Bobbie Walthall

From: Arch <arch@sunflower.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 9:04 AM

To: Bobbie Walthall
Cc: Diane Stoddard

Subject: 804/806 Pennsylvania BAR

City Commissioners,

The food requirements should be 55%, same as all other restaurants that want to serve alcoholic beverages. The fact that the owners of the building do not want to install the proper plumbing and kitchen facilities in the building for their restaurant is their problem. City regulations should not be skewered by allowing this to operate without the 55% rule in place.

The plan now is a failure, the plan before this was a failure, and the plan before that was a failure.

Please review our letter from July 20,2015 to the planning commission.

Thank you,

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Subject: 804 Penn Bistro Special Use Permit

Date: Tue, Jul 21, 2015 10:24 pm

Commissioners,

Please see attachment with detail as to the Special Use Permit Request for the property at 804 Penn St. Please note, that The Planning office and I have worked for many weeks drafting a document that would address all concerns. Theirs has been submitted to you as the staff recommendation. The main sticking point, as you will see in the document is the hours of operation restriction we have omitted. I wanted to reiterate our issues with restricting the hours separate from the attachment for clarity's sake.

Please note that every operator we have approached that has been interested in operating the Bistro has been adamant that no hours restriction take place for two main reasons:

- 1) The Fire Department lists the indoor occupancy for the Bistro building at 44 persons. In Kansas, much of the year people do not want to be outside, so the operator is limited to a maximum of 44 people to serve at one time. Restricting the hours on top of this seemed too much when forecasting cashflow to all potential owners. The patio helps during the warmer seasons, however many students are still out of town. We do not intend to target students in our marketing, but they are still a part of the local economy. Keeping the hours the same as competing establishments is important to involved.
- 2) Many people that live and work in the Warehouse Arts District work in the service industry as waiters, bartenders or similar. These shifts often go until 11pm or later, and business hours need to accommodate this reality. A business in the Warehouse Arts District that cannot serve those in the Warehouse Arts District has no chance of surviving.

I think all are in agreement with the other five conditions. I think it does a great job of addressing issues with food sales, noise, clientele and precedent.

I am hopeful the summary of the process to date and an explanation of how we came to our request will help simplify this complex project. We have a number of operators ready for business, but they did not want to agree with so many of these variable up in the air over the past few years. Hopefully, our terms in the attachment will be agreeable for your Commission so we can file for our building permit and break ground.

Thank you very much for your time.

Tom Larkin Flint Hills Holdings, LLC 832 Pennsylvania Street Lawrence, KS 66044 c: 785.766.9230 Tom Larkin
Flint Hills Development Group, LLC
on behalf of Ohio Mortgage Investors, LLC
832 Pennsylvania St.
Lawrence, KS 66044

Re: 804 Penn St. Bistro Special Use Permit

Commissioners,

This project has been stagnant for two years now, and this will mark the third time that we have been before you. Due to the evolution of this project over time, I think a little background summary is necessary.

In 2007, the previous ownership group of many buildings located in what is now known as the Warehouse Arts District (8th St. to 9th St. and Delaware St. to Pennsylvania St., generally), led by Bo Harris, agreed to placing the 55% restriction for food sales on this block. This restriction was historically only used in downtown Lawrence. The restriction kept the downtown from becoming a bar district, and in that capacity, was effective. However, 50% of the current liquor licenses issued within downtown are to establishments that were grandfathered into this ordinance, and therefore, do not have to abide by the restriction. The property at 804 Pennsylvania Street was within the block that was subject to the 55% restriction. This owner was unsuccessful in redeveloping the historically rich but physically decaying district.

Fast forward to 2013, the properties in the Warehouse Arts District are largely under new ownership. Two years ago the current property owner at 804 Penn approached the Commission to request a rezoning that would remove the 55% restriction. This would be the third redevelopment in the area by the same ownership group that won national awards for the Poehler Lofts and the Cider Gallery as exemplary historic renovation developments.

The decision came down to two options based upon the neighborhood's feedback and the commission's suggestions:

- 1. Place substantial hours restrictions on the business owner
- 2. Extend the 55% sales reporting term to two years instead of one

The latter was chosen as we felt we could attract an operator that would be able to meet this threshold after two years. We still have not found an operator to agree to the terms despite interest in this concept from ten plus individuals because the food sales number was not achievable.

