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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 7:50 AM

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**Subject:** request for a variance on Scottwood

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We are only 5-yr residents of Burns Park, but we truly love this neighborhood. The owners have already torn down a beautiful historic home that was an iconic part of the neighborhood, and heavily thinned the woods resulting in the loss of a pair of nesting owls. In my opinion, the 60 foot extent of stone fence they are proposing, out of code and precipitating the hearing, is also out of character with the neighborhood. I am not in support of this.

Respectfully,

Roger Cone

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From: Carl Herstein <[carl@hersteins.com](mailto:carl@hersteins.com)>  
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2021 2:14 PM  
To: Planning <[Planning@a2gov.org](mailto:Planning@a2gov.org)>  
Subject: ZBA20-003; 1908 Scottwood Ave

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The proposed zoning variance referenced above would be in the heart of Ives Woods, which has been known since its inception as "a harmonious residential development" (Architecture Magazine, Oct. 1918).

Currently, 1908 Scottwood is surrounded by a beautiful and historic stone wall, similar to many others in the neighborhood, which is in keeping with its character, tradition and charm. An opaque fence of 5'8 inches-- which is taller than an average person--would be out of keeping with the rest of the area, and clash with the harmony that has characterized Ives Woods. As the practical use of the property for residential purposes would not seem to require a variance, for the reasons mentioned we respectfully urge that the requested variance be denied.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl Herstein  
1919 Scottwood, Ann Arbor

**From:** Brad Johnson <[bjj92@yahoo.com](mailto:bjj92@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2021 10:00 AM  
**To:** Barrett, Jon <[JBarrett@a2gov.org](mailto:JBarrett@a2gov.org)>  
**Subject:** Fw: ZBA20-003

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Jon,

Thanks very much for sending the detailed plans. This makes things much clearer than the brief description sent on the card by mail.

I have no objections to the new added section of rock wall on the front side (Scottwood), as the intention is to maintain the style of the current wall.

I am a bit concerned about “deconstruction of the wall on the rear of the property” that you mention. Do you mean the portion adjacent to Ives Lane? I do hope change to the appearance of the lane will be minimal, as this gravel road flanked by stone walls is a much loved feature of the neighborhood.

I also wish the owners had not chosen to remove nearly all of the trees on what had been beautiful wooded property. Presumably that was approved in a separate portion of the permitting process, and did not violate any ordinances?

Again, thanks very much for your assistance. Really appreciated!

Brad Johnson

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On Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 21:47, Brad Johnson <[bjj92@yahoo.com](mailto:bjj92@yahoo.com)> wrote:

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On Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 09:30, Barrett, Jon <[JBarrett@a2gov.org](mailto:JBarrett@a2gov.org)> wrote:

Mr. Johnson,

I have attached a copy of the application and plans with this email that may help to clarify some of your questions regarding the owner’s petition. The owners are not installing a fence. A stone wall is to be installed 3’ 6” in height using deconstructed materials from the existing wall on the rear of the property. The owners are proposing a second driveway cut and are intending to install the wall between the two driveway cuts.

Let me know if you have additional questions.

Thanks,

## Jon Barrett

Zoning Coordinator, City of Ann Arbor Planning & Development Services  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 10, 2021 9:03 AM  
**To:** Brad Johnson <[bjj92@yahoo.com](mailto:bjj92@yahoo.com)>  
**Cc:** Vander Lugt, Kristen <[KVanderLugt@a2gov.org](mailto:KVanderLugt@a2gov.org)>; Barrett, Jon <[JBarrett@a2gov.org](mailto:JBarrett@a2gov.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: ZBA20-003

Thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

**Brett Lenart, AICP | Planning Manager**  
City of Ann Arbor Planning Services  
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**From:** Brad Johnson <[bjj92@yahoo.com](mailto:bjj92@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 10, 2021 9:01 AM  
**To:** Planning <[Planning@a2gov.org](mailto:Planning@a2gov.org)>  
**Subject:** ZBA20-003

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Hello,

I received a notice of public hearing by mail referencing the above variance request for 1908 Scottwood Avenue. I am a nearby neighbor on Ferdon Road.

The description is for stone fence pillars 5'8" tall with 100% opaque fencing. Unfortunately the location of exactly where the fence would be on the property is not given, nor is there a rendering showing style.

