

November 26, 2018

Board of Zoning

Re: BZA Zoning Modification Case # 12799A – 6201 3rd Street NW – The VIP Room

On behalf of the Manor Park Citizens Association Executive Board Members (MPCA E-Board), I would like to request that the proposed modification request, scheduled for a hearing on Wednesday, November 28, 2018, be postponed for a period of no less than 90 days to allow sufficient time for community input and dialogue on this request. The VIP Room is located directly within the boundaries of Manor Park and specifically advisory neighborhood commission (ANC) single member district (SMD) 4B06.

MPCA's E-Board is concerned that this application has been fast tracked from application to hearing without any community input from the residents directly affected, the neighborhood citizens association or the ANC. MPCA's E-Board was not notified of the filing of this application nor was the ANC, despite what was articulated in the application.

Specifically, the filing states that ANC4B Chair Scot Knickerbocker was in support of the requested modification, however his singular verbal approval of the application does not constitute consent of the ANC per DC law, nor the consent of the community which will be affected by this proposed modification to the existing BZA order.

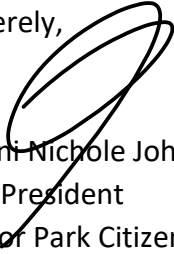
In addition, as we head into the holiday season, following this month's earlier election, there is going to be significant turnover in ANC4B. A vote this soon does not give Commissioners-elect sufficient time to obtain constituent feedback on this issue so they can make an informed decision regarding the efficacy of this request.

I have personally met with several members of the community who have and continue to support the VIP Room but have grave concerns regarding this modification request and would like sufficient time to add to the record so the Board of Zoning has all the information, from both sides, before adjudicating this matter.

A postponement will also give MPCA's E-Board and the ANC additional time to work out a good neighbor agreement which can be used as an additional tool to further ensure the concerns of the community are ameliorated preemptively.

Again, MPCA's E-Board requests that this hearing be postponed for at least 90 days to allow time for both MPCA and the newly elected advisory neighborhood commissioners to meet with their members/constituents regarding this modification request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tiffani Nichole Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "T".

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Manor Park Citizens Association Executive Board

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