Because of this, we approached the city about allowing food trucks to serve on site, and to count their gross sales toward the 55% benchmark. The city agreed, but only if we did so through the proper channels and modified the Lawrence mobile food vendor code and ordinances to allow them to remain on site more than 3 hours. In 2014, we completed the due process to change these ordinances.

Unfortunately, potentially owners still backed out after hearing of the restrictions (see exhibit A)

Fast forward to 2015. We presented you with a request to fully rezone the property in March of this year. Prior to that meeting we did our due diligence for this effort and met with neighbors, business owners, nearby homeowners, board members of ELNA, Poehler residents and office tenants and property owners in the area to get some feedback as to our plan to apply for the removal of the 55% restriction through a rezoning. Questions arose of noise, activity, demographics of those served and marketed to and the precedent this project would set. I met with ELNA, business owners and property owners, listened to concerns and tried to address as many as I could before ever going before the commission. As an example, prior to any municipal mandate, we:

- 1. Scaled down the patio in square footage and occupancy
- 2. Eliminated alley access to vehicles completely
- 3. Created a singular Penn St. entrance to the parking lot
- 4. Added a significant landscape buffer between Poehler and the Bistro
- 5. Agreed to limit amplified outdoor live music past 11pm.

Additionally, we reached out to local businesses to see if they would partner with us on this project to help sell products to invoke the neighborhood feel and drive sales that were non-alcoholic in nature. Businesses such as Kanbucha, Optimal Living, Lucky Dog Outfitters and Centro Cigars along with Food Truck letters of intent from Wilma's, Drasko's and Torched Goodness (see exhibits B-F) were sent back to us quickly as a show of support. We want this to be a place where people bring kids for a weekend beverage or dogs to relax on the patio. These partners will help us to create this atmosphere and attract the clientele from the neighborhood.

Additionally, the local support was evidenced during the meeting and in correspondence as well. There was a comment made at our meeting that some of you were surprised that not as many neighborhood residents were there. There were many there in support of the project, however. The letters of support from Poehler residents and nearby business owners were evidence as well. This was something that a large contingency that are directly impacted by the Bistro want and still want. In the City Commission meeting, one commissioner commented that he received 18 emails in favor of this rezoning prior to the

meeting and only three dissenting. The support is and will continue to be present for this project.

Finally, we explained that the biggest concern we kept hearing from the neighborhood was that this was going to be a disruptive, obnoxious bar that everyone would end up opposing. The same ownership group owns the property immediately adjacent to the Bistro—the Poehler Lofts at 619 E. 8th St. and the Cider Gallery at 810 Pennsylvania St. Combined between those properties are 74,000 total square feet and a total investment of \$11.3M owned and managed by the same group. This Bistro is an amenity in the neighborhood but not a financial anchor. If word were given that the Bistro was deterring brides from wanting to get married at Cider due to noise or causing residents to move out of Poehler due to disruption then immediate action would take place by the ownership. There is no question that we have the most to lose of anyone if the Bistro ever became too loud or disruptive.

The site plan has been approved for nearly a year now, and the concept has not changed in that span aside from adding food trucks to the operations. Still, we have yet to attract an operator due to the code restrictions on the property.

As for this application, we are requesting a Special Use Permit for this property.

Things that will stay the same from the last rezoning effort through this SUP request:

- 1. The overall concept will stay exactly the same
- 2. Food will remain a crucial part of the business plan
- 3. All previous partnership intent remains intact (Lucky Dog, Kanbucha, etc..)
- 4. Food trucks will remain a staple of this concept and we seek to support them all hours of operations if the demand is there.
- 5. We will continue to try to attract, families, kids, dogs, etc to keep this a local, neighborhood establishment that is tailored to that clientele

After the meeting with the Commission in March, I immediately met again with neighbors and business owners to hear some suggestions for the concessions to be included in the SUP. I emailed numerous times and met in person with Scott McCullough and other city staff to see their draft of the conditions they felt would satisfy all involved. Their list was sent as the staff recommendation that you all have seen in your packet.

I presented the concessions to ELNA, and explained that the City drafted these conditions, not the ownership. They were slightly modified after I met with the City numerous times but the meat is the same. I was hopeful that ELNA be supportive of our document and sign off on the conditions, but your letter from ELNA shows they are opposed to this effort in its entirety. However, the emails

and letters of support show that the entire neighborhood does not agree with the ELNA board. I believe the correspondence shows many in favor as well.

