
submission in support of application no. 21371 of Alison & David DeSchryver

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Hi Omar and BZA colleagues - I am Alison and David's neighbor, residing at 1753 Hobart St NW, and I'm writing in support of their application no. 21371 for the rear deck extension at 1755 Hobart Street, NW. My wife Lesley is also included here.

Alison and David are good neighbors. They're friendly, they're communicative, they're thoughtful. (Their kids are great too, and have made us, our daughter and our dog feel welcome here.) Characteristically, they have shared information with us about the proposed renovation, including BZA submissions, the architectural drawings, photos, and the Applicant Statement. I understand that they are requesting a deck of 14 foot depth that would come in under the 70% lot occupancy. The requested deck sounds consistent with other rear decks on the street, including ours.

Mount Pleasant is a fantastic neighborhood and Hobart is a fantastic street. There are lots of reasons for that, but one of them, I believe, is that we support each other in living our lives the way we each see fit. A fundamental value that has unfortunately fallen out of favor in some other parts of D.C. right now. In that spirit, it's my hope that you will avoid creating any restrictions or hassle for Alison and David in what is, ultimately, a very normal thing they'd like to do in order to enjoy their home and our neighborhood as a family.

Best,
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