



June 17, 2024

Karl W. Moritz, Director
Department of Planning and Zoning
City of Alexandria
City Hall, Room 2100
Alexandria, VA 22314

RE: SUP2024-00033
2207 & 2213 Mt. Vernon Ave, Gustave's Le Jardin

Dear Mr. Moritz,

The Del Ray Citizens Association (DRCA) voted to support the SUP application for Gustave's Le Jardin with the following recommendations:

1. Provide bike racks on the sidewalk along Mt. Vernon Ave and a location within the fenced in area of the property .
2. Provide and maintain plants, preferably native, in the planters along the fence on Mt. Vernon Ave.
3. Adequately address on site drainage to eliminate standing water and mud accumulation within the property and adjacent sidewalks.
4. Enclose the trash receptacles as required by code and ensure trash collection is adequate with increased occupancy.
5. Provide signage, physical and on the website, to indicate where off-street parking lot is located.
6. Provide adequate staff to monitor dogs on site at all times.



7. Provide the name, email and cell phone number of a staff member to act as community liaison to all neighbors. Provide advance notice of “x days” to neighbors of scheduled events that may create more noise than typical operational noises.

The Del Ray Citizens Association Land Use Committee (DRCA LUC) held a public Zoom meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2024. The applicant, their representatives and a city staff member were in attendance. A presentation prepared by the LUC of the proposed SUP was reviewed. Questions and comments from the adjacent homeowners and attendees were addressed by the applicant, their representatives and city staff.

On Wednesday, June 12, 2024 during the regular DRCA Zoom membership meeting, the membership reviewed and discussed the motion set forth by the LUC. The membership voted to support the motion with the recommendations as presented above.

In the short time Le Jardin has been open, Mr. Moussaïff has turned an open field along the Avenue to a multi-use space that has become a welcoming asset to the community. The members of the DRCA enthusiastically support the SUP.

Sincerely,

Kristine Hesse, DRCA LUC Co-Chair
Lisa Lettieri, DRCA LUC Co-Chair

Katie Waynick
DRCA President

cc: Rayon, Gustave’s Le Jardin
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