Here are the conditions we as owners would like to see for this Special Use Permit:

- 1. Occupancy. No more than 75 persons may be within the outside dining area at any one time. The interior of the building is limited to no more than 44 persons.
- 2. The number of tables and chairs, as shown on the approved site plan, shall be provided to patrons during all hours that the outside dining area is open, including during Temporary Special Events.
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- 5. Based on the information from ABC representative, a railing or barrier should be installed along the 18" wall around the dining area to clearly demarcate the area and prevent patrons from spilling over into the parking area (It should be noted that any barrier design is subject to SHPO and NPS approval).

The one point that the City and the ownership disagree upon is the restriction of hours, as omitted above. We have made it clear the type of business we will ensure opens in the Bistro and the market it intends to serve. The reason the hours restriction will not work is for two reasons that cannot be ignored as a business owner. One, the interior occupancy in this building is only 44 as per the Lawrence Fire Department. In Kansas, much of the year outdoor patios are obsolete due to Mother Nature, so it must be acknowledged that much of the year you are very limited in number of customers you can serve. This condition is restrictive enough and limiting the hours to less than those of competing establishments in town will make this business unsustainable before it starts. Secondly, this business is in the middle of the Warehouse Arts District, and many of those that live and work here are employed in the service industry that

requires them to work until 11pm or later. For this business to survive in the Warehouse Arts District it needs to serve all in the Warehouse Arts District and this has been consistent with everyone that has discussed operating the Bistro. There has not been a single operator that has been open to restricting hours due to location. We have yet to identify another SUP that restricts hours to handicap that business from competing with others in town. It is for this reason, I believe if a hours restriction becomes a requirement by the Planning Commission or the City Commission we do not believe we can pursue the SUP any further.

We have worked closely with every interested group to come to this point in the process. We feel the above conditions are more than fair and provide a layer of protection for those concerned about this in the neighborhood while still providing a framework in which an operator can run a successful business. Please consider the ownership's side and the length we have gone to get the neighborhood to sign off on this business. We are convinced, that once opened, those that may have been opposed will be please with the product and even chose to visit it on occasion.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Tom Larkin



Fwd: 804 PENN

Tony Krsnich <tony@flinthillsholdings.com>
To: Tom Larkin <tlarkin@flinthillsholdings.com>

Wed, Apr 29, 2015 at 2:42 PM

Please note my new email address: tony@flinthillsholdings.com

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: 785@gmail.com>
Date: November 5, 2014 at 9:31:46 AM CST
To: Tony Krsnich <tonyk@landmarkigllc.com>

Subject: 804 PENN

HI Tony,

I hope all is well with you. After deeply considering the proposed lease to open a bar/bistro in 804 Pennsylvania I'm afraid I can't make it work. The zoning restrictions as well as my own financial risk make this unattractive.

I appreciate what you are doing in East Lawrence and wish you all the best. I hope we can work together in some capacity in the near future.

Sincerely,

EXHBIT A



KANbucha 126 Indian Avenue Lawrence, KS 66046

To Whom It May Concern:

In regard to Tom Larkin's request to open retail space in the East Lawrence neighborhood area, Kanbucha supports the removal of the 55% restriction. We understand that operating a small business is difficult enough, and adding extra reporting requirements will not help to facilitate sales, but in fact, will help deter due to the reporting procedures. Additionally, We have an agreement with the owners to sell our product on the 804 Penn St. premises for, at minimum, the next 5 years, should the project be approved.

We appreciate your time in considering this matter.

Thank you,

Elliot Pees

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Owner

KANbucha



519 Ames Street Baldwin City, KS 66006 Phone: 785-331-5290

Email: optimalliving13@gmail.com
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To Whom It May Concern:

Optimal Living has entered an agreement with the owners of 804 Pennsylvania to have a pick up location for our food for a minimum of the next 5 years.

Sincerely,

Jéremy Rodrock, Owner

EXHBIT C

Lucky Dog Outfitters 1027 Massachusetts 1411 W 23rd St Suite B Lawrence, KS 785-550-0926 785-371-6476



May 11, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of The Bistro, 804 Pennsylvania. I encourage a change to the 55% non-alcohol sales percentage so that they may offer alcoholic beverages at this location, as well as food and other locally made goods.

