

February 5, 2019

To: Alex Nassar, HDLC Building Plans Examiner, and Members of HDLC

From:

Subject: HCLC February 6, 2019 Meeting pursuant to 4019 Chartres Street, New Orleans, LA 70117

The neighbors adjacent the proposed subject hotel complex, appreciate the HDLC members voting to defer their decision pursuant to the developer's change request for 30 days so as we could meet with the developer to discuss sound and massing changes.

Unfortunately, the developer failed to meet with the neighbors. We scheduled a meeting for January 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss these issues. Over 20 neighbors showed up for this meeting. The developer was a "no show." This has been the developer's stance from the start...a complete lack of concern for the neighbors' quality of life. His goal has been, and still is, that of building his project, pack it with people and party goers, make a buck, and/or sell the project...the neighbors be damned. As a member of the City Planning Commission (unanimously denied the project) stated "...this project will kill the goose that laid the golden egg." This hotel will devour our historic neighborhood which came to fruition from the hard work and money spend by the pioneers who turned a blighted area into a genuine historic gem.

The developer chose a sound engineer and presented the engineer findings on February 2<sup>nd</sup> without offering to review the report with the neighbors. The developer has never budged from his claim that a 7' fence is his solution to noise. My yard and bedroom abuts this proposed hotel. I can hear music from Bachanal located 3.5 blocks away! I don't accept a shallow claim that my quality of life won't be disturbed by AMPLIFIED noise generated 20 – 30 feet from my home by a hotel operating 24/7 for 365 days a year. Also, I had the misfortune to live half a block from a bar when I resided at 810 Congress Street. Not only could the neighbors hear the music and noise from inside the bar, but we were kept awake by bar patrons leaving, loitering, driving their cars hours after the bar had closed.

The purpose of the 30 day delay granted by the HDLC was so neighbors, the developer, his sound engineer and architects could meet and work with each other to resolve serious issues. BUT, the developer seems to lack any intent to work with us. He certainly failed to do so during the 30 day deferral.

I urge the HDLC members to continue to defer a decision for an additional 45 days so neighbors and the developer can reach a resolution agreeable to both.

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