this school and we learn about nature and how nature grows. Secondly, climbing trees is what most kids like to do and some of us kids like to sit under trees and read. Lastly, we won't have a place to stand for fire drills.

Finally, I would really appreciate it if my request is considered.

Sincerely,

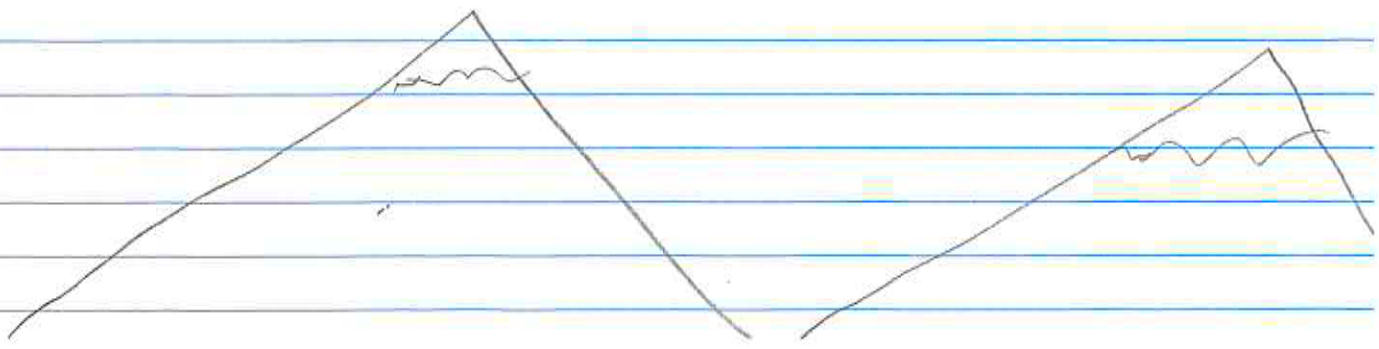
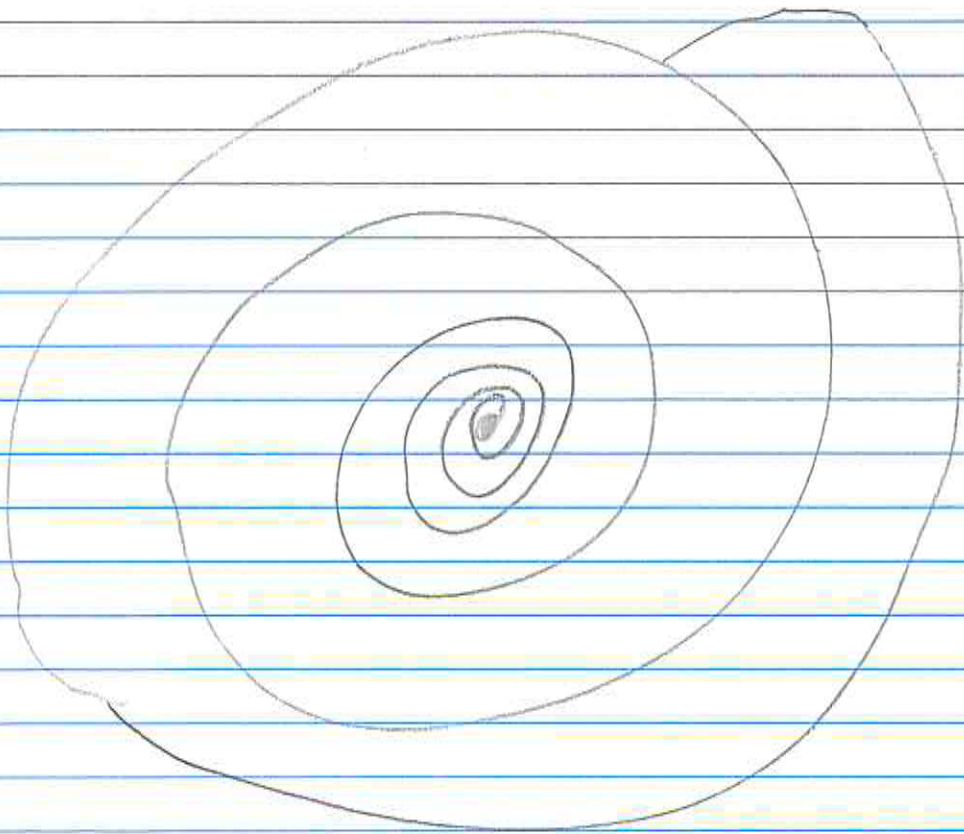


May 7th 2018

Dear R.T. Government,

If there were houses built in front of our school, I would really miss all of the good climbing trees and the pond along with the mangroves and the trench and the trees by the Lee sign and the grade pit.

Sincerely,



Dear Construction workers,
that space is Leemottisari's lawn,
If there were hoses in front
of our school I would really
miss the trees, (Don't you know
that trees are good for the air?)
↳ I would miss the point ↳
the willow tree, we would not
be able to do fire drills.
Can you please just make the
area for the apartment, we
care a-lot.

(With hope)

From [REDACTED]
a student
in Lee,
(age 8)

