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Mr. Matthew Marcou
Associate Director for Public Space Regulation
District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE, Suite 400
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Re: Public Space Application #324283 - Rosedale Development LLC request to extend 8 driveways through public space to allow access to the alley lots (SSL#4546, lots 179-186)

Dear Associate Director Marcou and Public Space Committee Members:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on May 9, 2019, our Commission voted 5-0-1 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to state that we oppose the above-referenced public space application to allow driveways through public space to service 8 new alley dwellings inside the block bounded by 17th, 18th, D and E Streets NE.

ANC 6A believes that a more suitable parking solution can be found. The units could be re-oriented to face the interior of the block, as is customary with alley dwellings, and to allow parking access from the private alley to the existing parking behind the 17Solar Condos. These were built on the 400 block of 17th St. NE by the same developer who maintains ownership of several parking spaces on the property. The owners of the new alley dwellings could then petition to landscape the public space facing the public alley in much the same way owners facing the street landscape the “public parking” in front of their homes. They could also have “curbside” parking. This would preserve public space as a public amenity and enhance the interior of the block for the benefit of the entire community.

If the applicant reapplies, the ANC will invite stakeholders - including Habitat for Humanity, which recently purchased the facing parcel - and the developer to further discuss their concerns and suggestions for enhancing the project to the advantage of all.

Thank you for giving consideration to our ANC’s feedback on this public space issue. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at amberanc6a@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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