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Board of Zoning Adjustment

VIA E-FILING

Opposition to Ms. Patton's Motion to Remove BZA Staff

Re: Enclosure of deck area on existing 3 story Family Dwelling
Location: 1226 North Carolina Ave NE
Square: 1012 Lot: 0122
Zone: RF-1
DCRA Building Permit: B1612441
DCRA ZA Case: FY-17-39-Z
BZA App. No. 19593

Dear Board of Zoning Adjustment,

Thank you for reviewing this opposition to the motion filed by Ms. Patton requesting this Board to Order removal of Ms. Brandice Elliot of the Office of Planning from this case and for other sanctions. Ms. Patton's motion has no basis in fact, law or precedent, and should be denied.

Ms. Elliott did not provide me with any "secret" knowledge or favoritism. I met Ms. Elliott after the hearing on December 13, 2017, in the lobby area in front of the elevators. I introduced myself and through the course of the brief conversation she reiterated what Chairperson Hill had said to me, which was that I had an issue that needed to be corrected. Ms. Elliott was polite and professional. Frankly, afterwards I was still uncertain what I needed to do.

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We were interrupted by Ms. Pitts who was so rude that I decided to leave. So, I left.

I went downstairs and saw Ms. Patton waiting in the lobby unsure where her attorney had gone. I told her that her attorney was back upstairs outside of the hearing room and she also went back up.

I am not aware of whatever private conversation they had after I left, but I do recall that I felt sorry for Ms. Elliott, who was left to deal with the verbally abusive Ms. Pitts. According to her motion, Ms. Pitts seems to have demanded some favoritism for her client from Ms. Elliott, and not receiving it has decided to attack Ms. Elliott's professionalism and integrity.

I have not spoken to or communicated to Ms. Elliott since that time, but I would be happy to do so as she is a lovely person.

After a follow-up call with Zoning, I understand that I need to file an amended statement for the special exception standard. I hope to get to that shortly after our shade study is finished and I have a chance to stop by the self help center.

I had prepared the affidavit of posting prior to the hearing, but hadn't filed it before the hearing, because I understood Ms. Patton was requesting a postponement, which I was not objecting to, and I wanted to include the new hearing date and amended information on the affidavit, which I did. I haven't talked to Ms. Elliott or anyone else

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about the affidavit of posting.

I do not have any magical powers of influence over the Office of Planning or its staff as ably demonstrated by my interactions with the Office of Planning so far. We initially filed this petition asking for a variance to enclose the entire deck. The Office of Planning pushed back on our initial proposal. They were at all times professional and courteous, but firm. The switch from a variance to a special exception has meant many thousands of dollars in additional costs. I have already paid over \$1,500 for new architectural plans. Moreover, the new plan will require the placement of a weight bearing support beam across the second floor back bedroom ceiling resulting in over \$5,000 in additional construction costs. This is approximately a ten percent increase in our entire project budget. These are very real, and not illusory, hardships, which are by no means insignificant to me, a self financing homeowner. Therefore, I have no magical powers of influence over the Office of Planning or its staff.

I note that Ms. Patton did not request a hearing on her motion. Neither do I. Moreover, I am opposed to a hearing on this motion and I ask that the Board rule on her motion without a hearing.

In summary, Ms. Patton's paranoid and hysterical motion has no basis in fact or law to support it and it should be denied.

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Sincerely,

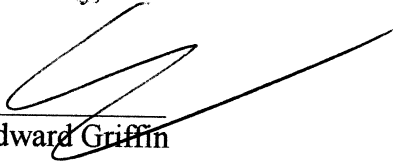


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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I served a copy this statement on Ms. Charlene Patton, through her attorney, Denise Pitts, Law Offices of Robert Weed, 300 Garrisonville Road, Suite 201, Stafford, VA 22554, via US Mail.

Sincerely,



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