

ZC Testimony Jan 15, 2015

Case 14-11 Pop Ups

Good evening Commissioners. My name is Judi Jones. I am an ANC for 4B07. I am testifying for my SMD, N4N.org, and Lamond CDC.

I read case 14-11 regarding pop ups for R-4 designation. I agree with designating special exceptions and/ or variances for pop ups. I wholly agree with vetting the process of the owner/contractor through the community. If we are to encourage getting to know our neighbors, turning a single family dwelling into a condo community next door is usual. There are entirely too many predator owner/contractor taking advantage of loop holes like matter of right renovations to single family dwellings. If the developer is changing the character of the community, the process needs to be vetted properly. I am in favor of ALL the new changes going through special exception for the first two years of operation, so situations like pop ups can be vetted out of the zoning regulations. This language and process should extend to R-5 zoning as well, especially where single family dwellings are prominent.

DC residents and communities deserve the opportunity to decide the character of their neighborhood. A 5-story building should not "pop up" next single family dwellings as a matter of right without the neighbors having a say.

Case 14-13

I did not receive this case information in a timely way and will submit comments before the due date.

Thank you for allowing me to testify before you this evening. I support the transparency of this Zoning Commission. I will continue to urge residents to input before it gets to their front door! I want to thank OP for clarifications at any time

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