

Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR

From: Jill <jenolt@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 9:23 AM
To: Rodney@thewiltonco.com; lawmanchem@yahoo.com; jackthompson1@verizon.net; Reid, Lenora G. - DCAO Of Finance And Administration; Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council; egreenfield@rarealtors.com; dave@johannasdesign.com; Brown, Jonathan W. - PDR; murthyvg@gmail.com; Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR; Max Hepp-Buchanan
Subject: Letter of Opposition - 2501 Monument Ave Ord. No. 2020-226

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To the members of Planning Commission:

As a resident at 2521 Park Avenue, I live in the same block as the Branch Museum of Architecture and Design. Counter to staff's report, we have not received any communication from museum staff regarding the revision to the SUP, even though we have received flyers and letters from the museum in the past. We did, however, receive the required city notification one week ago. My opposition is as follows:

- No. of special events: **The proposed number of special events seems excessive for a boutique museum and brings to question the mission of the facility.** The museum should ensure that they are first and foremost a museum.
- Parking: The agreement with First Baptist Church to use their parking lot for events has worked very well. **The museum should commit to continue to hang no-parking signs along the adjacent streets and direct visitors to use the parking lot. If the parking lot is not available, the museum should commit to provide valet parking.** The language of "best efforts" in the proposed revisions is discretionary and cannot be enforced.
- Parking Lot monitoring: **The Museum should also be responsible to clean up the parking lot and enforce timely departure after events.** This will only get worse as event sizes get larger/more frequent.
- Covenant between MAPS and Museum: If the covenant allows revisions to the detailed types and limits of use for the property without City Zoning involvement, then there is an intentional disregard for the adjacent property owners who were not notified by the Museum of the current application. **Citizens should not have to pay a membership to MAPS to be informed and have a voice in future changes to the management plan. The process for future revisions should stay as currently defined in the city ordinance.**

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to finding a way to hear directly from the museum in the future,

Jill Nolt
2521 Park Ave

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From: carol sawyer <jetsawyer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 8:57 AM
To: Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR
Cc: Rodney@thewiltonco.com; Gray, Kimberly B. - City Council; Bieber, Craig K. - City Council Office
Subject: Fwd: Petition with neighbors who are opposed to BH SUP amendments
Attachments: BH Petition.pdf

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Please note that the correct ordinance number on the attached petition should be 2020-226. Thank you.

Carol

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From: carol sawyer <jetsawyer@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Nov 2, 2020 at 8:48 AM
Subject: Petition with neighbors who are opposed to BH SUP amendments
To: Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR <Matthew.Ebinger@richmondgov.com>
Cc: <Rodney@thewiltonco.com>, <kimberly.gray@richmondgov.com>, <craig.bieber@richmondgov.com>

Dear Matthew,

Attached please find a petition containing signatures of four Park Ave. neighbors who are opposed to the BH SUP amendments to be included in the material for the Planning Commission meeting today, November 2, 2020. You should have received a second petition this weekend from Laura Fries or Sue Robertson containing signatures of six additional neighbors opposed to the SUP. Please provide both petitions to all the Planning Commission members for their meeting today.

Thank you for your assistance,

Carol Sawyer

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From: Laura Friese <lauramfriese@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 1, 2020 1:38 PM
To: Brown, Jonathan W. - PDR; Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR
Subject: Branch House SUP - petition
Attachments: Branch opposition - Petition.pdf

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Hello Jonathan, attached is a petition of additional nearby neighbors opposed to the Branch House SUP change.

Regards,
Laura

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From: William Winters, III <williamwinters3@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 1, 2020 10:03 PM
To: Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR
Cc: William E. Winters
Subject: Branch Museum SUP zoning application. Opposed as currently written.

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Good evening Mr. Ebinger,

My name is William Winters and I am writing this correspondence in opposition to Branch Museum SUP zoning application as it is currently written. My Mother, Ms. Claudia Winters, owns an expensive condo on the periphery of the Branch Museum at 601 North Davis Street. My mother, who is a widow in her mid-70s and has health issues, bought this condo reasonably believing that she would be able to park on the street as she has no off street parking and up to this point she has had no issues in finding a parking location at or very near to her condo. In her current condition and with COVID under no circumstance would she be able to walk blocks and blocks to find parking. It is my understanding that the Branch Museum SUP zoning application as currently written will significantly increase the number of events to include longer event times. Based on this I respectfully request that any new SUP stipulate the provision that the Branch Museum must continue to put up Resident Only Parking signs when they host large events. My Mother loves her condo, her neighbors, the Fan, and her porch, and I want her to be able to continue to successfully live in the Richmond Fan district. I do not think this is burdensome request on the Branch Museum to preserve the rights of those living in the community to have reasonable access to their homes during events. Thanks in advance for your time and consideration of this request.

V/R - William Winters
(240) 434-8076

November 1, 2020

Olin Gunlicks and Sabina Gunlicks
2505 Park Ave
Richmond ,VA 23220

To whom it may concern:

We are in virtual schools at RPS schools. We are in 7th and 8th grades. One of us is starting to work on applications for high school and have a huge course load and lots of homework.

We were not able to concentrate because of how loud and disruptive the music was.recently, it was very hard to hear the teacher with an opera that sounded loud inside our home while we were on the computer.

. There are also too many people without masks inside and outside of the building. This made us very uncomfortable with COVID. We have been very nervous and also with all the protests in our neighborhood just want everyone to be aware of each other.

Please think about all of us.

Olin Gunlicks- 8th grade
and Sabina Gunlicks., 7th grade

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From: Claudia Winters <claudiawinters47@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR
Subject: Fwd: Branch Museum of Architecture and Design SUP Amendment

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From: Claudia Winters <claudiawinters47@gmail.com>
Date: October 30, 2020 at 4:39:56 PM EDT
To: jonathanbrown@richmondgov.com
Subject: Branch Museum of Architecture and Design SUP Amendment

City Planning Chair, Mr. Rodney Poole
City Planning Commissioners

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my opposition to the SUP amendments requested by the Branch Museum. As a resident of a condo on N. Davis Ave., directly across from the outdoor area behind the museum, I am concerned about the effect these changes will have on our neighborhood. It is troubling to see the proposed modifications such as doubling the size of regulated events per year, as well as doubling the the maximum attendance limit. Also concerning is the fact that the number and size of outdoor events will have no restrictions, including no restriction on loud speaker systems. I feel each of these will have a detrimental impact on our community, specifically in regards to noise and parking. On any given evening, street parking on both N. Davis Ave. and Park Ave. across from the museum, is full with resident parking.

I am opposed to the SUP as written and hope some compromises can be reached which will satisfy both the museum and its neighbors.

Sincerely,

Claudia Winters
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