Based on the minimal description given, I am concerned that the fence, if approved, would be out of character with the surrounding neighborhood. Burns Park and Ives Wood are an open, friendly area that encourages walking and conversations between neighbors. None of the other surrounding houses have high, opaque fences. This was a beautiful property with woods extending down to the historic Ives Lane

that can be seen from Scottwood today. It would a shame to close that off from view, and not in keeping with the rest of the neighborhood.

Based on the minimal details provided, I see no basis to approve the variance request.

Thank you,  
Brad Johnson  
1260 Ferdon Road

From: Peggy Brennan <[brennantp@gmail.com](mailto:brennantp@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7:33 AM  
To: Planning <[Planning@a2gov.org](mailto:Planning@a2gov.org)>  
Subject: 1908 Scottwood variance request

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We would be happy to support the 1908 Scottwood variance request. The plans look carefully drawn and considered. Thank you for repurposing the materials!

Peggy and Tom Brennan  
1901 Austin

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Mike Martin <[mcmartin@firstmartin.com](mailto:mcmartin@firstmartin.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021 9:53 AM  
**To:** Planning <[Planning@a2gov.org](mailto:Planning@a2gov.org)>  
**Subject:** 1908 Scottwood

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Dear ZBA board,

I am offering this email to voice my support of the proposed variance requested by the petitioner and their architect with respect to 1908 Scottwood, it keeps with the nature and character of the property and neighborhood. I live at 2106 Wallingford road in close proximity to the subject property. Thank you for your consideration.

Mike Martin

**Michael C. Martin**

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**From:** Ann Arbaugh

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:40 AM

**To:** [planning@a2gov.org](mailto:planning@a2gov.org) <[planning@a2gov.org](mailto:planning@a2gov.org)>; [kvanderlugte@a2gov.org](mailto:kvanderlugte@a2gov.org) <[kvanderlugte@a2gov.org](mailto:kvanderlugte@a2gov.org)>

**Subject:** Variance approval for ZBA20-003

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regard to Variance ZBA20-003. Several neighbors and I would love to see the fieldstone wall at 1908 Scottwood Ave. rebuilt to the Oberheide's plans. The charm and history of our neighborhood is in those walls and what the Oberheide's can salvage and rebuild after the remodel would be much appreciated and needed. I hope this email reaches the correct people to make sure the Oberheide's receive their variance.

All my best,

Ann

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**From:** Joe Malcoun <[jmalcoun@gmail.com](mailto:jmalcoun@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:51 AM

**To:** Planning <[Planning@a2gov.org](mailto:Planning@a2gov.org)>; Vander Lugt, Kristen <[KVanderLugt@a2gov.org](mailto:KVanderLugt@a2gov.org)>

**Subject:** Support for ZBA20-003

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Dear ZBA members:

I am writing in support of Jon and Ashley Oberheide's proposed fencing variance at 1908 Scottwood. While I understand the logic of the fencing opacity rule, I believe it should be reconsidered in this particular instance given the family's strong desire to preserve the existing stone wall design and reuse the portions that they will be removing for their new driveway.

I am certain neighbors will agree that keeping the style with which they have already grown accustomed is an easy win for everyone.

With warm regards,  
Joe Malcoun  
1516 Morton Ave.

**From:** Roger Cone <[rcone@umich.edu](mailto:rcone@umich.edu)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 7:50 AM

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**From:** Carol Simon <[carsimon@umich.edu](mailto:carsimon@umich.edu)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 08, 2021 5:06 PM  
**To:** Planning <[Planning@a2gov.org](mailto:Planning@a2gov.org)>  
**Subject:** Zoning variance application ZBA20-003; 1908 Scottwood Avenue

This message was sent from outside of the City of Ann Arbor. Please do not click links, open attachments, or follow directions unless you recognize the source of this email and know the content is safe.

I received a Notice of Public Hearing for the above variance request. Would you be able to answer the following questions?

- 1) I'm assuming that what is being described is a stone wall spanning between the stone pillars. Is this correct? If so, what would the height of the wall sections between the pillars be?
- 2) Do the petitioners give any reason why they are requesting this variance?
- 3) It's not clear where the stone wall is to be located. Is the proposal to have it along Scottwood Ave?

In general, I am opposed to having a high stone wall along Scottwood because it is not in keeping with the character of the neighborhood, which includes expansive and open front lawns. Our property has a deed restriction indicating that the front yard is to be at least 40 ft. deep, and I assume other properties along Scottwood and Austin, as well as adjacent streets, have a similar restriction. I would not object to the wall being located along Fair Oaks Ave., since this is tucked away, and other properties already have walls here.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Yours truly,

Carol Simon  
1925 Scottwood Ave.