Additionally, we are hoping to develop a partnership for the term of 5 years with The Bistro to offer our dog bakery treats on their patio.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Ybarra

Co-Owner

Lucky Dog Outfitters

EXHIBIT D

Draskos LLC 2349 Haversham Drive (913) 205-3345 jaydrask@yahoo.com



MAY 12, 2015

City of Lawrence Commissioner's City Hall P O Box 708 Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Sirs and Madam,

This letter is in reference to City Ordinance 8054 in concern to the proposed establishment of The Bistro at 804 Pennsylvania.

Drasko's Food Truck & Catering fully supports the removal of the 55% requirement of Ordinance 8054. Running a small business is difficult enough without having to increase our reporting requirements, unnecessarily. The removal of the 55% through rezoning will allow for us to operate more effectively and efficiently

We currently have an agreement with the ownership Bistro to be on site at least one day a week for the next 5 years, with every intention of renewing this as long as it's in business.

With warm regards,

Jay Draskovich

Richard Draskovich

EXHIBIT E



Eric Ireland • Chef Owner Julia Ireland • Owner

480.296.1609 • torchedgoodness@gmail.com 1234 Bluestem Drive, Eudora, KS 66025

May 11, 2015

To Whom It May Concern;

I own a gourmet food truck in Lawrence and am writing in regards to the Bistro in the Warehouse Arts District. I have had numerous meetings and conversations with the building operator and have agreed to have my food truck at the Bistro for a minimum of one day per week for the next five years. I expect this partnership to last longer than that and hope to be able to increase my days per week.

My concern is the 55% restriction and I support having that lifted. Without that restriction in place I would be able to operate more effectively. In addition, I do not welcome more reporting and paperwork as it takes away from my time to actually work in my food truck and generate income.

It's my belief that this will be a win win for both sides. I expect the alcohol and beverage sales to help my food sale revenue and vice versa. This way customers can stay at the location longer and enjoy both food and drinks.

Another benefit being offered to me from the building operator is the ability to plug into both a power and water supply. This also cuts down my overhead by not having to run my generator.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julia Ireland
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EXMBIT F

From: Jacqueline Putman [mailto:jputman@flinthillsmgmt.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 5:35 PM

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Subject: Cider Gallery and Poehler Lofts

Commissioners,

Please see the attached letter regarding the suspected noise complaints from the Poehler Loft residents concerning the Cider Gallery at 810 Pennsylvania Street. My management team has researched current resident files as well as past resident files in search of any documented noise complaints regarding the Cider Gallery, and *zero* complaints were found.

As the letter will explain, we are required to keep resident files and all notices, including complaints for up to 7 years. My management team at the Poehler Lofts has never received a verbal or documented noise complaint from the Cider Gallery or any neighboring businesses.

Thank you for your time and attention! Let me know if you have any questions at all.

Jacqueline Putman
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July 21, 2015

RE: Lawrence Bistro – 804 Pennsylvania Street

Dear Commissioners,

This letter is to confirm that there has been zero documented noise complaints regarding the Cider Gallery made by current or previous residents at the Poehler Lofts. Under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code, the Poehler Lofts, as well as all LIHTC (Low Income Housing Tax Credit program) properties, are required to keep documented complaints from all residents for at least 7 years. We have researched all the Poehler tenant files from the opening of the building, June 2012 to the present and have found no noise complaints.

Please contact me with any questions! Thank you.

Jacqueline Putman

VP of Property Management Flint Hills Management Group

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Subject: 9 Del Lofts Support of Bistro - 804 Penn

Commissioners,

Please see the attached signatures from current 9-Del Loft residents in support of the Bistro – 804 Pennsylvania Street Special Use Permit.

9-Del Lofts is a brand new property and many residents are still moving in, however, we were able to get all signatures in support of the Bistro.

Again, please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

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9 Del Lofts 900 Delaware Street Lawrence, KS 66044

RE: Special Use Permit Request for 804 Pennsylvania St.

Esteemed Commissioners,

As 9 Del Loft tenants, we are extremely supportive of the Special Use Permit application for the neighboring development referred to as "The Bistro" at 804 Pennsylvania Street.

