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From: Matt Sjoberg <~~mjsjoberg@jacksonsjoberg.com~~>
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 8:32 AM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Subject: Case C15-2014-0170; 32nd Street + Wabash; St. Andrew's Episcopal School

Ms. Heldenfels, I am writing to you and Mr. Jeff Jack to express my support for the variance from the 40 foot street width requirement on 32nd Street St. Andrew's Episcopal School has requested. All three of my children attended St. Andrew's from grades I through 12. At no time was I ever, nor am I now, concerned about any lack of emergency access to any part of the school. St. Andrew's enjoys close proximity to Lamar and virtually straight-line access to the emergency room at Seton Hospital. The granting of the three foot variance so St. Andrew's can proceed with the construction of its kindergarten will not impede traffic flow or emergency access to the school and I encourage the Board to grant the requested variance.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please feel free to contact me at the number below if you have any questions.

Regards.

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February 2, 2015

Via Email: leane.heldenfels@austintexas.gov

Mr. Jeff Jack, Chair
Austin Board of Adjustment
P.O. Box 1088
Austin, TX 78767-1088

RE: Daughters of Charity Ministries Inc. and St. Andrew's Episcopal School
C15-2014-0170; 32nd Street and Wabash

Dear Mr. Jack:

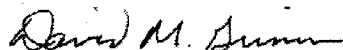
I write on behalf of St. Andrew's Episcopal School's desire to enhance its educational mission by adding a Kindergarten to its lower school campus.

St. Andrew's was founded in 1952 and has been operating essentially in its current location (bordered by 32nd Street, 31st Street, Wabash, Shoal Creek Blvd. and Bailey Lane) for about 60 years. When the Sisters of Charity decided that after over 100 years their mission in support of founding and operating Seton Hospital had been fulfilled in the form of the world-class medical center Austin enjoys today, the Sisters determined that their final Austin legacy would be to sell their home to St. Andrew's to open a Kindergarten.

As a parent of former St. Andrew's students, I can tell you that St. Andrew's operates the school in an incredibly responsible fashion, placing the safety and well-being of children above all else. I have driven the streets around this school many times and it is in close proximity to major arteries such as Lamar and 38th Street. The proposed Kindergarten site alone has access from 34th Street, Medical Parkway, Wabash and 32nd Street. I have no concerns that fire or emergency medical services would have difficulty accessing the proposed Kindergarten.

Thank you for consideration of the requested variance and for your service to the City of Austin.

Very truly yours,



David M. Grimm

To: Mr. Jeff Jack, Chairman
Austin Board of Adjustment
c/o leane.heldenfels@austintexas.gov

Date: February 2, 2015

RE: Case C15-2014-0170; 32nd Street + Wabash; St. Andrew's Episcopal School

Mr. Jack, I am a St. Andrew's parent and am respectfully requesting that you and the Board consider granting the school a variance on the width of the street on 32nd Street so that we may proceed with the construction of our new Kindergarten building. Currently our school has grades 1-12 and we feel like the addition of the Kindergarten will enhance our program, support our Mission, and keep us competitive with the other premier institutions in the area.

As a parent of a St. Andrew's student, I know that our children's safety is always a priority for the school and parents and we, as a community, would not be pursuing this endeavor if we did not believe it could be done without any compromises to that end. We are very familiar with the traffic patterns in the area and are not concerned that the addition of our Kindergarten would create any concerns or issues over safe access needed by emergency vehicles such as Fire or EMS.

Our Board Member and parent, Jeff Howard is handling this request on behalf of St. Andrew's Episcopal School. We would be most grateful if you would consider our request for this variance at your February 9th meeting.

Thanking you in advance for your time and consideration,

Tami L. Scott
Proud St. Andrew's Episcopal School Parent

Heldenfels, Leane

From: Randy Erben ~~erben@austintxrr.com~~
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 9:51 PM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Subject: Case C15-2014-0170; 32nd Street + Wabash; St. Andrew's Episcopal School

Mr. Jeff Jack, Chairman
Austin Board of Adjustment
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Dear Mr. Jack:

I am a parent at St. Andrew's Episcopal School, and have had two children go through the Lower School on the 31st Street Campus (adjacent to the property in question). The proposed kindergarten is an educational enhancement to the school's established mission since 1957 on the 31st Street Campus, and is consistent with its decades-old charge to educate young people. I have been driving children on a daily basis to and from the 31st Street Campus for 10+ years, and can state unequivocally that as one with extensive daily knowledge of traffic in the area, I am convinced that there is safe access to the school for Fire and EMS. I assure you that I would not send my children to St. Andrew's if there were any questions about the safety and well-being of the students there, and am convinced that the proposed adjacent property will be as safe as the existing campus. I am certain that the school would not be pursuing the variance if there were any question about safety, and only is doing so because it would be a programmatic, educational, and financial hardship to do otherwise. Thank you for your consideration of my letter.

Randy Erben