February 16, 2021

City of Ann Arbor  
Planning and Development Services  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
via email

In reference to: ZBA20-003, 1908 Scottwood Avenue variance request

Dear members of the Zoning Board of Appeals,

We are neighbors of Jon and Ashley Oberheide, and live directly south of them at 1245 Fair Oaks Pkwy. The Glazko family has been on this property since 1963, and it is a beautiful part of the city to live in. I appreciate the chance to make comments regarding the zoning variance requested for the property at 1908 Scottwood Avenue.

Their property currently has a stone wall at the specified height and opacity listed on their application. This wall is not new; in fact I remember climbing over this wall and playing in their back yard many times while I was growing up in the 1960s. It is somewhat of a landmark in the neighborhood, as the wall borders both Fair Oaks Parkway and Scottwood Avenue. It certainly gives that part of the neighborhood a more Cambridge (UK) or Oxford-like feel.

We don't see any issues in making the changes specified in their application; in fact, they seem to have gone above and beyond by restoring using the materials from the portions of the existing wall to be altered. The wall height is the same, and certainly the opacity of the wall is not changing. Placing matching posts at the new edge to the driveway will make this more aesthetically pleasing.

In short, We are glad to give our endorsement, for whatever that counts, to the variance request before you tonight. I would ask you to please consider this request and approve it.

Regards,

John N. (Jack) and Julie s  
1245 Fair Oaks Pkwy  
Ann Arbor

**From:** Yasser Tabbaa <tabbaasco@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, February 20, 2021 11:02 AM

**To:** Vander Lugt, Kristen <KVanderLugt@a2gov.org>; Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>

**Subject:** Oberheide Variance

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Dear Sir/Madam,

As resident of 1914 Scottwood for 32 years and future neighbor of Ashley and Jonathan Oberheide, I write you in support of their proposed variance ZBA20-003.

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Yasser Tabbaa

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**From:** Peter Hamp <peterkhamp@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, February 20, 2021 5:19 PM

**To:** Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>; Vander Lugt, Kristen <KVanderLugt@a2gov.org>

**Subject:** Zoning Variance Request ZBA20-003 (1908 Scottwood Ave.)

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To the Ann Arbor Zoning Board of Appeals:

We are the owners of 1230 Fair Oaks Parkway and live directly across Fair Oaks Parkway from 1908 Scottwood Ave. We write to the Ann Arbor Zoning Board of Appeals to offer our full support of the proposed fence/stone wall variance request for 1908 Scottwood Ave (ZBA20-003) that you are considering for approval on February 25th.

We have seen the owner's plans for the proposed alterations/additions to the existing stone wall/fence and believe that the proposed changes will adhere to the historic character of the existing walls around Fair Oaks Parkway and Scottwood Ave. It is evident that the owners took great care and effort in their plan to reuse existing stone materials and to reconstruct the wall in such a manner that mirrors the look of the existing structure. The project will be a great addition to the neighborhood and, if approved, will in fact better respect the historic nature of the surrounding walls than not having the proposed addition to the existing wall constructed.

We strongly support the project and hope that you will approve the property owner's request for the variance.

Sincerely,  
Peter and Leela Hamp

**From:** Peter Katz <pkatz2222@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, February 21, 2021 6:34 PM

**To:** Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>; Vander Lugt, Kristen <KVanderLugt@a2gov.org>

**Cc:** Gina Katz <gkatz715@gmail.com>

**Subject:** ZBA20-003

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To Whom It May Concern:

We live at 2120 Wallingford Rd in the Ives Woods neighborhood. We are writing in support of the variance being sought for the property at 1908 Scottwood for the purpose of reconstructing the field stone wall as part of the construction project. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,  
Peter and Gina Katz

**From:** C Ludy <csl0120@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2021 9:50 AM

**To:** Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>; Vander Lugt, Kristen <KVanderLugt@a2gov.org>

**Subject:** 1908 Scottwood variance support

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To whom it may concern,

I wish to express my support for the variance regarding the replacement/modification of the stone wall that borders the property. I am a resident of Ives Woods and walk or drive by this property almost daily, as do hundreds weekly since Scottwood is a busy street and has a traffic light entrance from Washtenaw Avenue. That stone wall is almost a landmark in our neighborhood so I am glad the new owners plan to reuse the materials to replicate/modify the stone wall as much as possible.

