

Comments on May 24, 2018 Planning Commission agenda items, received through May 18

Item 14, Hotel Church

From: Withers, Brett (Council Member)
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 4:36 PM
To: Planning Commissioners
Cc: Will Newman
Subject: RE: 819 Russell St Hotel

Planning Commissioners:

Please see the below correspondence from a District 6 business owner regarding the proposal for a Neighborhood Landmark Overlay District final site plan for 819 Russell Street that is scheduled to appear on the May 24th meeting agenda.

Brett A. Withers

Metro Council, District 6

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From: Will Newman [wnewman@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 4:23 PM
To: Withers, Brett (Council Member)
Subject: 819 Russell St Hotel

Councilman Withers,

My name is Will Newman. I am the founder and owner of Edley's Bar-B-Que. For the past five years, Edley's has and continues the distinct pleasure of operating on Main St. We have witnessed a lot of changes in that time. Most importantly we have witnessed amazing innovation with properties in East Nashville that add to the special fabric of the East Nashville community.

I believe Micah Lacher's hotel project on Russell continues the tradition of innovation in the reuse of the beautiful church building with a social enterprise component. I have had the privilege of knowing Micah

for many years and consider him a friend. I am confident that Micah will go above and beyond in restoring the property to its former glory and be a good steward of this special property and to the surrounding neighborhood.

Best regards,

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Will Newman

Founder/CEO

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From: Withers, Brett (Council Member)
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 5:06 PM
To: Craig Kennedy
Cc: Planning Commissioners
Subject: RE: Hotel Church at 819 Russell Street

Craig:

Thank you for writing and sharing your experience working on maintaining an historic building. Just to be clear, the proposed site plan that the Commissioners will consider for 819 Russell does include a hotel use but does not include a restaurant use. Thanks again for sharing your thoughts and for your years of work as a neighbor supporting and as an architect working within the Conservation Zoning Overlay District and Historic Preservation Zoning District design guidelines.

Brett A. Withers

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From: Craig Kennedy [craig@project-bootstrap.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 4:31 PM
To: Withers, Brett (Council Member)
Cc: Planning Commissioners
Subject: Hotel Church at 819 Russell Street

Brett/Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the proposal to convert the existing church structure at 819 Russell Street into a hotel with restaurant. I own an architecture firm in East Nashville, as well as attend church and are part of a volunteer committee of building trustees at East End UMC who manage the physical facilities and grounds. Like the building in this proposal, EEUMC is also a 100+ year old structure, and I'm familiar with the economic burdens these very old structures present. At present EEUMC is a thriving community of givers that are able to maintain the building and its beauty, but not all congregations are able to do this. These church buildings are an important part of the architectural history, neighborhood fabric, and growth story of East Nashville. as they become vacant, they're at risk for dilapidation, vandalism, and possibly even demolition.

I'm in support of this adaptive reuse for the following reasons:

- Preservation of the building and grounds.
- By code, Hotel occupancy is a quasi-residential use (R-2) within an already existing residential district.
- Parking is accounted for in the adjacent parcel across 9th Street.

Please support this project proposal or one like it and preserve this building for generations to come.

Thank you.

Craig Kennedy, AIA, LEED AP BD+C

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From: Steve Morris [mailto:steve@wagonwheeltitle.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 4:03 PM
To: Brett Withers
Cc: Planning Commissioners
Subject: RE: Hotel Project - 819 Russell Street

Thanks Brett!



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From: Brett Withers [mailto:bwithers365@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 11:08 AM
To: Steve Morris <steve@wagonwheeltitle.com>
Cc: planning.commissioners@nashville.gov
Subject: Fwd: Hotel Project - 819 Russell Street

Planning Commissioners:

Please see the below District 6 constituent correspondence pertaining to the 819 Russell Neighborhood Landmark Overlay District final site plan item that should appear on the May 24th meeting agenda. This correspondence came to my personal email account and I wanted to ensure that it was forwarded to you. Thank you.

