

September 15, 2016

Attn: Zoning Board of Adjustment
Department of City Planning
200 Ross St., Fourth Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

RE: 3832 Penn Avenue

Dear Esteemed Members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment:

On behalf of the Lawrenceville Corporation and Lawrenceville United, we write today about the special exception for use as a restaurant (general) at 3832 Penn Avenue, and to request a continuance until we've had an opportunity to hold a public community meeting with the business owner and residents and impacted stakeholders.

Lawrenceville United's (LU) mission is to improve and protect the quality of life for Lawrenceville residents through community engagement and advocacy, community restoration and beautification, and community planning and development. Lawrenceville Corporation (LC) serves as the catalyst and conduit for responsible growth and reinvestment in the Lawrenceville community. LU and LC have created a community process that provides a forum where proposed development projects can be discussed, vetted, and measured against community plans and priorities. This process enables the local community organizations to identify priority issues that will help guide conversations with the developer through the planning and construction processes.

Since a community meeting was unable to be scheduled prior to this hearing, we request a continuance on this hearing so that a community meeting can be held on this project. As the initial step of our community process, Lawrenceville United spoke with Mr. Joe Talarico about his plan for a restaurant on the site. Mr. Talarico has agreed to meet with LU and LC, and has agreed to be part of a community meeting on September 26th. We urge the Zoning Board to find the next available opening for a hearing after September 26th so that their project isn't delayed unnecessarily. We thank Mr. Talarico for his willingness to be a part of the community process and the Zoning Board for your consideration of our requests.

Sincerely,



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