Let this letter, and the accompanying signatures, show that we fully support the issuance of a Special Use Permit with the following proposed requirements:

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As tenants, we chose to move into this apartment complex and neighborhood over others because of the vibrancy and innovation manifested in all of the Warehouse Arts District developments. Not only do we ask for your vote of approval, but we intend to support the business as patrons for years to come.

Sincerely,

9 Del Loft Apartment Residents

(Signatures Enclosed)

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Subject: Poehler Lofts Support letters for the Bistro - 804 Penn

Commissioners,

Please see the attached letter of support from the Poehler Lofts residents for the Bistro - 804 Pennsylvania Street Special Use Permit.

One point of clarification, some residents when approached to sign this final document, were either unavailable during our office hours or getting worn out by the solicitation for signatures. All residents are very supportive of the Bistro and look forward to it joining their community very soon. Everyone has voiced verbal support about its opening next door.

Also attached is a letter from one of our residences at the Poehler Lofts, David Hickey, asking to relocate to the west side of the property in order to experience the Bistro when it opens. Just wanted this to illustrate that residents are not concerned with the Bistro opening, but rather see it as an asset.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks so much!

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July 10, 2015

City of Lawrence City and Planning Commissioners 6 East 6th Street Lawrence, KS 66044

Poehler Loft Apartments 619 East 8th St. Lawrence, KS 66044

RE: Special Use Permit Request for 804 Pennsylvania St.

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Sincerely,

Poehler Loft Apartment Residents

(Signatures Enclosed)

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Flint Hills Management,

I am interested in a unit facing the West side, so I can overlook the Bistro when it opens. Please let me know if and when something is available and we can discuss.

Sincerely,

David Hickey

Unit 109

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David Hickey

Unit 109

From: **Alex Santos** < <u>asantos@flinthillsholdings.com</u>>

Date: Tue, Jul 21, 2015 at 4:47 PM

Subject: Bistro SUP Business Owners Letters of Support

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eric.c.struckhoff@gmail.com

Hello, Commissioners.

We have compiled a list of surrounding businesses that support a special use permit as written in the attached letter. They feel that these requirements without restriction to hours of operation are more than sufficient and factor in all concerns from the surrounding neighborhood. All of the attached business owners understand the challenges of running a small business and support a city and commission that provide an environment that allows for small businesses to succeed.

Please see attachment. Thank you.

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Alexandra Santos Property Manager The Poultry Building 832 Pennsylvania Street

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Alexandra Santos Flint Hills Holdings Group City of Lawrence City and Planning Commissioners 6 East 6th Street Lawrence, KS 66044

Warehouse Arts District and Surrounding Business Owners

RE: Special Use Permit Request for 804 Pennsylvania St.

Esteemed Commissioners,

Let this letter, and the accompanying signatures, show that we fully support the issuance of a Special Use Permit with the following proposed requirements:

- 1. Occupancy. No more than 75 persons may be within the outside dining area at any one time. The interior of the building is limited to no more than 44 persons.
- 2. The number of tables and chairs, as shown on the approved site plan, shall be provided to patrons during all hours that the outside dining area is open, including during Temporary Special Events.
- 3. Amplified live music on the outside dining area shall cease at 10pm Sunday through Thursday and at 11pm Friday and Saturday. Other music (live acoustical and digital or stereo sources) shall be kept at an ambient level after those times.
- 4. Requirements to provide food:
 - a. Food shall be available for purchase at all times the establishment is open. The food may be provided within the building and/or by food trucks on site.
 - b. The food shall consist of menu items more substantial in nature than the typical nuts and/or popcorn offered at bars, yet affordable options should be provided. Items such as pastries, breakfast foods, sandwiches and sides, or meals will meet the intent of this requirement.
- 5. Based on the information from ABC representative, a railing or distinguishable barrier should be installed along the 18" wall around the dining area to clearly demarcate the area and prevent patrons from spilling over into the parking area.

We chose to set up and grow our businesses in the Warehouse Arts District and East Lawrence because we feel there is a tremendous amount of momentum and positive energy that will help us as business owners. Some of us were attracted because of the creative population base that exists here, some for the affordable space availability, some to work alongside like minded folk, but all of us want to work in a vibrant district that provides a home and identity for our business that matches our professional culture.