I lend my support to the project variance as proposed with the hopes that it helps to maintain the original architectural integrity of that property and our lovely Ives Woods neighborhood. I appreciate and love these older homes and renovated a 1927 Tudor style home on Wallingford Road in 2012. I hope others and the City of Ann Arbor will continue to maintain the architectural integrity of these homes in the future.

Carmen Ludy  
2109 Wallingford Rd.  
Ann Arbor 48104

**From:** Nicholas Howson <nhowson@umich.edu>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 21, 2021 5:47 PM  
**To:** Vander Lugt, Kristen <KVanderLugt@a2gov.org>; Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>  
**Cc:** nhowson@umich.edu; Tori Langland <vlangland@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** ZBA Hearing Feb. 24 2021 6:00 PM - 1908 Scottwood - Comment Regarding Requested Variance

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To the City of Ann Arbor Planning Department:

We are Hermitage Road neighbors of the Scottwood property associated with the requested variance. We are in support of the requested variance with respect to the rebuild of a large portion of the existing stone wall that will be destroyed by the new owners of 1908 Scottwood to: (i) first open a large space for ingress and egress of construction vehicles during the erection of a new house on the property; and (ii) eventually allow two entry points for a proposed new driveway loop on the east side of the new house construction. We are in support of the requested variance because it gives our neighborhood some chance of preserving/re-erecting a small portion of the stone wall that will be destroyed at the subject property. Our very strong preference is of course otherwise: that the new owners NOT destroy the pre-existing wall on Scottwood (just as our former preference was that they not cut down so many ancient trees, or raze the historic house on the property), which would make the requested variance unnecessary and therefore moot. However, if the owners are indeed committed to going forward with destruction of the existing stone wall, the only thing we can do is support the variance, a variance necessary for the promised, if partial, rebuild of the stone wall that is apparently to be destroyed. Our sincere hope is that with the benefit of the variance, and upon the proposed rebuild of a part of the destroyed stone wall, the new owners will be able to use as much of the salvaged materials from the former stone wall as possible to rebuild a new stone wall entirely in conformity with the dimensions, assembly, height, depth and character of what was destroyed. We also hope that the new owners will act in good faith and not use the variance to build a new concrete wall, iron fence or other structure that is different from the destroyed stone wall but nonetheless conforming to the height and opacity permitted in the anticipated variance.

Nicholas Calcina Howson  
Victoria Ann Langland  
1814 Hermitage Road

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**From:** Ariane Anusbigian <aca783@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2021 10:49 AM

**To:** Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>; Vander Lugt, Kristen <KVanderLugt@a2gov.org>

**Subject:** ZBA20-003

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Hello,

I am writing in support of the ZBA request to rebuild the stone wall at 1908 Scottwood Ave.

Thank you!

Ariane Anusbigian

**From:** Karen Godwin <kpgodwin@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2021 1:11 PM

**To:** Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>; Vander Lugt, Kristen <KVanderLugt@a2gov.org>

**Subject:** Support for ZBA20-003

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In advance of the public hearing for ZBA20-003, our family would like to offer our full support for the Oberheide's request to rebuild their wall per plan. We have seen their plans and appreciate their desire to ensure that this beautiful and historic element of our neighborhood remains fully intact once their renovations are complete. As a neighbor that can view that beautiful wall from our front yard each and every day, the care in upholding this wall is very important to us. Building anything different in style, just to meet code, would be detrimental to the look and feel of our neighborhood.

Allowing them to rebuild their wall in the same style and materials (matching current column heights and opacity that exist today) should be swiftly approved by the A2 planning board without question.

Karen & Michael Godwin  
1907 Austin Avenue  
Ann Arbor  
415-595-7666

**From:** Laith Farjo <farjo@jointhealing.com>

**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2021 12:57 PM

**To:** Vander Lugt, Kristen <KVanderLugt@a2gov.org>; Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>

**Subject:** ZBA20-003 zoning request

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To Whom it May Concern:

We are aware of the upcoming Zoning Board meeting regarding a variance request, ZBA20-003, in our neighborhood, on Scottwood Ave.

We have had the opportunity to review the details of the request, as well as discuss with the owners of the property. We are in support of their request to remove the current stone wall, then rebuild it with the removed materials, at a similar height, appearance, and scale as is currently in place, with a modification of ingress/egress openings as requested.

