

DEL RAY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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City Hall, Room 2100
Alexandria, VA 22314

RE: SUP #2015-0009, 2802 Russell Road

On March 10, 2015, the Del Ray Citizens Association (DRCA) Land Use Committee (LUC) reviewed SUP#2015-00 2802 Russell Road, request to construct a new single-family dwelling on a substandard lot in the R-8 zone. The applicant gave a detailed presentation to the Committee as well as other neighborhood residents in attendance. Technically, this property falls outside of the Del Ray neighborhood, but since it is visible from within our boundaries, and an existing house is being torn down, we wanted the opportunity to review and react to the proposal.

It became clear during the presentation, that the siting of the house was adjusted so that it meets the current setback requirements, height limitations and FAR requirements. The only reason that an SUP is required is due to the substandard lot size. The LUC feels that the applicant has done everything necessary to comply with current zoning requirements, and is in full support of the application for SUP. We would like to request that language be added to the SUP requesting that the existing 40" oak that sits at the front left of the property be maintained and protected during construction. A vote was taken at the March 11th Del Ray Citizens Association membership meeting, and the majority of the residents in attendance agreed with the LUCs recommendation of approval.

Sincerely,

Lisa Quandt
DRCA LUC Chair

Cc:
Nathan Randall, Staff Reviewer
Elias Voces, Applicant