

(for Planning Commission/Mayor) Concerns re: Proposal for 2000 N. Beauregard

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To all,

I wanted to be sure my voice is included in the continued expression of concerns by abutters to the Monday Properties proposed redevelopment at 2000 N. Beauregard.

I continue to have significant concerns about the open balconies that directly face my property. I am uniquely affected by the development generally, and will be most affected by the remaining open balconies. My property - yet to be accurately reflected in mock ups and models - is 40 ft from the edge of the proposed building per last estimation. This puts at least the second floor balconies directly even with my bedroom windows. BDAC officials have viewed this proximity from my home in a visit last year and can validate.

The suggestion that I simply call the property's front desk with noise complaints - that I will not be able to pinpoint by apartment number -- is completely unsatisfactory. There is no clear noise enforcement mechanism -- I will happily, routinely call the police to complain when noise is a problem but hope that our police service would be free to worry about more important matters.

I am asking the Planning Commission, and city more generally, to seek from Monday Properties a better solution. It is disappointing that Monday recently amended its plans to enclose or leave off all balconies EXCEPT those facing my house - the property closest to their proposed development. And it is more disappointing that the city staff has dismissed abutters concerns with flimsy explanations of noise ordinances.

I hope this matter will be taken more seriously by the Commission and city, and look forward to your response.

Thank you,
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My partner and I just purchased our first home. I was so overjoyed to be able to settle down and start a family in the same quiet, peaceful, and private neighborhood that I grew up in as a child. My favorite thing about growing up here was knowing that I would be able to provide the same private, and peaceful upbringing that I had access too. Upon moving to the neighborhood I was made aware of the development that was being created behind our new house and was completely appalled that such a development would exist in a quiet, residential neighborhood. This has never been, nor will ever be as bustling as downtown Alexandria, or even Del Ray and as such this type of development has no place here.

I have significant concerns about the open balconies that directly face my property. I am uniquely affected by the development generally, and will be most affected by the remaining open balconies. My greatest concern is for the privacy of my new and growing family. The proposed balconies will be directly in line with our bedroom, main living area and overlooking the entirety of our outside patio space. Given the proximity of the proposed balconies- this essentially places these individuals with direct access into our private space. It is hard to believe that the developer would be willing to sacrifice the privacy of the surrounding residents for these balconies- when it would save them a significant amount of money to enclose these units entirely with glass.

Additionally I am concerned with the increased threat to the peace and quiet of our property. There is no formal system in place to address the concerns once these balconies are constructed and without the ability to pinpoint the specific unit causing the disturbance there is no grounds for police intervention. My partner and I will be more than happy to clog the phone lines of the local police department but I would imagine that there is a better use of their efforts.

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