



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item Meeting of November 17, 2012

DATE: November 8, 2012

SUBJECT: U-3349-12-2 USE PERMIT for live entertainment at El Salvador Restaurant; located at 4805 Columbia Pike (RPC# 23-006-001).

Applicant:

Soledad Marreros, Owner
El Salvador Restaurant
4805 Columbia Pike
Arlington, Virginia 22204

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Defer the request for live entertainment for a period of six (6) months (until May 2013) to allow the applicant time to address the operational issues raised by the Police Department and the concerns raised by the surrounding civic associations.

ISSUES: The applicant requests a use permit for live entertainment at El Salvador Restaurant. There have been several calls for service and incidents reported by the Police Department that are related to this establishment. The Barcroft School and Civic League does not support the request for live entertainment. Staff is recommending, and the applicant has agreed, to defer the request for six (6) months (May 2013) in order to address the operational issues raised by the Police Department and the concerns raised by the Barcroft School and Civic League.

DISCUSSION: The applicant is proposing a use permit for live entertainment at El Salvador Restaurant, located at 4805 Columbia Pike. This restaurant is located in the Barcroft School and Civic League neighborhood and within the vicinity of the Columbia Heights West and Douglas Park neighborhoods. The Barcroft School and Civic League and the Police Department have raised concerns regarding alcohol related incidents and violations. Staff does not support the applicant's request for a use permit at this time, but is willing to reconsider this request if the

County Manager:

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County Attorney:

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Staff: Marco Antonio Rivero, DCPHD, Planning Division

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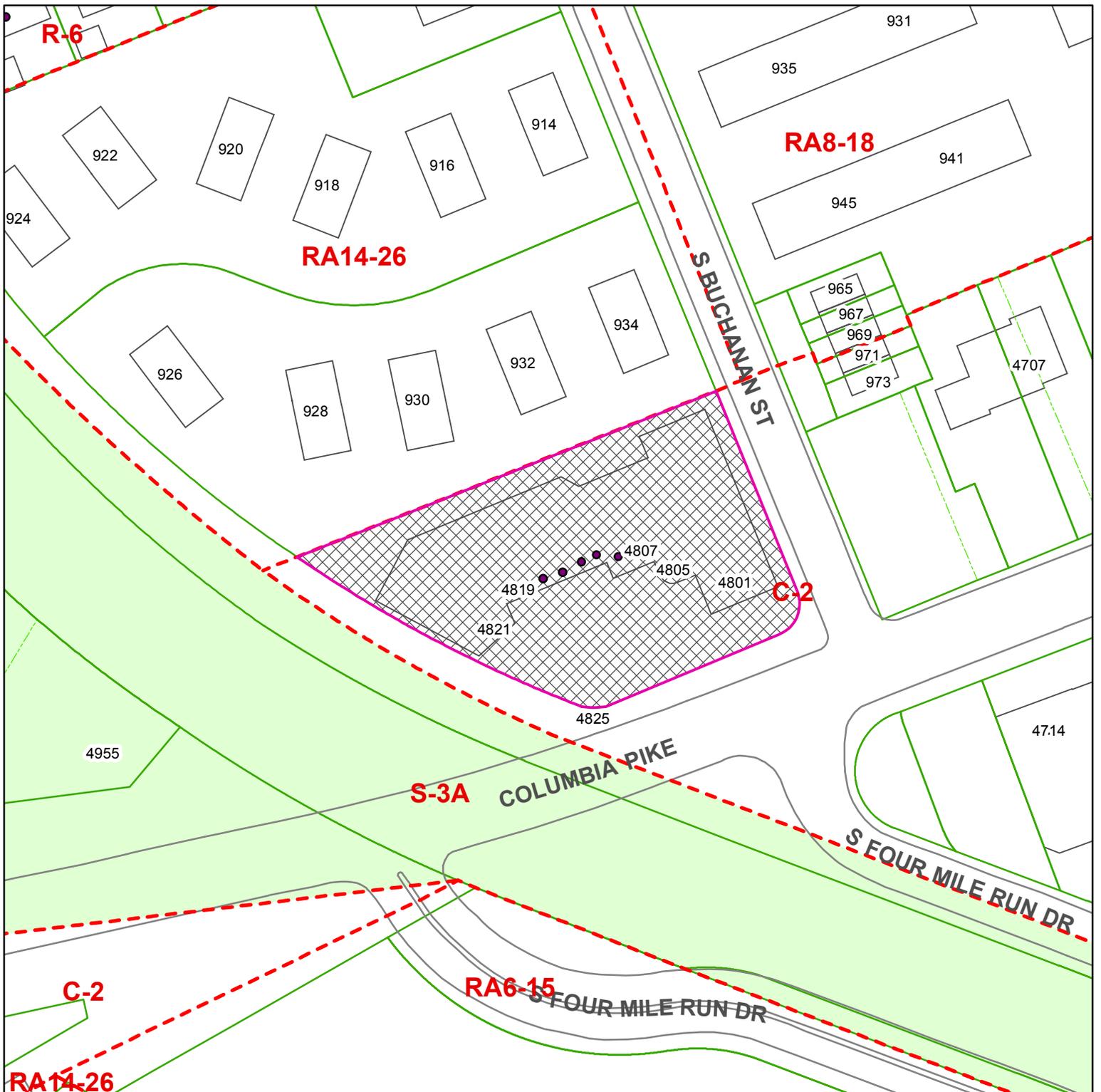
applicant is able to resolve the issues noted above. The applicant is aware of the reasons staff is recommending deferral, and staff will be working with the applicant, the Arlington County Police Department, and the community over the next few months to address the issues that have been identified.

Staff will work with the applicant to foster a better relationship with the community and with other County agencies. Taking the approach of a previous approval with El Rancho Migueleño Restaurant and their request for live entertainment (U-3309-11-1, 3709 Columbia Pike) which was approved by the County Board in May 2012, staff will have a meeting with the applicant, other County staff, and the affected community civic/citizens' associations to formulate a plan which will address any existing issues at the restaurant.

Some items addressed will include:

- Applicant should mandate that all existing and newly hired staff enroll in Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS) or another certified training course and have these records documented and readily available to the Police Department and Virginia ABC officials.
- Make diligent efforts to establish a positive relationship with the surrounding communities, including, at a minimum:
 - Taking appropriate action when alcohol related incidences occur at the establishment.
 - Actively contacting the Police Department should these situations occur.
 - Hire appropriate security staff in and out of the restaurant.
 - Possibly enforce a drink limit to patrons.
 - Establish a community liaison with the affected civic associations to address any issues that may be related with the restaurant today.
 - Other items that will be raised during a meeting with the applicant, other County agencies and the affected, civic association presidents.

This meeting will be scheduled and occur within the next several weeks (staff is working with the applicant, other County agencies and the affected, civic association presidents in order to set an agreed upon meeting date). Staff will revisit this case in six (6) months and track the progress of the site and of the facility's operational practices. If there are positive results including but not limited to: a lower number of Police or alcohol related calls for service at the site, as well as a better relationship with the community, then staff may consider supporting the live entertainment request. Therefore, staff recommends a six (6) month deferral of the request for live entertainment to allow the applicant time to address the aforementioned issues.



U-3349-12-2

4805 Columbia Pike

RPC# 23-006-001

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Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development



 Case Location(s)
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