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

RE: Special Use Permit (SUP) # 2017-0068, 1504A Mt. Vernon Ave
Hairy Situations Dog Grooming Salon

On August 8, 2017, the Del Ray Citizens' Association (DRCA) Land Use Committee (LUC) reviewed SUP Number 2017-0068, which proposes to open a dog grooming salon at 1504A Mt. Vernon Ave which requires a parking reduction of 3 spaces. After discussion, the LUC voted unanimously to support the SUP.

The salon is a by-appointment use, and it was understood that parking for the establishment would be short-term. For this reason, it was recommended that short-term parking be applied for in front of the business. With the adjacent uses of Al's Steakhouse and Sicilian Pizza, the short-term parking should benefit all the uses in this block as they are mostly carry-out restaurants.

There was also discussion concerning beautification of the block. Although there is not a tree well directly in front of the establishment, the LUC voted to include a request for the applicant to work with the other businesses and the landowner to improve the tree wells on the block.

Sincerely,

Kristine Hesse, Co-Chair
Danielle Fidler, Co-Chair
Del Ray Citizens Association
Land Use Committee

Rod Kuckro,
President
Del Ray Citizens Association

Cc: Alex Dambrach, Staff Reviewer