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Date: Sep 26, 2017 8:04 AM  
Subject: Re: Harvard Street Lots  
To: "Tim Lawrence" <[timlawrence11@gmail.com](mailto:timlawrence11@gmail.com)>  
Cc:

Tim

You have our full support for the carriage house. I hope you have time to deposit the \$200 check I sent some weeks back and thanks again for repairing the stairs. We and several others are doing the same on the staircase in front of the Gordon's  
Robert Martin

On Sep 25, 2017, at 5:39 PM, Tim Lawrence <[timlawrence11@gmail.com](mailto:timlawrence11@gmail.com)> wrote:

This email is intended for property owners within 200 feet of the alley lot at 1701 and 1665 Harvard Street. If you receive this email and are not a property owner in this immediate area, please disregard.

First, my apologies for the informal emailing, however I have only one month in town before heading back overseas to Africa so wanted to make best use of this opportunity. I received most of your emails from the recent efforts to repair the staircase on Harvard street accessing the properties between 1665 and 1635 Harvard. Tony Cook did a great job of organizing that and my wife Charlotte and I agreed to support that - and thank you to the several of you who have also since participated.

I am reaching out to you for two issues related to the alley lot adjacent to our property at 1665 Harvard:

(1) to seek property owners support to build a carriage house on the alley lot at the corner of 1701/1665 Harvard. This is the empty parking area immediately adjacent to the walkway down to the bus stop on Harvard street.

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(2) Thoughts, opinion on whether property owners would agree with closing off the walkway - the narrow staircase between 1665 and 1701 Harvard?

(1) Charlotte and I would like to build a structure on the lot. The lot is approx 25' by 20' for a total of 557 sq feet. With variances granted, this would allow for a Carriage house type structure. We are in communications with the immediate neighbors and intend to do this project in constant consultation and consideration for neighbors' concerns. For those who care to review the plans and would have input, please let me know. I am happy to meet in person in the evenings as well. I expect to return to Africa to join Charlotte and the kids at the end of October.

(2) Since we purchased our property in 2006, many neighbors have asked about the possibility of closing off the alley walkway. I believe that the city would certainly get a vote on that as well as some would be impacted by the lack of a cut-through to access the bus stop. That said, I believe many others would appreciate the closure that would diminish criminality and what is objectively not a very safe space after dark. (Note: one of the benefits of a new structure on the corner is that motion lights will be part of the planned structure).

I encourage feedback of any type. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or Charlotte. I will be in the neighborhood for the next several weeks 1-2 evenings mid week and look forward to meeting and discussing with anyone who is available. My mobile # is [202-297-1678](tel:202-297-1678).

If you are accepting of a structure on the alley lot, please let me/us know as well.

Respectfully,

Tim Lawrence

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