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Re: Case No. 02-19 (Text Amendment – Forest Hills Tree & Slope Overlay District)

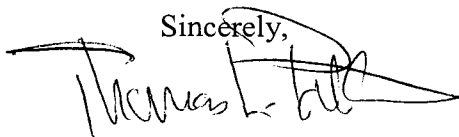
Dear Mr. Bastida:

I am writing to oppose the subject matter for the following reasons:

1. This seems unnecessary given that the current tree cover under the current rules is certainly abundant.
2. The change will not enhance the tree cover in Forest Hills in any significant manner. I doubt there are more than a very few (20 perhaps) empty lots to which it could apply. Thus, it seems like some “feel good” action aimed at restricting a very small number of people.
3. This action has the effect of punishing a few of the neighbors for maintaining their empty lots.

Finally, this proposed action has all the earmarks of an attack on one or two property owners in a roundabout fashion because their rights could not be limited directly. If true, this would be a misuse of government authority.

Sincerely,



Thomas L. Patten

cc: ANC 3F
Philip Kogan
Robert V. Maudlin
Douglas Mitchell
Todd Strauss
Karen Perry
David J. Bardin
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George Clark

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SUPPORT THE FOREST HILLS TREE AND SLOPE OVERLAY!

On June 27, the District of Columbia Zoning Commission will consider the Forest Hills Tree and Slope Overlay designed to protect the mature trees and spacious feeling of our neighborhood. On June 17, ANC 3F will vote whether to recommend passage of the Tree and Slope Overlay by the Zoning Commission.

If you support maintaining the tree cover in Forest Hills, controlled development, protecting Rock Creek, Soapstone Valley and Melvin Hazen Parks which border Forest Hills and add to the unique character of our area, **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**. It is important to tell the Zoning Commission and the ANC how you feel about this proposal, so they can accurately reflect the desires of the neighborhood in their votes.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- 1) Come to the ANC meeting on June 17
- 2) **Write a letter** to the Zoning Commission, with a copy to the ANC and the Forest Hills Citizens Association (FHCA has asked for the overlay) or to the Ad Hoc Tree and Slope Committee formed by the ANC. Remember to say you live within the overlay.
- 3) **Get your neighbors to do the same thing!**

THE PURPOSES OF THE OVERLAY DISTRICT ARE TO:

- (A) **PRESERVE THE NATURAL TOPOGRAPHY AND MATURE TREES TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT FEASIBLE IN FOREST HILLS NEIGHBORHOODS.**
- (B) **PREVENT SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON ADJACENT OPEN SPACE, PARKLAND, STREAM BEDS, OR OTHER ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE NATURAL AREAS; AND**
- (C) **LIMIT PERMITTED GROUND COVERAGE OF NEW AND EXPANDED BUILDINGS AND OTHER CONSTRUCTIONS, SO AS TO ENCOURAGE A GENERAL COMPATIBILITY BETWEEN THE SITING OF NEW BUILDINGS AND THE EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD.**

Please write a short 1-page letter, but write **BEFORE** the ANC takes up the matter on June 17. (Some ANC commissioners say that few in Forest Hills support the overlay --- prove them wrong!)

Send your letter as follows:

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QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TREE AND SLOPE OVERLAY CAN BE ANSWERED BY Barbara Simons, David Bardin or George Clark!

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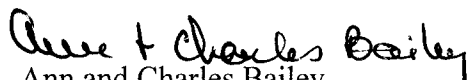
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Dear Mr. Bastida:

I am writing to urge you to support the proposed overlay for trees and slopes in Forest Hills. My husband and I have lived at 3001 Albemarle since 1959 and it is only recently that we have become concerned about the uncontrolled changes to the natural environment of this unusual and lovely section of Washington. Neighborhoods such as these mini- woods - so close to the Metro and the functioning of a major world government- are among the factors which make Washington not only unique but also such a desirable place to live. As more healthy mature trees are destroyed, the heat index along the sidewalks rises, erosion occurs as our slopes begin to deteriorate in rainstorms and the general character of the whole area changes.

We hope you will support the Forest Hills Tree and Slope Overlay for such action will help preserve this unusual oasis of greenery from thoughtless and unnecessary destruction all in the name of "progress". This is one instance where conservation may be considered truly progressive.

Yours truly,


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