

From: Femi Adalakun
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 11:33 AM
To: Anh Vu; Kristen Walentisch
Cc: Mary Christesen; Ann Horowitz
Subject: FW: 218 N. Lee Street, Tandoori Nights Planning Application

FYI

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From: Robert Boyd [mailto:rboyd@fogcityus.com]
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 7:02 PM
To: Femi Adalakun <femi.adalakun@alexandriava.gov>
Subject: 218 N. Lee Street, Tandoori Nights Planning Application

Dear Femi Adalakun,

I wish to protest Tandoori Night's application to extend the permitted hours of operation of a restaurant at 218 North Lee Street to 1.00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

1. The premises are in a residential neighborhood (the City's zoning notwithstanding) with many homes on three sides. The idea that customers may emerge at 1 a.m. having had alcohol available until then does not, to my mind, even merit serious consideration.
2. Nearby homes are occupied by families with small children. It is in the interest neither of the community nor the city's tax base for the neighborhood to be made unwelcoming to families.
3. No other restaurant in this established residential community is open so late.
4. For anyone needing a restaurant open until 1 a.m., there are plenty of choices available already on nearby but non-residential King Street.
5. The requested change would be permanent so that if granted, regardless of the practical present intentions of the applicant, the premises would be available for opening to 1 a.m. by any future occupant.

I hope the Planning Commission will give proper consideration to this objection.

Sincerely,

Robert Boyd
Homeowner, 109 Cameron Mews, Alexandria VA 22314

From: Femi Adalakun
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 11:36 AM
To: Anh Vu; Kristen Walentisch
Cc: Mary Christesen; Ann Horowitz
Subject: FW: Tandoori Nights lease at 218 N Lee Street

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From: Cathryn J. Marcuse [mailto:cathryn.marcuse@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 10:28 AM
To: Femi Adalakun <femi.adalakun@alexandriava.gov>
Cc: Joshua Marcuse <jmarcuse@gmail.com>
Subject: Tandoori Nights lease at 218 N Lee Street

Hello,

I live across the street (123 Cameron Mews) from the proposed location of Tandoori Nights, and wanted to express my **ENTHUSIASTIC endorsement** and support of whatever permits they need to operate.

There are no Indian food restaurants in this part of Old Town, and I think it would add another layer of culture and vibrancy to our charming neighborhood.

Thank you!

Cathryn

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From: Femi Adhlakun
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 10:11 AM
To: Anh Vu; Kristen Walentisch
Cc: Ann Horowitz; Mary Christesen; Puskar, M. Catharine
Subject: FW: Tandoori Nights

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From: jeanne bennett [mailto:jeannerben@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 10:04 AM
To: Femi Adhlakun <femi.adhlakun@alexandriava.gov>
Subject: Tandoori Nights

To whom it may concern ,

I am a resident at Cameron Mews a townhouse that borders Lee Street where the new restaurant Tandoori Nights is relocating. I am writing to say that the new proposed hours will have a negative effect on the traffic and noise level of our neighborhood. I am writing to oppose the new exemptions.

Thank you , Jeanne Bennett

Jeanne Bennett
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From: Femi Adalakun
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2018 8:53 AM
To: Anh Vu; Kristen Walentisch
Cc: Mary Christesen; Ann Horowitz; Puskar, M. Catharine
Subject: FW: Queries about Tandoori Nights proposal SUP#2017-0133.

From: Karen Boyd [mailto:kboyd@fogcityus.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2018 5:33 PM
To: Femi Adalakun <femi.adalakun@alexandriava.gov>
Cc: Richard Eisinger <raeisinger@verizon.net>
Subject: Queries about Tandoori Nights proposal SUP#2017-0133.

Attn: Femi Adalakun

I am writing as a Director of the Board of Cameron Mews Ltd. with respect to the application from Tandoori Nights SUP#2017-0133.

Residents in Cameron Mews welcome new restaurants that add quality and variety to our choices of local restaurants. We do want to have good relations with our neighbours and hope to clarify and prevent future misunderstandings. Hours of operation are one concern and maintaining the 'quiet residential environment' we value is another.

We ask for clarification on the following points:

. In addition to the current grandfathered *hours of operation, on-premises alcohol sales and number of seats*, is there a grandfathered clause concerning limited live entertainment?

. Did La Bergerie modify its use application when they introduced live music on special occasions?

. We thank the planning committee for its conditions #8 and #18 limiting the hours of live music and the venue for live entertainment to the 40-seat multi-use room. It would help if there were a plan of the restaurant location within the Crilley Warehouse building showing the exact location of the 40-seat multi-use room attached to the proposal. Nearby residents would be interested especially if it had direct exposure to N Lee Street.

. Does condition #8 attach to the current space occupied by the 40-seat multi-use room or to any space designated by the tenant restaurant as a small multi-use room?

. The terms 'limited' and 'occasional' live entertainment are imprecise and subjective and could be the focus of dissatisfaction and complaints. Would it be possible to define them numerically? Are we talking about once a (quarter, month, or week)? In order to manage expectations it would be best to define a range that can be agreed upon between the restaurant and its residential neighbours.

Other residents have written objecting to the proposed changes in hours of operation, which I endorse, and I hope you take up these matters in your meeting on the 6th March with proposals that address some of these concerns.

