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**Subject:** RE: Illegal construction, inspection concerns

Dear Mr. Majett,

I heard one time from an investigator last week on Friday and returned her call, but I have yet to hear back from here. I consider the concerns expressed rather significant and would appreciate your assistance in pushing this forward.

Sincerely,

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Walk around the neighborhood with us on the 3rd Sunday of the month @ 2 pm (meet at Eliot JHS) and come by our Round Table on the 1st Thursday of the Month @ 7 pm, Mt Moriah Baptist Church.

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**Sent:** Thu 7/5/2007 5:13 PM

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Dear Mr. Majett,

First, thank you again for all of your help. I need to ask you for some additional assistance on the following items and express concerns about an inspector.

**1637 E St NE: Group Home**

I spoke with Mr. Gray last week about **1637 E St NE**. He mentioned an inspection was supposed to have occurred on the property on Tuesday, July 3, 2007. The owner had at least 4 days to change the appearance of the property between the date in which he was notified the inspection was occurring and the next. **Please let me know the result of this inspection.** Also, Mr. Gray asked which MPD officer had noted the existence of a **group home** at this address, it was Officer Jeffrey Scharf of PSA 103. He has been CCed on this email.

**Mrs. Evelyn Rice**

of DPR is also CCed on this email as it is my understanding that Rosedale Recreation Center is providing a place for programming for the individuals in this group home - if further proof is needed. I would hope that DPR would not provide facilities for use by a group home that is not licensed.

**Illegal Construction**

I also spoke with Mr. Gray about illegal construction at the following addresses. Construction which has been reported on several occasions.

Construction without posted permits at the following

209 19th St NE (6/15/07)

213 19th St NE (6/15/07, 6/23/07)

217 19th St NE (6/15/07)

Construction without posted permits on Saturday 6/16/07 & Sunday 6/17/07

323 18th St NE -- Called 311 on Saturday 6/16/07 between 2:45-3:30 pm; spoke with neighbor who was awoken by construction noise Sunday morning 6/17/07 - a new porch has been erected as shown on <http://www.communitywalk.com/washington/dc/anc6a08/map/133783> (look at the address)

Construction without permits and possible business license change on July 5, 2007 @ 407 18th St NE.

### **Concern about DCRA Inspector Phillip Thomas**

The following concerns are based on a series of events. I have grave concerns about the validity of Mr. Thomas's inspections. My concern has been echoed by other residents. I have outlined what has occurred/has not occurred with these inspections below and would like to discuss these with you in more detail:

- Investigation of illegal construction at **423 18th St NE** in 2005/2006 (which had police reports behind it) consisted of Mr. Thomas asking Briley Builders, Inc if they were working on Sundays. This is in the report. Mr. Thomas did not check calls for service, he did not check with MPD. MPD, Ofc Donald Phillips had been at the site at around 10 pm with 6 officers to check on a situation in the constructed part of the building and reported there was after-hours construction. Home owners in the immediate vicinity will attest to this.
- Mr. Thomas reported the same for **407 18th St NE** in Fall 2006. He reported to Mr. Juan Scott that there was not illegal construction and that permits were posted. However, when Mr. Scott visited the site in person, he noted that there were no permits posted.
- With regards to the properties listed above (with the most recent exception of 407 18th St NE), Mr. Thomas again reported that the building permits were posted. However, these permits must be posted in the front of the building and to this day, no permits have been posted in the front of any of these buildings, contrary to code.
- Please check to see who the building code inspector was for **423 18th St NE**. Whoever it was overlooked Fire Code violations, per a fire code inspector from FEMS, and overlooked some rather obvious construction issues (e.g., stairs do not meet building code - no measurements were taken).

These are only a few of the instances. Secondary to the builders receiving my name over 1 year ago with regards to reports for illegal construction, I also have reason to believe that a DCRA inspector was revealing my information (along with that of any other citizen that happened to report the builder) to the builder when he/she visited the construction site. At that point I was not a commissioner and there was no need to release this information. In addition, it put me in danger of being harmed.

I would appreciate you investigating each of these issues and ensuring that stop work orders are filed appropriately as well as Certificates of Occupancy.

Thank you for your assistance,

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