We are extremely excited for this next business to open its doors at 804 Pennsylvania, and we will support them like we do our current neighbors and colleagues. Professionally, this addition is needed as a place to entertain clients, build relationships amongst coworkers and get to know other businesses in the area by sitting at the same table for a beverage or meal. Personally, the concept for this bistro could not be more fitting for its location and building.

We fully support the Special Use Permit being pursued and will anxiously await the grand opening should this Permit receive approval!

Sincerely,

Warehouse Arts District and Surrounding Business Owners

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TO: Mr. Clay Britton, Chair, and Members of the Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Commission

RE: ITEM NO. 5 SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 804 PENNSYLVANIA ST

When this issue was placed on the Planning Commission's March 23, 2015 agenda, the League of Women Voters Land Use Committee wrote a letter in opposition to the proposal to rezone the property to eliminate the 55% food sales reporting requirement. We were primarily concerned whether a bar without food service could meet the needs of the community; and whether it would attract a large number of customers from outside the neighborhood, eventually becoming a hazard and a nuisance rather than a benefit for the residents. We were also unsure whether conditions imposed under a SUP could adequately address the food issue. Although we still do not think this property should be exempt from the 55% food requirement, we agree that the next best outcome is a Special Use Permit with stringent conditions.

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Response: The issue of sound has been discussed several times in prior hearings on this rezoning request. Whenever it arises, the answer always involves outdoor events held at the Cider Gallery, with the primary argument being if there is no objection to noise from the Cider Gallery (a statement which is disputed) there should be no objection to noise from this proposed small bistro next door. No one has mentioned that the Cider Gallery has only one or two events per week, while the property in question could be open seven days a week. If amplified music is allowed, the onslaught of noise day after day would be very disruptive to the neighborhood. This could potentially be handled by prohibiting outdoor amplified music altogether or by limiting the number of days per week amplified music is allowed.



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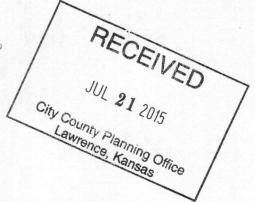
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2.d. Staff Recommendation: Operating Hours. The outdoor seating area shall be closed (unoccupied) at 11:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 12:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Business hours inside the building are unrestricted.

Response: Allowing outdoor seating until 11 pm on weeknights and 12 pm on Fridays and Saturdays seems unreasonable for an establishment located in the middle of a neighborhood. Again, the impact on the neighborhood could be mitigated or controlled by prohibiting or limiting outdoor amplified music.

Based on the public comments during the May 19, 2015 City Commission meeting, it is apparent that a small, quiet neighborhood restaurant/bar is something that many people in the area would enjoy. Limiting the impact of noise from this establishment may help to achieve that goal.

Sincerely,

Debra S. Duncan

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Alan Black, Chairman Land Use Committee

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From: Phil Collison [mailto:phil@collison.com]

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 9:18 AM

To: Scott McCullough Subject: 804 Penn SUP

Hi Scott, please include this for the Planning Commission Packet for 8/22 agenda item 5.

Here are my thoughts on this SUP.

I want to see this establishment geared more towards being a neighborhood restaurant rather than a neighborhood bar. The bar aspect has connotations that do not make it fit in to a neighborhood as well as a restaurant can.

I also believe the standards set forth in this SUP will have precedent setting consequences both in this newly burgeoning area as well as in other areas of the city.

The SUP should limit hours, both inside and outside. I would prefer an earlier closing on the inside than the SUP offers. Midnight would be good.

The SUP should have specific and measurable standards on food. Percentages of sales would be the easiest way to measure.

The SUP should have specific and measurable standards on noise. There are families living within view of the site. They do not need the distractions of a bar, but want the amenities of a restaurant.

The current SUP as written leaves far too much interpretation to the standards being placed. The standards being put into place should not be left to judgements.

The new restaurant should be a positive addition to the neighborhood, a new bar is a divisive addition to the neighborhood. The primary entertainment district is a mere 5 or 6 blocks away, where it should be - Downtown.

Thanks for the opportunity to give feedback.

Phil Collison 900 block of Pennsylvania.

