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Sara Benjamin Bardin  
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RE: BZA #20574 at 237 8th St SE

Dear Director Bardin,

Capitol Hill Restoration Society's Zoning Committee **opposes** BZA Case # **20574** at **237 8<sup>th</sup> St SE** (hearing on 12/08/21). The applicants are requesting an area variance from lot occupancy requirements to construct a new detached one-story accessory garage in the RF-1 zone. The applicants do not demonstrate sufficient evidence that they qualify for a variance. We note that an earlier extension to the main house appears to have reduced lot occupancy. The zoning committee would reconsider the case as a special exception (as opposed to area variance), if the applicants reduced lot coverage or installed a roll-up door/wall instead of a garage.

Respectfully,

*Elizabeth W. Hague*

Beth Hague, Chair  
Capitol Hill Restoration Society  
Zoning Committee