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Gloria Sitton

From: Brendan Quinn <bcquinn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 1:55 PM
To: Gloria Sitton
Subject: Letter of Recommendation in Support of David Robbins' Application for the Parker Gray BAR

Clerk of Council Gloria Sitton

I am writing in support of David Robbins Application to the Parker Gray Board of Architectural Review. My apologies for the last minute email, as I have been out of the country on work travel and understand that the Council's vote is tonight, but I wanted to make sure to voice my wholehearted support for Mr. Robbins' application.

My name is Brendan Quinn and I am a lifelong Alexandrian and current resident of the Parker Gray neighborhood at 804 N Columbus Street. Mr. Robbins is a close friend of mine and I ask that you please share my comments with the City Council.

Dave is a current home owner in the Parker Gray neighborhood and has lived in Old Town for over 10 years. I know that he recently built an addition on his Parker Gray home, working closely with the Historic Preservation Office, which piqued his interest in architectural review, standards, and approval.

I can think of no one better-suited to sit on the Parker Gray BAR. Dave has a tremendous knowledge of the history of our city and appreciation for the aesthetics that make Alexandria a beautiful place to live. Dave radiates civic pride, with a careful eye to ways to improve the status quo with a reasoned consideration of the character of our town. He has a genuine interest in the well-being of all Alexandrians.

With respect to underlying character, I have no doubt that Dave possesses the requisite skills to be a successful and productive member of the board. He always looks at both sides of an issue with a goal of achieving common ground. He is an incredibly thoughtful and reasonable person, who is diligent and exacting in his work. I have seen Dave's excellent interpersonal skills on display in both a professional and social environment, and can attest to his excellent communication skills and ability to work productively in a team environment. Coupled with his interest in civic engagement, he would truly be a valuable addition to the Parker Gray BAR.

Thank you for your time and the Council for their consideration of Mr. Robbins.

Best Regards,

Brendan Quinn
804 N Columbus St.

Clerk of Council Gloria Sitton,

I'm writing in support of David Robbins's Application to the Parker Gray Board of Architectural Review. I've been a resident of the area my entire life (born in Alexandria Hospital), and my husband and I bought our first home together in Old Town Alexandria. I love this area, and have a strong interest in encouraging Alexandria's growth in a way that preserves its important historical aspects.

David is a resident and homeowner in Parker Gray, and has lived in Old Town for more than 10 years. He also built an addition to his home in Parker Gray working with the Historic Preservation Office.

As a resident, he has a genuine interest in the neighborhood and a belief in the BAR process.

David and I have been friends for almost 15 years. He always looks for common ground, is thoughtful and reasonable, and responsible and diligent. He has excellent communication skills and team skills, and an interest in civic engagement. I know he will be an asset to the BAR.

Please share my comments with City Council.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cathleen Reilly Larson, Alexandria resident

Gloria Sitton

From: Paul Edson <pauledson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 5:22 PM
To: Gloria Sitton
Subject: David Robbins' Parker-Gray BAR Application for Appointment

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Clerk of Council Gloria Sitton;

I am writing in support of **David Robbins'** application for appointment to the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review. I am a resident of Alexandria (currently in the Rosemont neighborhood), and have lived either in Old Town or Rosemont for ten years. I am also the current Worthy President of Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #871, which has been located on Cameron Street within the Parker-Gray Historic District since our building was built for us in 1934.

I know Dave as both a friend and an exemplary member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He has been a tireless, creative, and engaged volunteer, generous with his time and resources in fundraising and social activities. Of particular note is that Dave chairs our Outreach Committee, and has organized the Eagles' participation in the past year's Alexandria parades in order to raise our visibility in and engagement with the community.

As a volunteer and participant in Eagles' activities and decision-making processes, I have found Dave to be thoughtful in looking for common ground and unexpected solutions that bring agreement to situations which often seem murky at the outset. He works hard, always fulfills any obligation he commits to, and makes any team better by his enthusiastic "can-do" presence and ability to communicate clearly both "live" and in writing.

As a friend, I know Dave to be generous with both his warmth and his hospitality. I have seen his dedication to the Parker-Gray neighborhood and the City of Alexandria. While he was working with the Historic Preservation Office on approvals for the addition that was recently built onto his home in Parker-Gray, I saw his appreciation for the process and respect for the historic nature of our town and this neighborhood in particular.

The Council will likely already know that Dave is a 10-year resident of Old Town, and is currently resident in a home he owns in the Parker-Gray neighborhood.

Please share these comments and my highest regard for the subject of them with the City Council when they consider appointments to the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review. If there are further questions, I would be happy to respond and can be reached by email at pauledson@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Paul Edson
Worthy President, Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #871
1015 Cameron St.
Alexandria, VA 22314

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From: Joe Blevens <joeblevensjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 8:51 AM
To: Gloria Sitton
Cc: Joe Blevens
Subject: David Robbins application to the Parker Gray Board of Architectural Review

Clerk of Council Gloria Sitton,

My name is Joe Blevens and I am writing in support of David Robbins application to the Parker Gray Board of Architectural Review. If possible, would you mind sharing my comments with the City Council in support of David. Getting to know Mr. Robbins on a personal and business relationship over the past three years has truly been a pleasure of mine. After moving to Old Town, I quickly became acquainted with David while exploring the surrounding area and admired his interest in civic engagement. I have never met anyone so passionate on so many levels about the Parker Gray / Old Town area, which he and his wife have proudly called home for the last ten years.

David could not be a better fit and addition to the Parker Gray B.A.R. in my opinion. He has a genuine interest in the neighborhood and looks for common ground while being fair and honest. Being a designer myself, and working with David side by side for months on his addition/remodeling project only adds to my support for David. He was diligent, thoughtful and responsible throughout the entire process. From preliminary design, meetings with the city, architectural drawings, revision process, scaled model of addition, B.A.R. meeting, through finishing construction David was extremely involved. He was excited to work with the B.A.R. which he feels is a crucial element to protect and continue the vast history and growth of Parker Gray. David would be an exceptional addition.

Thank you for his consideration,

Joe Blevens
Designer / Project Manager
502 299-5794

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G.T. Marks', is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Greg Marks
Director of Business Development
Marks-Woods Construction Services, LLC / Braemar Kitchen & Bath
gmarks@mwconstructionservices.com



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