
[EXTERNAL]Fwd: My perspective on the pergola at 2500 DeWitt Ave

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Date Wed 7/22/2026 2:05 PM

To Sean P Killion <sean.killion@alexandriava.gov>; Luke Cowan <luke.cowan@alexandriava.gov>; Mary Christesen <Mary.Christesen@alexandriava.gov>; Andrea De Freitas Kick <adefreitaskick@gmail.com>; Geoff Jacobi <gjacobi001@gmail.com>; GBJ Jacobi <geoff.jacobi@pwc.com>

Hi - I'm forwarding two emails that neighbors have shared for tonight's hearing. Here is the first.

Thanks!

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From: **Charles W. Davenport** <daven006@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Jul 21, 2026 at 8:48 PM

Subject: My perspective on the pergola at 2500 DeWitt Ave

To: Geoff Jacobi <gjacobi001@gmail.com>

Good evening,

As a neighbor who walks and/or drives by the property daily, I'm writing to support a rules exception pertaining to the pergola located in the yard of 2500 DeWitt Ave. In keeping with the spirit of the rules, the pergola is

1. Not a visual impediment at the intersection from any direction. The open design of the structure allows clear visibility from all directions. And the location is far enough back that any driver can see (I understand that only about 20% of the structure is in the "clearance zone")
2. The new pergola offers significantly less visual obstruction than the tree that was there before storm damage last year
3. The angle of the intersection provides ample visibility for all turns.

I know that the owners have worked diligently and in good faith with P&Z and other Alexandria agencies over the last couple of years on several projects to understand the rules and conform to the best of their ability.

In light of the nature of the structure and the clear sight lines that still exist at the intersection, I firmly believe an exception would comply with the spirit of the rules.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Chad Davenport

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From: **Patrick McNabb** <patrick.mcnabb@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Jul 21, 2026 at 9:47 PM

Subject: Letter of Support for Special Use Permit / Variance Application – 2500 DeWitt Avenue (Pergola Structure)

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Department of Planning & Zoning

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Subject:

To the Planning & Zoning Staff and Members of the Planning Commission:

I am writing as the neighboring homeowner at 2507 DeWitt Avenue to express my enthusiastic support for the permit and variance application submitted for the pergola structure at 2500 DeWitt

Avenue.

As a long-term nearby resident, I deeply value the architectural integrity, unique character, and strong sense of community in our neighborhood. The pergola project at 2500 DeWitt Avenue demonstrates thoughtful design that respects surrounding property lines and enhances the aesthetic harmony of our street. Far from detracting from the area, the structure contributes positively to our immediate block and the broader Del Ray community.

I would also like to note that a large tree previously occupied this spot, which significantly obstructed visibility toward the Mt. Ida intersection. The replacement pergola does not block the sightline in any meaningful way, is tastefully built, and reflects genuine consideration for neighbor feedback gathered throughout the construction process.

I have reviewed the details of the proposal and have no concerns regarding neighborhood impacts, site layout, or surrounding density. I firmly believe this project represents a responsible and attractive enhancement to the property.

I respectfully urge the Department of Planning & Zoning to approve the requested application for 2500 DeWitt Avenue. Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued service to our city.

Sincerely,

Patrick B. McNabb

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