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Cam Gordon
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Dear Cam,

We are homeowners in your ward, and wish to build a garage at 58 Orlin Avenue SE. We were informed that your support will be helpful for us. You may remember seeing and talking about it with my husband who chatted with you (at the house near the Prospect Park Tower) when you were recently out canvassing in the Prospect Park neighborhood.

Our plan is to create a garage out of the existing poured concrete walls that were installed recently. We have no alley and have a tuck-under single stall garage/storage area that faces the street. We would like to cover the walls with a roof and a garage door, creating a 2 stall garage which is simple construction as per experts.

This garage has become a dire necessity for the following reasons:

- We are forced to remove approximately 22 yards of length of snow each snowfall. In the past this has resulted in huge amounts of extra snow to be moved towards the sidewalk and street. After a few snowfalls, there is hardly any space to store the snow or pile it. Having a roof over this space would eliminate the need to move the snow towards the sidewalk and street.
- Our walls are about 9 feet high, and it is not possible to clear snow to the side, over the walls.
- Off street parking during the winter would alleviate some of the parking congestion on our street due to nearby rental property.

We are planning to be esthetically considerate of the neighbors and be sure that the final result will enhance our street and neighborhood. (Please see attached rendering of what we are proposing to build as well as a photo of the existing walls).

We have met with a staff person at the city zoning office and are aware of a need to apply for a variance to begin the project. I met yesterday with the PPERIA Zoning and Project Review Committee and they voted their approval.

Since you have seen the project site recently it is our hope that you can write an email or letter of support to add to the documentation we submit to apply for the permit.

Thanking you for your consideration,

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October 24, 2013

Christina Larson
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Dick Brownlee
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Dear Christina and Dick,

We are long time homeowners in the Prospect Park neighborhood, at 58 Orlin Ave. SE. Recently, we replaced sagging retaining walls and steps and landscaped a portion of the front yard.

Our plan is to create a garage out of the existing poured concrete walls that were installed about 2 years ago. We have no alley and have a tuck-under single stall garage/storage area that faces the street. We would like to cover the walls with a roof and a garage door – which is a simple construction as per experts.

This garage has become a dire necessity for the following reasons:

- We are forced to remove approximately 22 yards of snow each snowfall (cubic yards depends on the snow fall depth). In the past this has resulted in huge amounts of extra snow to be moved towards the sidewalk and street. After a few snowfalls, there is hardly any space around to store the snow or pile it. Having a roof over this space would eliminate the need to move the snow towards the sidewalk and street.
- Our walls are about 9 feet high, and it is not possible to clear snow to the side, over the walls. (Please see the picture of the walls attached.)
- Off street parking during the winter would alleviate some of the parking congestion due to nearby rental property.

We are planning to be esthetically considerate of the neighbors and be sure that the final result will enhance our street and neighborhood. (Please see attached rendering of what we are proposing to build as well as a photo of the existing walls).

We have met with a staff person at the zoning office and are aware of a need to apply for a variance to begin the project. We are requesting a letter of recommendation from PPERIA to add to the paperwork required for zoning.

Thanking you for your consideration,

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