

As one of the Avon Hill neighbors who has been active concerning the Wyman St. curb cut, I would like to add three details that bear on our effort today to delay a vote on the owners' petition until such time as they and the neighbors have had a chance to come to an amicable written agreement about matters relating to the cut and driveway.

First, I believe the neighbors can reach an understanding with the owners. But because they have been away, the process is on hold. Why, then, does the Council wish to consider the petition now? Should renewed neighbor-to-neighbor negotiation be carried out with one of the parties on vacation and a Council deadline hanging over the parties' heads? I think not and hope you agree.

Second, the owners have informed neighbors that work will be on-going on the property through the spring, summer, and perhaps into the fall, when they hope to occupy their new house. Since workmen will be on site for several months more and able to prepare the curb cut and driveway during that time, there seems no reason to vote on the petition today, before the parties have reached a clear conclusion to our discussions.

Finally, I'm sure you understand the importance of time in reaching an acceptable agreement about the curb cut between the property owners and some 40 Avon Hill neighbors who have been opposing it. But I want to say to you today that there is a sincere desire among neighbors to reach an amicable resolution to our differences with the property owners. With time, and the Council's forbearance, I believe we shall succeed.

Please keep the petition on the table, until such time as the owners and neighbors signal that they have reached a mutual agreement.