



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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April 19, 2004

Peter Jones
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Re: Concerns about 1125 G Street, NE

Dear Mr. Jones,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on April 8, 2004, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A voted to send this letter of concern regarding the construction site at 1125 G Street, NE. We request your assistance in focusing the attention of the appropriate DC agencies in resolving the concerns related to this address.

As you are aware, a group of residents attended the March 30, 2004 ANC 6A Economic Development and Zoning Committee meeting to present a list of issues in need of resolution. Residents provided photographs and showed a videotape of a Channel 7 news report from February 3, 2003. Concerns expressed at the meeting included the following items:

1. Whether required construction inspections have occurred or have been inadequate. There were particular concerns about inspections for the foundation, firewall, framing, and overall structural integrity.
2. Whether a licensed general contractor is supervising the work.
3. Status of property registration in the Real Property Assessment Database and tax treatment by the Office of Tax and Revenue. (There is no property with the address 1125 G St, NE in the database, although a property at lot 0983 and square 0056 is shown as owned by Lisa M. Godette. This property is classified as use code 91: "True-Vacant.")
4. Vehicles working on the site (large trucks and bulldozers) access the site from the new brick sidewalk causing damage to the sidewalk.
5. Fences around the property are often not properly secured, allowing unauthorized access and theft from the site.
6. Adjoining properties have been damaged or threatened with damage by cave-ins and sinkholes on the site. There are concerns about the safety of the foundation. Also, there are concerns that pedestrians may fall into the pit immediately behind the front sidewalk.
7. Contractors working on the site have contacted neighbors attempting to locate the owners of 1125 G Street, NE. Residents speculate that this may indicate that cash payments to contractors are occurring without proper tax reporting.
8. The alley between 11th & 12th and F & G Streets is sometimes blocked by work vehicles and materials.
9. Work vehicles damaged the fence at 636 12th Street, NE.
10. The alley and street have been damaged by construction activities. The temporary patches are not adequate.
11. Phone and cable lines have been knocked down, and repairs have left some lines with excess slack.
12. The residents expressed concern about whether the plans conform to zoning regulations for lot coverage and height, and whether the plans had been followed.



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13. Vermin such as rats, as well as mold and mildew from water damage that should be addressed before additional construction.
14. Mud and dirt in runoff from the site during rainy weather.
15. Whether proper public space approvals have been obtained, and whether fees have been improperly waived.
16. Destruction of a street tree by construction activities.
17. Possible illegal activities (drug drop-off in bamboo?) in the alley behind the property.

At your suggestion, we look forward to a point-by-point update on your progress at the April 30, 2004 meeting of the ANC 6A Economic Development and Zoning Committee.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Joseph Fengler'.

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Sharon Ambrose, Ward 6 Councilmember
David Clark, Director, DCRA