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 442393 Lawrence, KS 66044 eastlawrence@yahoo.com

July 19, 2015

Re: SUP for 804 Pennsylvania



The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association is pleased to be able to weigh in on the Special Use Permit for the restaurant that is being proposed for 804 Pennsylvania. We would have much preferred that the applicant just follow the rules as they were laid out in the Conservation Overlay District that we worked hard to put into place back in 2006. The goal then was to allow for development that could be congruent within a neighborhood. Our goal today will be to accomplish that same thing. Applicant has been discussing this issue with us for nearly three years; our feedback to him throughout that timeframe has been consistently the same, we want the hours shortened, we want food served, and we want noise mitigated. Applicant has not budged on a desire to run a bar with no food requirements, but with good intentions to serve food.

A Special Use Permit should define specific criterion that would make it very easy to determine if a bar were in compliance. That criterion should be easily measurable. That this bar should be capable of serving "substantial" food during all hours it is open is not easily measurable and could quickly be undermined by a shrewd owner. Our intent is that not only would the bar be prepared to serve food, but food would be served routinely, and the volume of food served be documented in some manner. A percentage of sales is an easily measurable methodology. The SUP should have a clear and measurable method for documenting the amount of food served.

A Special Use Permit should also have a measurable component in regards to noise. Keeping the noise to an "ambient level" requires judgment on the part of the listener, and the perception of ambient noise to a neighbor lying in bed with a window open would be quite different than how a person having a conversation on the deck of said bar might perceive ambient noise. Noise levels should be easily measurable and criterion chosen should be specific. Routine checks should be made by City Staff to ensure compliance. Dense vegetation around the patio could also help keep sound reverberation to a minimum.

In 2006 when we came up with a 55% food requirement for the overlay we wanted a way to encourage a business to open as a restaurant rather than a bar. Applicant wants the business to be more bar than restaurant and has stated an intent to have the bar available to patrons of the Cider Gallery once their special events end. Late night hours may be desired by the owner, but are not conducive to a quiet and peaceful neighborhood. We do see this recognized by the SUP for the outside area of the bar. We want it to go one step further and apply to the inside area of the bar. We do not see potential for food service in the late night hours that a bar would be open, and we do not believe that late night bar

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activities are congruent within the neighborhood. We want to see a reasonable closing time of midnight for the inside patrons, also.

Applicant has stated good intentions will drive the operations of the bar. We are glad that Applicant does have good intentions, but also believe good intentions should have checks and balances in place to back them up. That is what a clear and concise Special Use Permit can accomplish. Those good intentions should make it such that the SUP does not come into play. We hope that they do, but we will sleep better at night knowing that a solid SUP will accomplish what our hopes may not.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input,

Aaron Paden

President, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

July 19, 2015 From: N. Proudfoot, Resident and Property owner E.L.

To the City of Lawrence:

The Ant-track and the 9th street Corridor:

The supposed "Art Corridor" has little if nothing to do with Art. It is a Trojan horse strategy, using Art as a ploy to Access the neighborhood for developers and speculators, who do not even live in Lawrence. There are 9 residential houses on 9th street. Where are these people going to go? East Lawrence is one of the oldest original working class neighborhoods west of the Mississippi still basically intact! It is residential, light commercial and small business, mostly owner occupied that is if you do not count the 100 new apartments to the north. We already have public gathering places; Lawrence creates, Art Emergence, The Cider House. The idea of putting a bar at 801 Penn seems out of order. I live at 814 New Jersey and have to get my sleep. I hear complaints from people who live next to bars and they reiterate how noisy it is and having to deal with the drunk patrons at 2 am in the morning. Is this just opening the door to what else will be allowed?

Why after decades of neglect, all of a sudden there is such an amount of interest in the east Lawrence. We find this highly suspicious. I am not against development but it has to include sustainability and participation of local property and Business owners in the process and not just outside investors. The corridor is the magnet for land speculators and drive up prices to make a quick buck in the process driving out long term even 4th generation residents.

It is the first step in the creation of a Manhattan-style Aggieville in the Heart of East Lawrence. What we need is new sewers, sidewalks, traffic calming devices, pedestrian friendly streets and sidewalks and Low lighting, not a satellite entertainment district competing with downtown. For all our property taxes we deserve more than 30 years of neglect. Lawrence was born in these bottoms. Remember to preserve our past, and not be blinded by visions of exploiters.

I am a neighbor that is objecting to the opening of a late night bar on Penn Street in East Lawrence and one who will be directly affected by the commotion.

