



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item Meeting of February 11, 2012

DATE: February 2, 2012

SUBJECT: U-3149-06-1 USE PERMIT REVIEW for live entertainment and dancing at the Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse; located at 2903 and 2911 Columbia Pike (RPC# 25-013-002).

Applicant:

Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse
2903 Columbia Pike
Arlington, Virginia 22204

C.M. RECOMMENDATION:

Renew the subject use permit, subject to all previously approved conditions, with a County Board review in five (5) years (February 2017).

ISSUES: This is a three (3) year review of a use permit for live entertainment at the Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, and no issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: This is a review of the use permit for live entertainment at Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, located at the intersection of Columbia Pike and Walter Reed Drive. The applicant continues to provide live entertainment in the form of stand-up comedy. The applicant is compliant with all use permit conditions, and no issues have been identified. Therefore, staff recommends that the use permit for live entertainment at the Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse be renewed, subject to all previously approved conditions, with a County Board review in five (5) years (February 2017).

BACKGROUND: On March 14, 2006, the County Board approved a use permit for live entertainment for the Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse theater space. The cinema continues to be the primary source of entertainment, although the approved use permit allows the theater to host a variety of live social and cultural entertainment events seven (7) days a week between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 a.m. On February 23, 2008, the County Board approved an amendment to

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the use permit to expand the restaurant live entertainment use to the retail space next door (at 2911 Columbia Pike), in order to hold events at the Old Arlington Grill, the Cinema's restaurant. Currently, the applicant indicates that live entertainment is provided primarily in the form of live stand-up comedy.

DISCUSSION: (Since the last review, February 21, 2009):

Use Permit Conditions: The applicant has operated in compliance with the conditions of the use permit.

Community Code Enforcement Office: The Code Enforcement Office reports no issues with the use permit.

Fire Marshal's Office: The Fire Marshal's Office reports no issues with the use permit.

Police Department: The Police Department reports no issues with the use permit.

Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC): The Alexandria ABC Office reports no issues with the use permit.

Civic Association: The Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse is located within the Arlington Heights Civic Association. Staff contacted the Arlington Heights, Penrose, Columbia Heights, and Douglas Park civic associations, and the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization (CPRO) regarding this review. The Arlington Heights Civic Association and the CPRO have expressed support for the renewal of the use permit. The Penrose, Columbia Heights and Douglas Park Civic Associations have not responded as of the date of this report.