Unfortunately, I will be out of town the date of the meeting at Town Hall but Cameron Mews Ltd. will have a member of the Board there representing our residents' concerns and observations. Please address answers to myself or to my colleague Dick Eisinger, President of the Board of Directors, Cameron Mews Ltd. (raeisinger@verizon.net).

Sincerely,

Karen Boyd, Director

Cameron Mews Ltd.

Dear Alexandria Planning Commission and City Council,

RE: Special Use Permit #**2017-0133**

Any new restaurant should be a good neighborhood fit and some neighbors and we have concerns particularly about the business hours that are proposed at this Tandoori Nights restaurant location. This location is zoned as CD/Commercial Downtown, but I would point out a need to look much closer at this particular neighborhood.

After review of the SUP details I am writing in regard to the application for opening of a new restaurant named Tandoori Nights on North Lee. We welcome a new restaurant in that now empty location, and are great fans of Indian Cuisine.

The North Lee St. Crilley Warehouse building location is in a mixed-use historic neighborhood with a group of twenty-five Queens Row residences directly across the street. The second floor location proposed for this restaurant is indeed grandfathered as a restaurant, but the previous restaurant at this location was a quiet establishment with evening hours till 10:00pm I believe. Myron Mixon's restaurant on the first floor has no live entertainment and closes at 11:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, 9:00 pm on Sunday and 10:00 pm M-Thurs. Those operations and hours are reasonable in a residential area and have not caused problems.

Currently before and after 10:00 on any night this neighborhood and North Lee St. block is very quiet and this or a similar busy late night venue could change the character of our neighborhood. Operating hours with proposed live music and song may be allowed until as late as 10:00pm on weekend nights, and although this is before closing time, it is a cause of concern for a quiet neighborhood.

Some live music entertainment venues and late night operations that are acceptable over on King Street, may not be acceptable in this semi residential neighborhood. As is the case with restaurants currently at and near this location, after closing time patrons will also often continue loud socializing out on the street while waiting for transportation, and as I read the application, patrons may be leaving as late as 2:00am.

I understand that nearby Bilbao Baggins restaurant is open till midnight on weekends, but is also in a different location around the corner. Unlike our block on North Lee St., there are no homeowner residences at all on their block of Queen St.

There are also additional issues with restaurant locations in this area given the existing traffic problems with very limited parking and no truck loading zones, which should also be also considered in accommodation of an additional restaurant opening.

Given the maximum occupancy of this restaurant with late hours and live entertainment, great care should be taken in considering this new application and change.

I hope Tandoori Nights can design their business model and opening hours to best accommodate this unique location where we live.

Regards,
Kim Abraham
225 North Lee St.
Vice President Queens Row HOA Board

From: Femi Adelokun
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 4:51 PM
To: Anh Vu; Kristen Walentisch
Cc: Mary Christesen; Ann Horowitz; Puskar, M. Catharine
Subject: FW: Tandoori Nights - extended hours concern

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-----Original Message-----

From: Beth Gross [mailto:bethmgross@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 4:11 PM
To: Femi Adelokun <femi.adelokun@alexandriava.gov>
Cc: Beth Michelman Gross <bethmgross@gmail.com>; Kim Abraham <kta@kimabraham.com>
Subject: Tandoori Nights - extended hours concern

Dear Ms. Adelokun,

I am writing to express my concern about the extended hours of operation proposed for Tandoori Nights.

As a resident of Queens Row for five years, we have enjoyed the proximity of several restaurants and would welcome a new addition - especially with Indian food.

However, the restaurants on Lee Street are not open past 11:00 pm - which fits very nicely with the character of our neighborhood.

Serving alcohol so late will attract a louder crowd.

And many restaurant patrons come out onto Lee Street to wait for their Uber, taxi or car.

Right now, our neighborhood is win-win. The restaurants are full and thriving. The residents know that it will be quiet at a reasonable hour.

I would hate for this new restaurant to shift the balance and create tension in our neighborhood.

When we purchased our home, we never expected to have to deal with loud patrons at 1:00 a.m. or later.

I strongly urge that the Special Use Permit not be granted to allow operation until 1:00 a.m. Tandoori Nights should close at 11:00 p.m. - just like Myron Mixon's.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Beth Gross

124 Queen Street

President, Queens Row Owners Association

SUP2017-0133
Additional Materials

Special Use Permit 2017-0133

kirk dehaven <ksdkjlm@gmail.com>

Mon 3/5/2018 4:12 PM

To: PlanComm <PlanComm@alexandriava.gov>;

As a resident directly across the street for this proposed restaurant I would ask that the permit be modified to match the existing grandfathered hours of operation.

Any extended hours allowed to this restaurant beyond the normal dining hours would create a nuisance for the resident neighbors as this would essentially convert this to a nightclub instead of a restaurant. The proposed addition of live music, while limited to 10:00 pm is another indication that the objective of the owners is to create a nightclub atmosphere.

Since it is grandfathered as a restaurant I assume this is a reasonable request.

Alexandria is a destination for diners and an attractive well maintained addition would be consider welcome in this neighborhood and the city. .In my estimation a nightclub is not.

Thank you again for your consideration in this matter

Kirk S. DeHaven
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Alexandria, va. 22314