

Saunders, Richard L. - PDR

From: Jane Carlson <jhcplum@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 9:42 AM
To: Saunders, Richard L. - PDR
Cc: Jordan, Katherine - City Council
Subject: Objection to SOP for 111B N Lombardy - Ordinance 2021-299

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Members of the Planning Commission:

As a resident of the Fan District at 111 N. Plum Street for more than 25 years, I strongly oppose the request for the SOP for 111 N. Lombardy. The current lack of available parking in the neighborhood will be a major challenge for any business opening in the location - there certainly isn't a safe way to offer valet services to customers. There is no space on the property for placing trash and recycling bins that will definitely be necessary for a bar/cafe/wine bar/whatever. Then there is the late night behavior of the patrons as well as the probable increased activities of rodents and other pests. There is nothing about this plan that bodes well for the neighboring residents, the Fan, or the city for that matter.

I join other neighbors who ask that you turn down the request for a Special Use Permit for 111 N. Lombardy Street.

Respectfully,

Jane Carlson
111 N. Plum Street
Richmond, VA 23220

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From: Mark Hathaway <mtchat@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 9:21 AM
To: Saunders, Richard L. - PDR
Cc: tom@tominnes.com
Subject: Ordinance No. 2021-299

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Dear Sir:

This is to urge that the Special Use Permit for 111 N. Lombardy St. be denied for the reasons stated in Tom Innes' letter dated October 28, 2021.

Mark Hathaway
105 N. Plum St.
804 350-4545

Sent from my iPhone

Saunders, Richard L. - PDR

From: mike.surface@dominionenergy.com
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 9:36 AM
To: Saunders, Richard L. - PDR
Cc: tom@tominnes.com; Mathis Kirby Powelson
Subject: Ordinance No 2021-299

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Dear Mr. Saunders,

I wish to let you know that I am opposed to granting the Special Use for a restaurant at 111 N. Lombardy Street. I have lived in the neighborhood at 1503 Grove Ave since 1994, so I am in the impact area of the proposed restaurant.

I am particularly concerned about the open-ended nature of the change in zoning and how that concerns future use. The proposed use sounds innocuous enough, but that could easily change if the owner decides to change the format and that could have consequences that are bad for the neighborhood. This is not empty speculation, this situation actually occurred at location next to 212 N Lombardy. The restaurant was a greatly admired Italian spot for years, then it became a series of restaurants that did not last too long until it became Pie, referring to pizza pie. Neighbors living on the alleys next to the place found some of the customers and employees had little respect for the neighborhood. I would not like the situation to repeat on Lombardy.

I am also concerned about the lack of any parking requirements. With just a few spaces on Lombardy itself, the rest will come out of the surrounding streets and neighborhoods, an already tight parking situation.

Please do not grant this permit for this building.

Thank you for reading about my concerns.

Mike Surface
1503 Grove Avenue
804-441-3816

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From: Mathis Kirby Powelson <mathiskp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 9:03 AM
To: Saunders, Richard L. - PDR
Subject: Special Ordinance for 111N Lombardy Street

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Mr Saunders,

I live in the neighborhood directly around the corner from 111 N Lombardy St. My understanding for that storefront was that it was to be a simple wine bar opened by Megan Hopkins who stated she lived in the neighborhood.(which she does not) What I have since learned is that if her wine bar doesn't survive (which I assume it won't) that the Special Use permit she has applied for will allow a future restaurant to occupy that space as well as allow any other business on that street to follow suit (laundromat on the corner). There is no requirement for parking or trash refuse. That block has no off street parking for the majority of the home owners and they depend on street parking. There also is no room for secure trash dumpsters which would be needed for any restaurant. Therefore I strongly oppose the Special Use permit that is being requested for 111 N Lombardy St. .

Thank you,
Mathis Kirby Powelson
1508 Grove Ave, Richmond, VA 23220

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Saunders, Richard L. - PDR

From: Stephen Powelson <s.powelson@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 8:59 AM
To: Saunders, Richard L. - PDR
Subject: Opposed to special use permit for 111 north Lombardy

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Hello mr Saunders:

I own, and live at, 1508 Grove Avenue near the intersection with Lombardy. I am writing to oppose the granting of a special use permit for a restaurant at 111 Lombardy street. Lack of parking and other adverse impact on my neighborhood make this a harmful proposition.

Thank you for your consideration.

Stephen Powelson
(804) 690 6923

Sent from my iPhone