

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED FOR:

6363 OVERBROOK AVE

To the members of the Philadelphia Historic Commission,

I am writing to you regarding the addition of a front deck on the property of 6363 Overbrook Avenue. The deck is being constructed to look as if it was always a part of the house and it does not, in any way, detract from the beauty of the dwelling. This deck will add value to the house and enhance the picturesque beauty of the block and the area of Historic Overbrook Farms.

Being a neighbor that lives across the street from Mr. Cunningham, I have noticed that he takes meticulous care of his property. His big, historic home is one of the first houses that welcome you when entering Overbrook Avenue after you turn off Lancaster Avenue. Overbrook Farms is an area full of beautiful, historic homes and the addition of the second-floor deck will greatly contribute to the scenic and welcoming beauty which these homes have to offer to the public, sightseers, travelers and the neighborhood.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Cordially yours,

Robert J. McNeal III

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6362 Overbrook Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19151

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**Fw: Deck recomendation**

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**From** Steven Cunningham <scunnin649@aol.com>  
**Date** Fri 4/17/2026 12:08 PM  
**To** Joshua Schroeder <Joshua.Schroeder@phila.gov>

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**From:** "Steven Cunningham" <scunnin649@aol.com>  
**To:** "Stevie C-note" <scunnin649@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wed, Apr 15, 2026 at 1:25 PM  
**Subject:** Deck recomendation

My name is Franzennia Smith and I reside at 6370 Overbrook Ave. I live directly across the street from 6363 Overbrook Ave ,the second floor sight line , where the porch is being added, is the first thing I see when I look out of my bedroom windows.

I absolutely love the addition of the second floor porch to the property located at 6363 Overbrook Ave. It provides a sense of grandeur to our block

Neighborhoods throughout historical Germantown, Chestnut Hill and some of our park houses all have representations of these grandiose porches As do many of the older neighborhoods with similar scale houses. They are a visual delight.

Watching the effort and attention to detail put forward to capture the essence of the properties character is appreciated. I look forward to the completion.

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**Jesse Ruhl**  
**6374 Overbrook Avenue**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19151**

April 17, 2026

RE: Letter of Support for Cunningham Porch Deck  
6363 Overbrook Avenue, Philadelphia, PA

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing this letter to formally express my support for the building permit application submitted by my neighbor, Steve Cunningham, located at 6363 Overbrook Avenue.

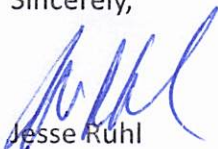
I live across the street from 6363 Overbrook Avenue, and I have reviewed the proposed plans for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor deck that Steve would like to construct. When he designed the porch deck with his architect, Steve took into consideration the historic nature of our neighborhood and designed the deck in such a way that it will blend in perfectly with the historic architecture of not only his own property but of the neighborhood as well.

I believe this project will be a positive addition to our neighborhood and is in keeping with the character of our community. Furthermore, Steve discussed the project with me, and I have no objections to the proposed construction.

I respectfully request that the building department approve this permit application so that Steve may proceed with these improvements.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Jesse Ruhl



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April 19, 2026

The Honorable Chair and Members  
Zoning Board of Adjustment  
City of Philadelphia  
1515 Arch Street, 18th Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Re: Support for Front Porch Roof Deck Project  
Property: 6363 Overbrook Avenue, Philadelphia, PA

Dear Honorable Chair and Members of the Zoning Board:

I write in support of the proposed front porch roof deck project at 6363 Overbrook Avenue, owned by Mr. Steven Cunningham.

I am a long-time resident of Overbrook Farms, residing at 6392 Overbrook Avenue for over 25 years. I am also a former President of the Overbrook Farms Club and a strong and active supporter of the Overbrook Farms Historic District and its preservation.

Having reviewed the proposed project, I do not believe that the addition of a front porch roof deck will interfere with the historic aesthetic or character of the neighborhood. To the contrary, I appreciate that Mr. Cunningham has engaged Alvin Holmes to design the project, demonstrating a thoughtful and appropriate approach to maintaining the integrity of the historic district.

I am supportive of Mr. Cunningham's efforts to enhance his property in a manner that is consistent with the architectural character and spirit of our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Kindt  
6392 Overbrook Avenue

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**Fw: Deck recommendation**

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**From** Steven Cunningham <scunnin649@aol.com>  
**Date** Mon 4/20/2026 9:35 AM  
**To** Joshua Schroeder <Joshua.Schroeder@phila.gov>

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**From:** "linda opticalrealities.org" <linda@opticalrealities.org>  
**To:** "Steven Cunningham" <scunnin649@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sun, Apr 19, 2026 at 11:57 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Deck recommendation

My name is Linda Panetta and I live next to Steve Cunningham at 6367 Overbrook Ave.

I am writing in regard to the proposal to add a second-floor porch to Steve Cunningham's home.

I have observed the care and thoughtfulness that has gone into planning this project, as well as Mr. Cunningham's consistent approach to maintaining and improving his home over the years. It is clear that preserving the integrity of the property is a priority.

Architectural elements such as upper-level porches are a familiar and appreciated feature in many established neighborhoods, contributing both charm and visual interest. This addition feels consistent with that character.

I also understand that Mr. Cunningham is working with a well-established architect, which gives me further confidence that the design will be both appropriate and thoughtfully executed.

Having spoken with Steve on several occasions about his plans, I am confident that the finished result will be a welcome improvement and a true asset to the neighborhood.

Best Regards,  
Linda Panetta

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