

March 12, 2020

To whom it may concern,

I apologize for my absence in these proceedings. I wanted to share some brief information on my family and our plans for 3900 Jefferson Street.

I moved to EYA Arts District Hyattsville West neighborhood in 2007—one of the first 3 lots sold. Over the past 13 years, I've become a husband and a father of two daughters. My wife, Ashley teaches kindergarten in Washington, DC. My daughters, Knox (4) and Harlow (3) love Magruder park—one of the reasons we choose this site for our forever home.

We have the choice of making our home anywhere in the DC metro region. Our family loves Hyattsville. Our unique family dynamic makes building a home versus buying, a priority. Our daughter, Knox, was born dangerously premature. As a result of her prematurity, she was diagnosed with severe Cerebral Palsy. Knox is completely immobile. As much as we love Arts District, the row home style and the 4 flights of stairs no longer fit our family's needs. Not to mention the inaccessibility of parking (nurses, therapists, doctors who visit our home weekly) and handicap accommodations.

We have endured several setbacks with our plans to build on the 3900 Jefferson site. Our intention was to build a 1 story home, completely accessible for Knox. Part way through the design process we learned of the easement issues that made it impossible. After months more of redesign we came up with a concept that allowed Knox and the army of caregivers and therapists the flexibility and safety that would make our daughters quality of life much better.

I hope you're able to take a look at the due diligence that was done and consider my variance request with all of our family needs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kibwe J. Hughes', with a stylized, flowing script.

Kibwe J. Hughes