

Item 6 - Correspondence

From: [Steve Schertler](#)
To: [MCP-Chair](#)
Cc: [Joy Turner](#); Eric.Bailey@lfg.com; [Harold Lowe](#); [Daryl Thorne](#)
Subject: Request to postpone hearing Scheduled for tomorrow (CU 20-06, Application of Redley Capital Investments & Holding Corporation)
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 9:41:25 AM

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To the Chair:

I would like to formally request that the hearing for the matter in the subject lines be postponed due to several factors including confusion associated with the communication and timeline sent to community homeowners about this proposal.

The community has not had an opportunity to discuss with the applicant although County technical staff were under the impression the applicant and SSFS had done so.

There is a long history associated with community opposition to expanding the occupancy of this facility and it was not not documented in the staff report.

The application references working in "partnership" with SSFS although we were advised this morning no binding partnership exists.

The applicant proposed a schedule for occupants (but it is not included in the conditions for approval).

Please advise at your earliest possible convenience if you are able to accommodate this request.

You may reach me for further discussion at 410-336-1351.

Thank you.

Steve Schertler

From: [Harold Lowe](#)
To: [MCP-Chair](#)
Cc: [Steve Schertler](#); [Basile P. Whitaker](#); [Eric.Bailey@lfg.com](#); [Daryl Thorne](#); [Joy Turner](#)
Subject: Request to Postpone Hearing Scheduled for tomorrow 9/17/2020 (CU 20-06, Application of Redley Capital Investments & Holding Corporation)
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 9:58:20 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-05tcda0f.png](#)

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To the Chair:

Good morning. As president of the Bancroft Home Owners Association - the community immediately adjacent to the property in question - I would like to formally request that the meeting referenced in the subject of this email be postponed due to several factors.

First, the community has not had an opportunity to discuss the proposal with the applicant although County technical staff were under the impression the applicant and SSFS had done so.

Second, there is a long history associated with community opposition to expanding the occupancy of this facility. This was not documented in the staff report.

Third, although the application references working in "partnership" with SSFS although we were advised this morning that no such binding partnership exists.

And finally, the while applicant has proposed a schedule for occupants it is not included in the conditions for approval.

Please advise at your earliest possible convenience if you are able to accommodate this request.

You may reach me for further discussion at 301-774-8197.

Thank you.

Harold



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From: [Joy Turner](#)
To: [MCP-Chair](#)
Subject: Postponement Request- Sandy Spring Friends School Hearing
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 10:05:09 AM

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Dear Mr. Anderson,

I would like to request that the hearing for the Sandy Spring Friends School project scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, September 17th, be postponed due to the lack of communication, miscommunication and lateness of notification to the Sandy Spring community regarding this project.

Neither the community, adjoining property owners nor the Sandy Spring Civic Association, have had an opportunity to discuss this project with the applicant to fully understand their intentions regarding the expansion of the occupancy and modified usage of this facility.

Respectfully,

Joy Turner
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From: [Basile P. Whitaker](#)
To: [MCP-Chair](#)
Cc: [Verma, Partap](#); [Fani-Gonzalez, Natali](#); Gerald.cicy@mncppc-mc.org; [Anderson, Casey](#); [Patterson, Tina](#); Eric.Bailey@lfg.com; [Daryl Thorne](#); [Harold Lowe](#); [Steve Schertler](#); [Tesfaye, Elsabet](#)
Subject: Postponement of Hearing for CU20-06
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 10:30:01 AM
Attachments: [RE Confused by Notice.msg](#)
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Importance: High

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Good morning Chairman Anderson and Planning Board members,

My name is Basile Whitaker and I reside at 17413 Ashton Green Drive, Sandy Spring, MD 20860. I am a board member of Bancroft HOA and currently serve as Vice-chair of Sandy Spring Civic Association.

I am contacting the Planning Board to request a postponement for Planning Board Hearing CU-20-06 for the following reasons:

- Allow the community to weigh in on the proposed CU Application. As of this email, there has been no outreach by the applicant (Redly Investment nor the Lessee, Sandy Spring Friends School) to meet with the community stakeholders; i.e. Sandy Spring Civic Association, HOA, individual homeowners.
- A great deal of confusion and initial mis-information surrounding communications to the community with respect to applicant's case #. Initial communications from OZA staff referenced S-2671 and CU-202008 which are not associated with this application. Please see attached communications.

