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From:

PDR Land Use Admin

Sent:

Monday, February 1, 2021 7:24 AM

To:

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Subject:

FW: Ordinance No. 2021-012 special use permit for 821 Albemarle Street

From: Denise Holden [mailto:deniseholden757@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 2:55 PM

To: Reid, Candice D. - Clerk's Office <Candice.Reid@richmondgov.com>

Cc: Robert Finkbeiner <robert_finkbeiner@yahoo.com>; PDR Land Use Admin <PDRLandUseAdmin@richmondgov.com>

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Thank you! Yes, I was trying to find the proper spot on the certified letter. Lots of information...

On Fri, Jan 29, 2021, 2:53 PM Reid, Candice D. - Clerk's Office < Candice.Reid@richmondgov.com > wrote:

Hi Ms. Holden:

I believe your email was intended for the City Planning Commission meeting on February 1, at 1:30 p.m., so I have copied the planning department's email address.

Candice Reid

City Clerk

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From: Denise Holden [mailto:deniseholden757@gmail.com]

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If Candice D. Reid would please accept this as my opinion for the meeting February 1.

We invested in the neighborhood of Oregon Hill when we bought 811 Albemarle Street, just 3 buildings away from the corner in question. We do not object to use of the lower portion to be used as a beauty salon. I would like to see these historic buildings used as the neighborhood as a whole was designed:

Walking distance/urban neighborhood.

Clearly, the corner was meant to be used commercially with living quarters upstairs, the giant glass windows being the give away. The windows make it awkward to be used as living space. I wouldn't feel safe sleeping there!

For 6 years, I have been hoping someone would turn that little place into a take-out sandwich shop, like Garnett's, conveniently next to Hollywood Cemetery where in better times, many go to walk, meditate, and be with others, past and present.

A beauty salon isn't what I was hoping for, but will bring the building to life again. Parking MUST be addressed, since Albemarle normally is filled with commuting students trying to score free parking 2/3 of the year. One or two customers at a time is fine. More than that will cause strife.

I wish them luck!

Denise Holden 757-401-1956