

In regards to 414 Carroll Canal

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Dear VNC Board Members,

I am writing to wholeheartedly support Dan Simon's proposed project for our community, which includes the addition of 3 stairs and a landing (18" off the ground) to enable convenient access to the front of the house. This proposal aims to address a real hardship in a minimal and eminently reasonable manner. I would like to emphasize the following points that make this request an essential and fitting addition to the project:

1. **Minimal Impact:** The request for 3 stairs and a landing to facilitate entering and exiting the front of the house is both minimal and necessary to ensure practical accessibility, as enjoyed in virtually every house on the canals.
2. **Unanimous Approval:** The LUPC committee unanimously and without hesitation approved this request, further validating its merit and alignment with community standards.
3. **Building and Safety Compliance:** The proposal has been meticulously designed to be the minimal size required to comply with the building and safety code, ensuring adherence to necessary regulations.
4. **Limited Deck Modification:** Approximately 80% of the deck will remain unaffected by the exception, staying within 18" above the natural grade, minimizing any alterations to the existing structure.

I firmly believe that the addition of these stairs and a landing will not create any obstructions, hazards, or visual impacts for the neighbors, as they will be discreetly positioned at the far end of the front yard. Furthermore, with no furniture or decorative objects planned for the stairs and landing, their intended use is solely to enable foot traffic.

It is essential to note that the request is consistent with the front decks and frontage of adjacent houses immediately to the west, which have been grandfathered in for exceeding the 18" height restriction and encroaching on the 15' setback.

In conclusion, I urge you to consider the genuine need and practicality of this proposal, as it aligns with the norms of our community and strives to enhance the accessibility and functionality of Dan Simon's project. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you require any further information or assistance, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,
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