

**Heldenfels, Leane**

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**From:** Pamela Colloff [mailto:pcolloff@cityofchicago.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 02, 2014 11:14 AM  
**To:** Heldenfels, Leane  
**Cc:** Chad  
**Subject:** 1303 E. 2nd St.

Dear Leane:

I hope this finds you well. I own a home at 1305 E. 2nd Street, which is next door to a house whose owners are requesting a variance from the McMansion Ordinance. The variance is being requested for 1303 E. 2nd Street. I strongly oppose this request for reasons that I will detail in a subsequent letter to the city. First, however, I'm hoping that you might be able to answer a few quick questions, either by phone or via email (whichever is easiest for you). The Board of Adjusters will be evaluating this application this coming Monday night.

My questions are as follows:

- Is there a staff recommendation yet for this application?
- Do you know why this application is being evaluated by the BOA and not the RDCC?
- Our Neighborhood Planning Team has not had time to review this application yet. Given that fact, will the BOA still consider this application on Monday or postpone?
- The application lists no hardships. Does that mean that my neighbors will have difficulty obtaining the variance?
- These same neighbors applied for a variance a little over a year ago. (I'm not sure if it was for the same plans, or different ones--I was not paying close attention.) I recall neighborhood opposition, and then a permit ultimately being granted. How might that impact this application? (If it's for the same plans, presumably a permit would be granted again?)
- Is there anything you'd suggest that I do, such as commission a solar study (the new construction would block most of our natural light) or a tree study (there's an old, large tree between our property and the proposed construction)?

I know you're very busy, so I greatly appreciate your time and help. You can email me anytime, or if you'd prefer to talk by phone, I'll be available all day tomorrow (but not today). My direct line at my office is 512-320-6983. Many thanks!

Best wishes,  
Pam