Afwerefoot proud 38 @ Gmail.com From: "Judy Romero" < jjromero@hotmail.com>

To: "Scott McCullough" < smccullough@lawrenceks.org>

Cc: "Judy Jane Romero" < jjromero@hotmail.com>, "Phil Collison" < phil@collison.com>

Subject: Bistro/bar of 800 block of Pennsylvania St

Date: Fri, Jul 17, 2015 11:44 am

I'm Judy Romero of 929 Pennsylvania St. My family has lived on the 900 block for many years. (I grew up in the 50s on the block)

I am writing to voice my four concerns of the BAR/bistro to the area.

When Robert Kruse set up his business, the family supported him. It was a great improvement after living with the east side bar (under age drinking & rude college kids & picking up beer cans very weekend.)

Now & the future ...ugh.

1. noise

The occasional food fest & festival is OK. But my concern now is based on an instinct. This could be an open door to late night craziness/noise not just occasionally but weekly (daily/nightly OMG) it seems the owners of the bistro/bar are wanting to make money with no regard to the neighborhood.

Tom once stated change is coming if you like it or not. So I've become suspicious.

It would be nice to have a quiet place to walk to for a drink or food when having out of town company. But at what cost to the neighborhood?

2. drinking

50% food 50% liquor would be what I think logical but not what owners want. It would need to be called a bar not a bistro, if liquor % is higher. I think a person who drinks daily & that late at night may not be what would be good for the neighborhood.

3. hours of operation

Late night hours are of concern. These late hours are not for the 8 to 5 worker & the nearby neighbors trying to sleep. So who would be buying drink/food at the late hour? It been said the restaurant/bar workers of Lawrence needed a place and this would be it... & daily. How many would that be? How could a business make money off these workers? So there must be more to this venture than we have been told.

4. size of the place

This is of interest. Small, yes, but something tells me there are already plans to expand...to make money. It would be a nice place for private parties & gatherings like cider gallery. That would be great!

FYI

These are incidents we have experienced from east side bar. I've had people ring my door bell after midnight wanting to use bathroom. (heard them talk but did not answer)

My brother across the street had men & women urinate in the yard behind hedge. He also had word exchanges with people...most were college students. He finally removed hedges. The words exchanged summed up --its a bad neighborhood & they could do what they (college kid) want.

I also know that marijuana can easily be accessed....I've called & written the police. So what other drugs could be had. Yes its available all over town but if it can be stopped in this area maybe we could avoid future problems.

It is sad to say I see more negatives than positives for the future, if this BAR/bistro is able to set its rules/conditions of operation. Other businesses would be ready to open if there is this freedom the city would allow.

Respectfully,

Judy Romero jjomero@hotmail.com 785 760-2107 From: C L Suenram [mailto:csuen3@sunflower.com]

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 8:56 AM

To: Scott McCullough
Cc: Diane Stoddard

Subject: 804 Pennsylvania

July 20, 2015

To the Planning Commissioners,

Regarding the SUP for 804 Pennsylvania, we do not support the proposal as written by the applicant.

There needs to be a set closing time, not just adjusting the sound levels of the music at 10 and 11 o'clock. Who describes what is ambient at midnight during the week?

There needs to be a very adequate sound barrier.

There needs to be a more reliable food requirement.

There does not need to be a bar close by for when an event at the Cider Gallery (where alcohol can be served via catering) ends for people to go have another drink. There are plenty other bars nearby downtown.

Once again, if the business model does not work a new business model can be figured out.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Cindy Suenram Arch Naramore 1204 New York Lawrence

JUL 1 0 2015 July 102015 City County Planning Office anning Department would like to object to the 804 Penn. St Special use perfuit for the request for live music Tdays a week. Please take into consideration the families living on New Jersey St. there is a family with a new born, a young couple with a schoolage children, an older women carring for her even older sister with dementia, several students with early classes, and people with jobs that reed their sleep. The music a half ablack away would be very unsettling. do not live on New Sersey St. 1 have ived in the 800 block of NewYork St for 25 yrs and I know most of the folks who live on New Sersey St and I fielt I needed to speak wip for the unhardened City commission goers the un computer users and those who are not sure how to voice their concerns In writing So please take us neighbors into consideration when considering this special use permit for live music. Cynthia trask ozdog@sunFlower.Com 7.9. Personally i am against having this bar

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