

1712 Hobart St., N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20009

October 11, 2017

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

**RE:**

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

**Dear Sir,**

I am owner of and resident at 1712 Hobart St NW, Washington DC, less than 200 feet from 1665 Harvard St. **I am writing in 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. **I request that the hearing be delayed for the following reasons:**

- 1) Under Rule 402.1(d), BZA must notify owners of affected properties within 200ft of the relevant property within 40 days of scheduled date. I (and other Mt Pleasant residents I 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, The proposed carriage house will impact the homes, financial security, privacy and lifestyle of neighbors in a very significant way.
- 2) There has not been discussion of this matter at the ANCD1.
- 3) To the best of my knowledge the HPRB has not reviewed this case, and that institution's perspective on the proposed construction is not currently known.
- 4) The proposed carriage house will reduce safety along the public pass through to Harvard Street, thereby affecting all of those needing to pass through. The proposed structure is entirely out of character with the properties bordering the Harvard/Hobart alley. There are no housing structures bordering the alley and, if approved, will create a dangerous precedent for the conversion of parking pads to homesites, thereby increasing the density of the area, reducing safety and adversely affecting the light and sightlines of the area.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeffrey S. Gutman

Submitted on 10/11/2017 by:  
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