

This is a quiet little neighborhood now surrounded by urban madness. The change over the past 20 years has been dramatic - some good, some bad. Through all of it, we have maintained a quiet little haven. The proposed four unit apartment building -- that overwhelms the space it is designed to occupy, whose architecture is completely incongruous with the surrounding buildings, that could house as many as 12 people -- possibly renters who don't care about the neighborhood and don't care about the property, with all of their cars in an already congested area made congested by zoning decisions, with industrial heating and cooling equipment on the roof to deafen the neighbors -- will significantly disrupt what we've worked so hard to build and maintain. When I moved in, in 1999, half of the houses on the block were abandoned and some were occupied by crack dealers. Tons of crime, tons of blight. Those of us who took a chance on the neighborhood call it our home. We are not greedy people, seeking to make a quick buck by flipping our properties. Most of us have lived here as long as I have, if not longer. There are alternatives for developing the lot that would add to the neighborhood rather than detract from it. What is proposed is simply not a design that blends in with what we are. What is proposed is a greedy, thoughtless, disruptive incursion into our little neighborhood by people who clearly won't have to endure what damage they will do. All for money. The DC zoning board should require these developers to put forward plans that add to, rather than destroy, the neighborhood environment. Single-family homes, or smaller apartments that will be lived in by the people who are constructing them are what is appropriate in this neighborhood. If the board is not willing to make them design something more appropriate for the space and this neighborhood, please require the developers to mitigate the negative impact of such an oversized and populated building on parking and noise and hygiene. They should not be allowed to put air conditioning units or heating units outside where the noise will interfere with everyone else's quiet enjoyment of their property. Glass used should keep noise inside the building. Garbage collection should be privately financed and done regularly - Garbage for 12 people placed in that alley will contribute to the rat problem. In sum, please hold these people accountable for minimizing disruption and negative impact. This neighborhood is our home, not a stranger's cash cow. Thank you for your consideration.

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