Sincerely yours,

Laith and Juliana Farjo

**From:** Miriam Wasserman <[miriam.wasserman@gmail.com](mailto:miriam.wasserman@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2021 2:41 PM

**To:** Planning <[Planning@a2gov.org](mailto:Planning@a2gov.org)>; Vander Lugt, Kristen <[KVanderLugt@a2gov.org](mailto:KVanderLugt@a2gov.org)>

**Cc:** Hoyt Bleakley (Google Drive) <[hoyt.bleakley@gmail.com](mailto:hoyt.bleakley@gmail.com)>; [ashley.oberheide@gmail.com](mailto:ashley.oberheide@gmail.com)

**Subject:** Neighbor comment of support with respect to ZBA20-003 (1908 Scottwood ave)

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Dear Ann Arbor City Planning Department,

It is our understanding that the rebuilding of the stone wall at 1908 Scottwood Ave. is under your consideration. We live at 1905 Scottwood Ave., directly across the street from the property under consideration and we are directly impacted by decisions regarding its appearance.

We feel very strongly that the stone wall makes up a very important part of the nature and character of our street and would be deeply saddened by its disappearance. The stone construction is a unifying visual element across homes on our street. Our house has a chimney made of the same stones and we integrated stones to our main staircase as a way of tying our house more closely to its surroundings.

Not only is the stone wall an element that gives our street a unique sense of place, but it is also a part of a strong local tradition in which neighbors have gotten together to carve pumpkins and decorate the wall during halloween. We understand that the back wall (where pumpkins are typically placed) is not impacted by the decision regarding the wall on Scottwood. But the portion under consideration is part of the whole, and makes sense as a feature of the property's perimeter.

We strongly support the property owners in their request to rebuild the wall in the same style and character as the current wall and in their commitment to salvage and re-use as much of the original stone and materials as possible.

Thank you very much for your attention,

Miriam Wasserman and Hoyt Bleakley

**From:** Kelly Sexton <[kellysexton@gmail.com](mailto:kellysexton@gmail.com)>  
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**To:** Planning <[Planning@a2gov.org](mailto:Planning@a2gov.org)>; Vander Lugt, Kristen <[KVanderLugt@a2gov.org](mailto:KVanderLugt@a2gov.org)>  
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**Subject:** ZBA20-003

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Good evening,

We live at 2030 Norway Rd and are writing to convey our support for the ZBA request submitted by the Oberheides. We think they have put together a thoughtful plan for the stone wall that will be consistent with the character of this neighborhood.

Please let me know if we can provide any other information to support this request.

Sincerely,

Kelly Sexton, Jonny Sexton  
734-272-2270  
2030 Norway Rd. Ann Arbor, MI

From: Carl Herstein <[carl@hersteins.com](mailto:carl@hersteins.com)>  
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 10:33 AM  
To: Planning <[Planning@a2gov.org](mailto:Planning@a2gov.org)>  
Subject: ZBA20-003; 1908 Scottwood Ave

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On Tuesday, February 9, I sent to you the objection copied below to the captioned variance request for 1908 Scottwood. After reviewing further information with respect to the request, and learning that it is for a restoration plan for the stone wall fronting on Scottwood, I hereby withdraw my objection to the requested variance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl Herstein  
1919 Scottwood

Tue, Feb 9, 2:14 PM  
to [planning@a2gov.org](mailto:planning@a2gov.org)

The proposed zoning variance referenced above would be in the heart of Ives Woods, which has been known since its inception as "a harmonious residential development" (Architecture Magazine, Oct. 1918).

Currently, 1908 Scottwood is surrounded by a beautiful and historic stone wall, similar to many others in the neighborhood, which is in keeping with its character, tradition and charm. An opaque fence of 5'8 inches-- which is taller than an average person--would be out of keeping with the rest of the area, and clash with the harmony that has characterized Ives Woods. As the practical use of the property for residential purposes would not seem to require a variance, for the reasons mentioned we respectfully urge that the requested variance be denied.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl Herstein  
1919 Scottwood, Ann Arbor

**F From:** Joe O'Neal <[joneal@onealconstruction.com](mailto:joneal@onealconstruction.com)>

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**Subject:** 1908 Scottwood Avenue - On Zoning Board of Appeals Agenda for f02/24/21

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To Whom it May Concern –

We reside at 1920 Scottwood Avenue, two properties southeast of subject property, and have no objection to the variance requested by the Oberheides at 1908 Scottwood. We welcome them and their new home to our neighborhood.

– Karen and Joe O’Neal