

## Diatta, YaYa (CI-StPaul)

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**From:** Jeremy Swider <jdswider@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 01, 2013 12:11 AM  
**To:** Diatta, YaYa (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** 2272 Benson Ave 3 off-street parking variance

Dear Mr. Diatta,

Thank you for hearing the appeal of Stephen Prokop of 2275 Benson Avenue, Saint Paul, MN, 55116-3104, regarding the request of a variance to allow 3 off-street parking spaces in his front yard. I was sent a public hearing notice that this case, file # 13-173361, will be reviewed tomorrow at 5:30pm. While I am not able to attend the hearing, as one of Mr. Prokop's neighbors, I do wish to express my opinion in the matter.

First, I'd like to point out that I do not know Mr. Prokop well personally - I have only spoken to him on a couple of occasions. I am pointing this out to make a point that I do not have a strong bias for or against his case for personal reasons.

It is my strong opinion that the BZA's denial of two of the three parking spaces requested should be reversed. Mr. Prokop having three vehicles on his property would not create any serious problem for the neighborhood, either aesthetically or functionally. In contrast, *denying* Mr. Prokop the opportunity to have 3 vehicles parked in his yard could create a serious problem in the neighborhood. Benson Avenue is scheduled to be torn up and reconstructed sometime this spring, as is Springfield nearby. There will likely be a serious shortage of on-street parking in this neighborhood during street reconstruction. Having two additional vehicles that are trying to find on-street parking spots could make this issue even more problematic. I hope that you will reconsider the BZA's decision and allow Mr. Prokop to park 2 additional vehicles on his property if he wishes to do so. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Swider

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