

Church Hill Central Civic Association

October 23, 2018

Mr. Matthew Ebinger, Principal Planner
Division of Land Use Administration
900 East Broad Street, Room 511
Richmond, Virginia 23219

RE: Special Use Permit for 1301 N 30th Street (the "SUP")

Dear Mr. Ebinger:

As interim president of Church Hill Central Civic Association ("CHC"), I am pleased to inform you that, at a meeting of CHC's members on July 2, 2018, and a follow-up meeting on October 1, 2018, the members expressed unanimous support for the above-referenced SUP following a presentation by Mark Baker.

In keeping with the tenets of CHC, we want you to know that we provided the architects and owners with following comments:

- We requested that the project include screening for trash and recycling cans.
- We requested that the project include new sidewalks and street trees.

We had lengthy discussions at both meetings regarding the possibility that a convenience store would locate in the first-floor commercial area and the issues we have experienced with those commercial uses in other parts of the neighborhood related to trash, drinking in public and noise.

At the October 1 meeting, Mark Baker presented us with the following proposed restrictions as possible SUP Conditions related to a possible convenience store use:

- Commercial Space Hours (ALL USES) – limited to 7AM to 11PM (Same as Union Market)
- Alcohol Sales (ABC OFF) –
 - o Alcohol sales (ABC OFF) shall be limited to 12 PM (noon) to 9PM Monday through Saturday and 2 PM to 9 PM Sunday.

- o No beer or wine coolers shall be sold as singles in individual containers of 40 or fewer fluid ounces.
- o Beer or wine coolers in containers of 40 or fewer ounces shall only be sold in packs with a minimum of 4 units.
- o Wine shall be sold only in bottles of at least 750 ml or 25.4 ounces.
- o Fortified wine (wine with an alcohol content of 14% or more by volume) shall not be sold.
- o Only clear bags shall be used. No paper bags shall be used.

In this instance, members of CHC both strongly supported and strongly opposed the imposition of these proposed conditions. Those who strongly supported them voiced the concerns mentioned above. Those who opposed believe that restrictions of this nature have racial overtones and a disparate impact on neighbors with less socioeconomic power.

Very truly yours,



Jennifer R. Parham, Esq.
Interim President

cc: Mr. Mark Baker (via email)