

Carlene Smith

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Subject: Objection to Variance Request for 2503 Fogarty Ave, Robin and Bethany Smith-Martin

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Dear Ms. Smith:

Although I had stated I had no objection to the Smith-Martin's previous variance request, because the variance request now includes a variance for off-street parking, I must now state my objections.

The Smith-Martins have two vehicles, and their tenants also have two vehicles. As it is, Mr. Smith-Martin often parks across the street from their property and blocks the gates of my neighbor, which prevents her from easily taking in her groceries and other packages. Her gates are clearly marked 'do not block'. Mr. Smith-Martin ignores her signs and often blocks her gate with his big pick-up truck. She is a single mother, and my husband often helps her with lawn-mowing, taking out her trash cans, etc, so this is also an inconvenience for him.

The Smith-Martins have other options for adding square footage to their property, which is a duplex:

1. They could convert their two units to one unit, quite easily, this option would be very cost effective. Not having a tenants, Mr. Smith-Martin could then park his vehicle in front of his own property.
2. They could opt to build 2nd floor over their existing back unit, adding the bedroom, bath and storage they need without changing the footprint of their property at all. No variances would be needed, and probably no one would object.

Therefore, I hope the Planning Department can suggest to the Smith-Martins that they go back to the drawing board.

Thank you,

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