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Dear Chair Hill and members of the Zoning Board,

I live at 1011 Jackson St. NE, and I would like to tell you that I think the house at 1110 Hamlin St. NE should be able to become the headquarters for Washington Area Bicycle Association.

There is a precedent for houses in the neighborhood that are close to 12th NE having uses other than residential -- for instance, the former Baptist Church on my block, and the house that was converted to a church at 1219 Jackson St NE.

Because it is a bicycle-focused nonprofit, I do not expect it to create any street parking woes. (Moreover, as someone who lives on the same block as Brookland's Finest, which does bring many cars to my block, I still don't think that's a good reason to prevent commercial uses near residential uses).

Given WABA's support of the Metropolitan Branch trail, a trail my family uses with some regularity, I think it makes a lot of sense for WABA to move from Adams Morgan to Brookland.

Feel free to ask me any questions if you need to.

Sincerely yours,

Mara Lee