



February 14, 2017

RE: Support for appeal:  
4422-24 Ridge Ave.,  
Philadelphia PA 19129  
AP# 719675

Philadelphia Zoning Board of Adjustment  
18th Floor, 1515 Arch Street,  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Dear Zoning Board of Adjustment members:

The members of the Zoning and Land Use Committee of the East Falls Community Council (EFCC), acting for the EFCC as a Registered Community Organization for East Falls met with Ms. Gina Snyder, head of the East Falls Development Corporation, (EFDC) and Mr. Gary Jonas, of HOW Properties, regarding the proposed off-street non-accessory parking lot for 51 vehicles, located at the address above, at our monthly zoning committee meeting on January 18, 2017.

We believe that this parking area will be not only an asset to the adjacent HOW Properties' development, but also to the community at large. This lot would provide more parking for the Ridge Avenue commercial corridor, users of the Kelly drive pedestrian and bike trails, as well as for users of the proposed boat launch point, across Kelly Drive from this location.

We appreciate that the developers intend to preserve and protect the heritage trees on the site, and as many of the other trees as possible. The applicant's presentation was generally well received, with the understanding that trees and green space should be preserved and increased if possible, to buffer the lot from Kelly Drive, as well as to help with the storm water runoff that a parking lot of this size will produce.

With this understanding, and a request to be supplied a copy of the construction documents at the earliest opportunity, we support the requested variance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Michelle L K" in a cursive script.

Michelle Kleschick  
Secretary,  
East Falls Community Council, Zoning Committee  
(Registered Community Organization)

cc: Gina Snyder, Gary Jonas, Matthew Monroe, Josh Cohen for Councilman Curtis Jones, Tanya Sunkett for ZBA, Matt Wysong for the Philadelphia Planning Commission, Bill Epstein EFCC president, EFCC Zoning Committee members.