
File # 21429 Comments

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Good morning DC ZBA officials:

With a pending deadline for comments before the hearing, I would like to voice objection to the continuation of File # 41429 (3704 Brandywine Street NW).

First, although we live within the 200' zone from the proposed adjustment, we did not receive notification of this application and intended variance. Only by chance of seeing the notification posted on the door of the homeowner yesterday did I become aware of this application. That oversight alone should delay further consideration. I question whether all concerned parties, as outlined in statute, have been made aware.

Furthermore, I wholly object to the proposed project. Most my reasons for objecting are captured by the letter submitted by John Atwood & Tracey Filar Atwood. But I would like to add two additional concerns:

- The expansions of developed area within a given lot decreases the area available for percolation, adding to storm runoff and flooding. We have already witnessed this in the neighborhood near other allowed variances.
- If a motivation is to add affordable housing and additional units in this residential area, turning single family neighborhoods into multifamily lots is not the proper method. May I suggest instead, the two large apartment developments in our neighborhood that have remained unfinished should be acted upon to force completion.

Zoning exceptions that change the beauty and character of this neighborhood have already be taken. Do not compound the mistakes by approving more proposals that slowly erode the character and change the zoning through exceptions, rather than careful comprehensive planning.

Sincerely,
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