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Greetings,

I was scheduled to speak at today's zoning hearing (Case #20329).

I was contacted by Mr. Reid before the hearing started and given the dial-in information. Due to technical difficulties on your end I was not given the opportunity to enter my concerns into the public record. I am requesting that my concerns be heard and properly addressed. Below is the communication I received prior to the hearing that I was to voice my concerns.

We have Ms. Hammett on our testimony list for case 20329 – providing testimony by telephone should be not be a problem at all. My colleague Robert Reid, cc'd, will give Ms. Hammett a call tomorrow before the case is called to let her know the case is coming up next. She will be able to listen via telephone to the case, then during the public testimony portion of the hearing, the Administrator will “unmute” Ms. Hammett which will allow her to speak.

I did not submit the testimony prior to the hearing because I was going to present it in person. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions I opted for the audio call.

Below are my concerns and I request that they will be entered into the record and if possible be addressed:

My home is adjacent to the property bordering the proposed development to the south. I would like to submit the following:

I strongly object to the proposed variance which is requested to build two semi-attached, two story residents on the lot next door to my home. I have several concerns which I wish to articulate:

The proposed property to be developed is right next to my home and I am concerned about the potential damage to my home as a result of this construction. According to the information I have there will be minimal clearance between this building project and my home. I am very concerned about erosion and potential runoff during the construction.

- There are four extremely large trees on the subject property currently. I have grave concern that removal of these trees and the associated root system may irreparably damage my home.
- The proposed structure will be two stories tall, while all of the existing homes on this block are one story and this will change the aesthetics noticeably.
- The proposed structure will be two stories tall, giving the potential occupants a direct line of sight into my property. While this may not be a valid reason to refuse the variance, I do not relish the thought of having next door neighbors who have a direct line of sight into my home.

If this board decides to grant a variance, I would ask this board to:

- Require the builder to take all necessary measures to mitigate any potential damage to my home or property during construction.
- Require the builder to take all necessary and prudent measures with regard to drainage and runoff to mitigate any potential adverse effect to my home or property after construction.
- Consider requiring the builder to erect a privacy fence between our adjoining properties of no less than 8 feet in height, extending from the front of the proposed building, all the way to the property line adjoining the alley way at the rear of the building.

Thank you in advance for reviewing my concerns. I look forward to hearing from your office.

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