

## Carlene Smith

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**From:** Sharon Grayden <grayden@umich.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 18, 2015 11:25 AM  
**To:** Carlene Smith  
**Cc:** Stephen Bayne  
**Subject:** Variance Request for 718 Olivia Street

Dear Carlene:

After reviewing the documentation in detail, we find the staff report and to be sound in recommending that this variance be denied. Therefore, my husband and I wish to enter into the record our opposition to the variance requested for the property at 718 Olivia Street. We ask the Planning Board to follow staff recommendation to deny the Trepanier & Associates, Inc. request for variance to the side yard setback.

As a couple who recently purchased property in this neighborhood we understand to the Seigert's desire to renovate this room to the proposed specifications. However, as is noted in the staff report, there are neither any special circumstances nor any hardships which would merit granting special privileges to the applicants.

The City of Key West and the Planning Board have set reasonable setback requirements for new construction. These requirements are designed for the safety and security of all property owners as well as to protect the historic integrity of our community. It is imperative these standards are uniformly applied and that the Planning Board consistently adheres to current land development regulations. The 718 Olivia Street application and request for variance does not provide a compelling reason as to why the plan cannot conform to current land development regulations. Based on the proposal presented in the application, this renovation can be built to conform to established land development regulations so there is no basis to vary from these regulations.

Stephen Bayne & Sharon Grayden

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