



GENA

Zoning Committee Meeting

November 12, 2014

Zoning Committee Members Present:

- Dan Bartoli
- Toki Rehder
- John Christinzio
- Maria Nevelson

Board Members Present:

- Paul Rossi
- Loretta Rossi

Applicants and Community Members:

- Amy DeFeo
- Carmella Contessa
- John Contessa
- Noelle Helmstetter
- Charlie Ly
- Luen Vo

Agenda:

2136 W. Passyunk – Application for Variance to Permit Barbershop

- Ground floor was formerly a doctor's office.
- Applicant would like to open a barbershop in the ground floor space. He plans to live in the upstairs apartment with his family.
- The applicant presented his plan for the downstairs barbershop at the August meeting of the GENA Zoning Committee.
- At the August meeting, members of the Committee requested second floor plans showing the upstairs apartment. Applicant did not attend the September or October meeting.
- The Committee reviewed the second floor plans provided by the applicant and clarified that the "storage" space would actually be a bathroom.
- Applicant also submitted a petition signed by neighbors in support of the variance. A handful of neighbors signed the petition, but indicated on the petition that they were opposed to the variance.
- GENA also received an email from Jerry Bennett, who claimed to be an immediate neighbor who opposed the variance.



- If applicant is granted the variance, he plans to open the barbershop in January and plans to complete the upstairs living area in the summer. Currently, there is a month-to-month lease with the existing upstairs tenant.
- Applicant assured the Committee that his intent was to open a barbershop for men and children. He will not provide salon services for women. No nail salon services would be provided.
- Applicant also said that he would have a small sign in the window and would not hang the large wall sign included in his original application.
- GENA will consider applicant's request and issue a letter to the ZBA prior to the hearing on Tuesday, December 9th at 9:30 a.m.

Nail Salon – 18th and Shunk

- Neighbors from this block expressed concern about the concentration of commercial businesses on this block.
- The most recent addition has been the nail salon at 2601 S. 18th Street.
- There is a salon across the street, a bar at 18th and Oregon, a Dunkin' Donuts, and a plumbing supply store.
- Neighbors expressed concern about the amount of trash generated by the Dunkin' Donuts.
- Also, the owner of building where salon is located does not provide a dumpster.
- There are seven businesses on one block.
- GENA advised neighbors to call Streets Department and ask that they fine the businesses/owners if the trash is excessive. GENA also recommended that neighbors take photos to submit to various city departments.
- Neighbors can also call Air Management Services to complain about vibration or emissions from idling trucks.
- Neighbors can also call Kenyatta Johnson's office with any issues at (215) 686-3412 or (215) 686-3413.
- Long term plans – GENA is working on a Zoning Overlay to prevent undesirable businesses in the neighborhood. GENA will also work on extending Newbold CDC's cleaning program into Girard Estates.