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Re: Letter in Support of Ward 3 Ladybird Proposal

To the Chairperson and Members of the Zoning Commission:

I am writing in support of the Ladybird development proposal in Ward 3. My family lives within short walking distance of the proposed development and have been anxiously awaiting improvements to the long-shuttered site for many years.

The proposal is one that seems to be of reasonable scale for its location, with an attractive façade that will not detract from the neighborhood. Furthermore, the proposal brings much needed amenities to the neighborhood: namely, affordable housing and a walkable grocery store.

Currently, there are few options for young people to establish themselves in this neighborhood. The neighborhood is very attractive to young families (and those who are just thinking of starting families). The housing stock, however, is limited and often outside the means of many who wish to call AU Park their home.

Worse still, in my opinion, is the situation where a retired, and often widowed, parent wishes to move to the neighborhood to be near their children and grandchildren. There is little that is available to them since most of the homes in the neighborhood are detached, single-family units. This causes avoidable hardship to many families.

When my family moved to the neighborhood in 2008, it was incredibly convenient to have a grocery store within walking distance of our home. Since the Super Fresh store was shuttered, its parking lot has often been used as a hangout. I fear it is only a matter of time before some preventable crime or injury will occur there.

In summation, I hope the Zoning Commission will approve the Ladybird proposal. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Oren Goldberg