

Roakes, Raymond A. - PDR

From: Cathy Kavanagh <catkavanagh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 8:18 PM
To: Roakes, Raymond A. - PDR
Subject: Re: 3215 Stuart - St Gertrudes - SUP Hearing

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Thank you for your response Mr. Roakes. Unfortunately I will be out of town and unable to attend the planning commission meeting on Oct 3, but would like my input to be read at that meeting.

I have lived in the museum district for 12 years on the 3100 block of Stuart Ave. During that time I have watched this area become much more stable with people moving in and renovating homes which shows appreciation for living in a historic city with many conveniences. I myself have planned on remaining in this area for many more years. But after hearing about Saint Gertrude being turned into apartments I am now starting to rethink my future in the museum district. I strongly feel this is a poor use of that property not only in adding more population into a small area but also a transient population with no strong ties to the area. There is already an abundance of apartments on these blocks which makes it very hard to park and with more people it will become even more congested not only with traffic but also parking. I am aware that there is parking on the property but that would only account for one space per tenant which potentially leads to 38 more spaces occupied on the street. I would like to think that I am not the only neighbor in this area who feels this way. I hope the planning commission is fully aware of the problems they are unleashing on this area with the addition of 38 apartment units and the potential of double the people that could easily come with those units.
Cathy Kavanagh

On Mon, Sep 19, 2022 at 4:50 PM Roakes, Raymond A. - PDR <Raymond.Roakes@rva.gov> wrote:

Thank you for your call Ms. Kavanagh,

As we discussed,

There is a Special Use Application for 3215 Stuart that seeks to convert the existing private school into 39 apartment units.

The application will be heard at the October 3 Planning Commission and October 10 City Council meeting.

You have the opportunity to provide a letter to be placed in the record as well as providing testimony at the meetings. Planning Commission and City Council takes input both in person and via Microsoft Teams Video Conferencing. To access the online video conferencing, there is a link on the agenda for the meeting when that is finalized and posted. The agendas can be found [here](#). For City Council, you will have to sign up for public

input ahead of time by sending an email to CityClerksOffice@richmondgov.com with your request to speak along with your name.

Please feel free to reach out if I can be of further assistance.

Thanks,

Ray Roakes

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