



District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
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September 11, 2015

Mr. Clifford Moy  
Secretary of the Board of Zoning Adjustment  
Board of Zoning Adjustment  
441 4<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Suite 210  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 19104 (1617 Gales Street, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on September 10, 2015,<sup>1</sup> our Commission voted 7-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the Applicant's request for a special exception pursuant to § 223 for a property not meeting the lot occupancy requirement (§ 403.2), the rear yard requirement (§ 404.1), and for an addition to a nonconforming structure (§ 2001.3), in connection with the above-referenced application. The applicant seeks the foregoing relief to permit the construction of spiral staircase at the rear of an existing rowhouse structure.

The Commission supports granting the requested special exception because the proposed addition will not unduly affect the light and air available to neighboring properties nor unduly compromise their privacy of use and enjoyment. The Commission understands that one adjoining property owner has no objection to the construction of the staircase and that the Applicant, after exercising best efforts, was unable to contact the other adjoining property owner.

Please be advised that Andrew Hysell and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at [philanc6a@gmail.com](mailto:philanc6a@gmail.com) and Mr. Hysell can be contacted at [hysell6a06@gmail.com](mailto:hysell6a06@gmail.com).

On Behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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