

Zoning Board of Adjustment
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Date

Re: Letter of Opposition to the Request for Variances
Case Number: 6886 Forward Ave. DCP-ZDR-2022-07239

Dear Board Members,

My name is **NAME** and I live at **ADDRESS**. I am writing today regarding the proposed development by Craft Development Group and Indovina Associates Architects on the site of the Irish Center at 6886 Forward Avenue in Squirrel Hill that is being presented to the Zoning Board of Adjustment on July 6, 2023.

I believe the Zoning Board of Adjustment should uphold the zoning ordinances in place for properties zoned within the Park District and reject the developer's request for four (4) variances to these ordinances. I believe that the proposed plan of development is inappropriate to the site for the following reasons and many others:

- has the potential for direct and detrimental impacts to the Nine Mile Run Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration,
- will forever change the scenic landscape of Frick Park,
- will interfere with the already limited parking and accessibility of Frick Park to users entering the park from Commercial
- is located within a flood zone and an area at risk for landslides
- will further compromise the safety of an already overused, two-lane public highway characterized by blind turns and lacking a shoulder.
- has no access to public transportation
- will set a dangerous precedent for inappropriate development within the Park District

Further, the developers made no attempt to reach out to the neighborhoods most affected by the proposed development prior to the May 17 DAM meeting, which was originally scheduled to take place 15 days before the original ZBA meeting date of June 1. The date was pushed back only after citizens complained to our representatives on City Council and the new date of July 6 was established.

As such, I ask the Zoning Board of Adjustment to uphold the ordinances put in place to protect land in our Park District from this kind of development and REJECT the developer's request for each of the four (4) variances.

Sincerely,

Name and signature