

Frederick L Hill, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St NW, Ste 200S
Washington DC, 20001

October 11, 2017

RE: BZA Case 19629/Request for Zoning Relief for Carriage House at 1665 Harvard St NW
Request for delayed BZA hearing

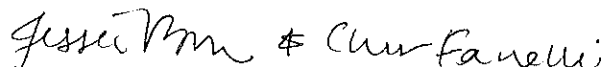
Dear Sir,

We are owners and residents at 1715 Harvard St NW, Washington DC, less than 200 feet from 1665 Harvard St. **We write in serious opposition to the applicant's plans in Case 19629, and to request a delay in the proposed November 8th hearing.**

Currently the BZA hearing is scheduled for November 8, 2017. **We request that the hearing be delayed for the following reasons:**

- (i) Under Rule 402.1(d), BZA must notify owners of affected properties within 200ft of the relevant property within 40 days of scheduled date. We (and other Mt Pleasant residents we have spoken to) have not received formal notification about this case as of **October 11, 2017**. If the proposed date is maintained, there will not be time to sufficiently prepare testimony for a case which will have significant impact on residents, especially those of us within just feet of the proposed carriage house (our house is located just a few row homes away). The proposed carriage house will impact our home, financial security, privacy and lifestyle in a very significant way.
- (ii) There has not been discussion of this matter at the ANCD1.
- (iii) To the best of our knowledge the HPRB has not reviewed this case, and that institution's perspective on the proposed construction is not currently known.
- (iv) The proposed carriage house will reduce safety along the public pass through to Harvard street, thereby affecting all of those needing to pass through. It will impact adversely those without cars or elderly who would need to walk a long way to get to bus, groceries, banks, Rock Creek Park post office etc. It would impact those of use who use it to take advantage of the access to the zoo and walk across to the red line. Individuals walking alone or after dark may feel less safe and would therefore be adversely impacted. Taking away the public access or making it less safe due to a restriction of sightlines is discriminatory in our opinion.

Very respectfully,



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CASE NO.19629
EXHIBIT NO.17