

October 6, 2019

Department of Safety and Inspections
Yaya Diatta
Matthew Graybar
375 Jackson Street
Saint Paul, MN 55101

RE: Objection to proposal to construct detached three car garage
File #: 19-081671

Dear Mr. Diatta and Mr. Graybar,

We are requesting that the Board of Zoning Appeals enforce the current standards for accessory structures in regards to the homeowners request outlined in File# 19-081671 for a variance from statute for the construction of a detached three car garage at 1780 Goodrich Avenue, St. Paul. Our home is the closest residence to the proposed two story, three car garage. We would estimate that our sliding glass door would be about 75 feet away from this project, closer than their home. While we understand and support a need for a garage, we think the current building restrictions in place make sense.

Our concern is the size of the project, and that the space will be used for purposes other than car storage. The home owner has communicated that he is a multimedia artist and would use the space for woodworking, steel working, family projects, and collaboration with other local artists. We are concerned that there will be increased noise, lights and activity from these endeavors. In addition, since the home owner removed all trees abutting our adjacent properties, we have lost our privacy, noise absorbency, and the beauty of mature trees in view from our back yard. We have begun replanting on our property, but it will take many years until our trees and bushes reach maturity.

In conclusion, we very much appreciate your city departments taking our concerns under advisement. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may need answered.

Regards,

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From: Peter Sullivan <sullipej@gmail.com>
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Subject: File # 19-081671, Bustos Garage

Think Before You Click: This email originated outside our organization.

Jerome and Matthew,

My name is Pete Sullivan and I live in the Tangletown neighborhood of St Paul, right around the corner from the Bustos family. I support their garage project and request for a variance. I assume the rules on square feet of garage sizes and total percentage coverage were meant in part to keep structures from dominating residential lots. In most instances, I think the rules make sense. However, the lots in Tangletown are relatively unique in size and shape. I think the requirements on lot coverage percentage and total square feet coverage don't necessarily translate well to lots the size and shape of something like what Bustos owns. It seems to me that because the final percentage of structural coverage will remain relatively low at 18%, the new structure would not take the lot over and the variance should be granted.

Regards,
Pete Sullivan
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September 27, 2019

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Mr. Matthew Graybar
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City of Saint Paul
VIA EMAIL

Mr. Graybar:

On September 25th, the Housing and Land Use Committee ("HLU") of the Macalester Groveland Community Council ("MGCC") held a public meeting, at which it considered the application for a variance (Reference No. 19-081671), concerning the property located at 1780 Goodrich Avenue. The applicant appeared to speak to the application and to answer questions.

Prior to the meeting, the HLU received no comments from neighbors in support or in opposition of the application. Furthermore, at the meeting no neighbors spoke in opposition to or in support of the application.

After speaking with the applicant, considering neighborhood feedback, consulting the Macalester Groveland Long Range plan, and assessing the merits of the application, the HLU passed the following resolution with a vote of 8-0 with 1 abstention:

****The Housing and Land Use committee recommends approval of the accessory building lot coverage and maximum building height variance requests for the property at 1780 Goodrich Avenue, Reference No. 19-081671.****

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Alexa Golemo
Executive Director
Macalester-Groveland Community Council

cc (via email): Ward 3, City of Saint Paul
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