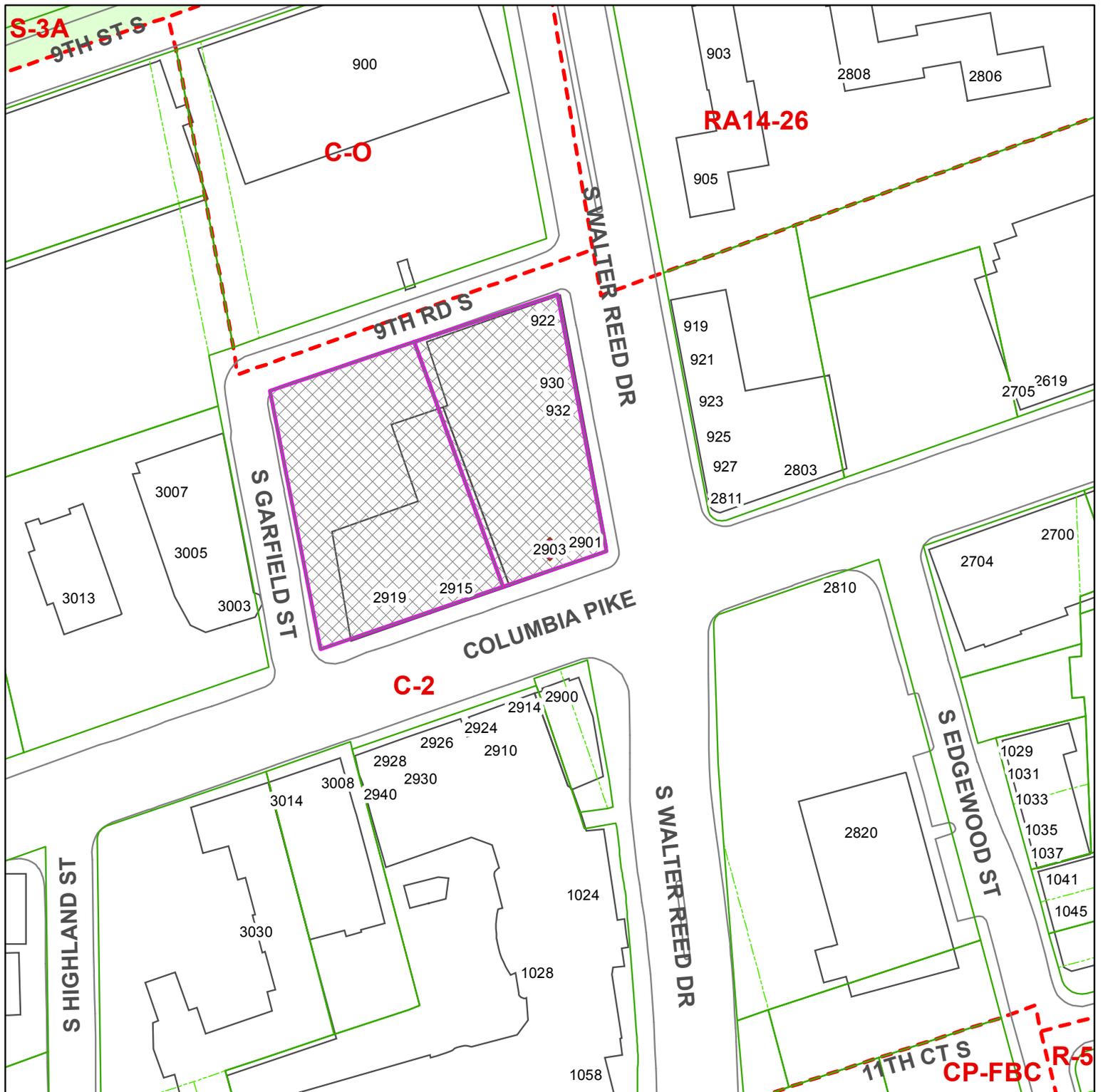
CONCLUSION: Live entertainment at the Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse has operated successfully for the past several years. No issues, complaints, or violations of use permit conditions have been identified. Therefore, staff recommends that the use permit be renewed subject to all previously approved conditions, with a County Board review in five (5) years (February 2017).

PREVIOUS COUNTY BOARD ACTIONS:

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| March 14, 2006 | Approved a use permit (U-3149-06-1) for live entertainment, subject to conditions, with a County Board review in one (1) year (March 2007). |
| March 17, 2007 | Renewed use permit (U-3149-06-1) for live entertainment, subject to conditions, with a County Board review in three (3) years (March 2010). |
| February 23, 2008 | Amended use permit (U-3149-06-1) to allow live entertainment at the recently acquired 2911 Columbia Pike retail space subject to one (1) new condition, with a County Board review in one (1) year (February 2009). |
| February 21, 2009 | Renewed use permit ((U-3149-06-1) for live entertainment at 2903 and 2911 Columbia Pike, subject to all previously approved conditions, with a County Board review in three (3) years (February 2012). |

Approved Conditions:

1. Live entertainment shall be permitted only between the hours of 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., seven days a week.
2. The windows and doors to outside of the building shall be closed during hours of live entertainment and the applicant shall ensure that the soundproofing shall comply with the Arlington County Noise Ordinance. No music shall be piped outside of the restaurant.
3. The applicant agrees that all requirements of County and State Ordinances, the Environmental Health Bureau, the Fire Marshal, the Police Department and the Alcohol Beverage Control Board shall be met.
4. The applicant shall provide the name, address, and phone number of an on-going community liaison to the Zoning Administrator and to the surrounding civic association presidents, including the Arlington Heights, Columbia Heights, Douglas Park and Penrose Civic Associations, in order to effectively address neighborhood concerns.
5. Live entertainment within the restaurant space shall be permitted only between the hours of 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., seven days a week.



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2903 and 2911 Columbia Pike

RPC# 25-013-002



 Case Location(s)
 Scale: 1:1,200

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