Below is a timeline based upon the initial notification process:

- Sept 4, 2020- Bancroft receives CU-20-06 notification (Holiday weekend)
- Sept 8, 2020- Communications between Barbara Jay, Nana Johnson and affected residents reveal a bit of confusion regarding the following cases (S- 2671 & CU 202008)
- Sept 10, 2020- Email notification from Barbara Jay indicating cases S-2671 & CU202008 are not associated with applicants request for CU20-06.
- Sept 14, 2020-Community residents discuss w/applicant's attorney and a representative from Sandy Spring Friend's School via a Zoom call and requested they meet with the community.
- Sept 14, 2020-Sandy Spring Civic Association is notified and is currently attempting to meet with applicant and representatives from Sandy Spring Friend's School to better understand the proposed project and allow community input.

As a community, we should have a reasonable conversation with the applicant and SSFS to discuss this Conditional Use Application. Should you wish to contact me, I can be reached at 301-980-9590.

Sincerely,
Basile P. Whitaker

From: [Jay, Barbara](#)
To: [Steve Schertler](#)
Cc: greaterolneynews@gmail.com; [Basile P. Whitaker](#); [Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings](#)
Subject: RE: Confused by Notice
Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 9:48:33 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Mr. Schertler,

Thank you for your email. The Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings is responsible for hearing and deciding new conditional use applications. Thus while that Office does send our Office copies of their notices and decisions, I think it is appropriate that they respond to your request regarding the details of this application. I have copied their Office on this email. I would note for their information that Aunt Hattie's Place, which you reference in your email, is special exception Case No. S-2671, and has an address of 17734 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring, Maryland.

I hope this is helpful to you. Please let me know if there is any other help our Office can provide.

Sincerely,

Barbara Jay
Executive Director, Board of Appeals
100 Maryland Avenue, Suite 217
Rockville, MD 20850

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From: Steve Schertler <sschertler@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:20 AM

To: Jay, Barbara <Barbara.Jay@montgomerycountymd.gov>

Cc: greaterolneynews@gmail.com; Basile P. Whitaker <whitakerb@qualitybiological.com>

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

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Please advise.

Thank you

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Subject: RE: Confused by Notice
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 11:14:14 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning, all. While your inquiry focuses on a new conditional use application, I did want to clarify my earlier email to indicate that special exception Case No. S-2671, Petition of Aunt Hattie's Place, Inc., with a location of 17734 Norwood Road, was withdrawn by the Petitioner before completion of the special exception process, and thus was never granted (or denied). I apologize for any confusion.

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To: [MCP-Chair](#)
Subject: FW: URGENT: Request to Postpone Hearing Scheduled for tomorrow 9/17/2020 (CU 20-06, Application of Redley Capital Investments & Holding Corporation)
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 11:56:15 AM

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Good morning Planning Board Chair,

As a resident of the Bancroft, the community immediately adjacent to the property in question, I would like to formally request that the meeting referenced in the subject of this email be postponed due to several factors.

First, the community has not had an opportunity to properly review and assess the proposal with the applicant although County technical staff in their analysis report suggests that the community had no objections to the request for a special exception. This statement is unequivocally FALSE. The community was not properly notified and actually received NO communication of such a change request. Specifically, the signage attached to the property lists an incorrect reference number and my phone communication with the appropriate organization led to further confusion and apologies for the incorrect information.

Second, there is a long history associated with community opposition to expanding the occupancy of this facility. This was not documented in the staff report. Our community is adamantly opposed to any expansion of occupancy at this location. As your records will show, this was demonstrably indicated when the property was being placed in service by the former owners Aunt Hattie's Place. Though the application references working in "partnership" with SSFS it is a statement of FACT that no such binding partnership exists and thus opens the door to usage beyond the scope of what is being proposed. This again represents another example of misleading information and subterfuge.

Finally, while applicant has proposed a schedule for occupants it is not included in the conditions for approval. In addition, it's explanation of the number of support staff and counselors to be housed on the premises full time and part time is also misleading

For these reasons and in the interest of adhering to the letter and the spirit of the process I ask that the meeting be postponed for a minimum of 45 days to allow for appropriate community input and an honest review of the proposed change request. Please advise at your earliest possible convenience if you are able to accommodate this request.

You may reach me for further discussion at 301-585-4701.

Thank you.

Eric



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