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July 13, 2016

Mr. William Kirwan
Historic Preservation Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

RE: Laurel Avenue Tree Fences

Dear Mr. Kirwan,

The Takoma Park Façade Advisory Board met on July 12, 2016, to review the design proposal for Laurel Avenue tree fences in Takoma Park, Maryland. The proposal, presented by City staff, is to be considered by the Historic Preservation Commission.

The proposal is to provide tree guards for the eight tree boxes on the commercial side of the 6900 block of Laurel Avenue. Due to the heavy use of the area for Takoma Park Farmers Market on Sundays and the impact of passengers exiting parked cars, the trees and landscaping in this area suffer. The proposed tree fences are 18" high, black metal frames with a decorative element.

The Takoma Park Façade Advisory Board passed a resolution approving the tree fences with the recommendation that the design have a steel landscape edging and be made of sturdier material.

Thank you for the ongoing efforts of the Commission to preserve the unique architectural character of our historic business district. If you have any questions regarding the Board's action, please call me at 301-891-7205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Rosalind Grigsby', is written in black ink.

Rosalind Grigsby
Community Development Manager