

**Matthew Wolff - Cherry Pit adding a Parking lot-rezoning issue File 11-143-721 11-143-927**

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Dear Mr. Wolff

I am writing in response to the notice I received regarding the rezoning of the vacant lot next to the Cherry Pit. I am very disappointed that this is going to the City Council for approval. I live directly across the street from the Cherry Pit and have come to, well, for lack of better terms, hate it. We have had to call the police for noise complaint- due to the music being so loud at 1:00 am, that it not only woke us up, but shook the entire house.

They currently share the parking lot- behind my garage, with the Lil Oven. That lot is quite a bit smaller than the one they are seeking, and I have to pick up all sorts of trash- beer bottles etc, that the patrons leave in the alley, in that parking lot, or toss in the vacant lot next to my home. And I can only imagine what an eye sore the new lot would be. Nice way to decrease our already declining property values. Who wants to look at a parking lot- I certainly should know- and am thankful my garage blocks the one behind it.

The patrons go outside to smoke and are so loud and obnoxious- we can't even enjoy sitting outside on our newly built deck. Thank GOD I have a privacy fence, which was run into by a drunk driver at one time- and believe Ms Cherry had the same person run into their fence- wonder where that person came from??

I can only imagine the outcome if this rezoning passes. Clearly there is no control over who takes beverages out of the bar and brings them on the street. 2am comes and I know that parking lot will be loud, and most likely have people causing a raucous. They don't give one single thought to the people that have to live here. Not to mention, what if there is another shooting???

I am not the only resident that feels this way. I signed a petition to ban this re-zoning. I certainly hope that my neighbor received the right number to stop this nonsense!!!

I certainly don't mean this as an attack against Ms Cherry. I have met her and she is a very nice person. I respect that she is trying to run and grow a business. But everyone needs to realize that when her business closes at night, we still have to live here!! I hope that the residents of this neighborhood, voices are heard.

Sincerely,

Michelle Erpelding and Kevin Grossman  
homeowners of 1784 Reaney Ave  
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