Brett A. Withers

Metro Council, District 6

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From: **Steve Morris** <steve@wagonwheeltitle.com>

Date: Thu, May 17, 2018 at 12:34 AM

Subject: Hotel Project - 819 Russell Street

To: "bwithers365@gmail.com" <bwithers365@gmail.com>

Cc: "planning.commissioners@nashville.gov" <planning.commissioners@nashville.gov>

Hey Brett – I wanted to add my voice on this hotel project at the old church building on Russell Street. I live on Huntleigh Drive and work on South 11th Street. I'm sure you've received a bunch of emails on it already, but I think it's a good project and wanted to say it personally. I go to East Park frequently, and that building has need some new life for a long time. It's a really pretty building, and one that I'm worried could be lost if it's not repurposed. I know Micah Lacher on the development team, and he's a stand-up person and a responsible real estate guy. I think this will be a great project for the neighborhood and I hope you'll support it. Thanks for considering it, and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Steve

Steven T. Morris

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From: Brett Withers [mailto:bwithers365@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 11:10 AM
To: Planning Commissioners
Cc: Withers, Brett (Council Member); christian@c615.co
Subject: Fwd: Russell St. Boutique Hotel

Planning Commissioners:

Please see the below District 6 constituent correspondence pertaining to the 819 Russell Neighborhood Landmark Overlay District final site plan item that is scheduled to appear on the May 24th meeting agenda. This correspondence came to my personal email account and I wanted to ensure that you received a copy. Thank you.

Brett A. Withers

Metro Council, District 6

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From: **Christian Paro** <christian@c615.co>
Date: Thu, May 17, 2018 at 11:02 AM
Subject: Russell St. Boutique Hotel
To: Brett Withers <bwithers365@gmail.com>

Brett,

I think this can be a good idea for the neighborhood. I think we need something like that.

- Christian

Christian Paro

Owner

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From: Withers, Brett (Council Member)
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 10:51 AM
To: Deborah Vahle
Cc: Planning Commissioners
Subject: RE: 819 Russell St.

Planning Commissioners:

Please see the below District 6 constituent correspondence pertaining to the 819 Russell Street Neighborhood Landmark Overlay District site plan item that is scheduled to appear on the May 24th agenda. Thank you.

Brett A. Withers

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From: Deborah Vahle [deborah.vahle@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 10:41 AM
To: Withers, Brett (Council Member)
Subject: 819 Russell St.

2445 Eastland Ave.

District 6

Dear Councilman Withers and Members of the Planning Commission,

Thank you for all of the time and energy you invest to make sure Nashville continues to be an amazing place to live and work. I wanted to write you a quick note of support for the boutique hotel project at 819 Russell St. This is something East Nashville truly needs. I am also really excited to see this beautiful historic church restored. It is currently headed towards a state of disrepair and I look forward to seeing the developer bring it back to life. I wanted to let you know that I am in full support of this project and look forward to seeing it approved on May 24th.

Thanks for all you do,

Deborah

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From: matthew charette [mailto:mdcharette@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 8:14 AM

Subject: 819 Russell St.

Dear Councilman Withers and Members of the Planning Commission,

I know you are busy so I will keep it brief. I wanted to write you a quick note of support for the boutique hotel project at 819 Russell St. As you know I own 3 Restaurants at Five points and my family and I live in East Nashville, so yes this project may benefit me. But more so I am really excited to see this beautiful historic church restored with a purpose that has positive impact for Nashville (taxes), our Valued Visitors, the East Nashville Community (Brand), and preserves some history at a time when other developers are just knocking Nashville Down; I also understand that this project gives 5% of their revenues to Room in the Inn and The Nashville Rescue Mission.

I wanted to let you know that I am in full support of this project and look forward to seeing it approved on May 24th.

I know that too many Nashvillians are not happy with our Cities popularity and growth and the Traffic and inflation of cost of living and taxes that has gone along with it. But with that our City is flourishing and I see this as a way to keep a beautiful structure and piece of history preserved and functional while making a positive contribution in our community. The sad truth is, it will never be a church again and some really smart people have found a way to re-purpose it and preserve its beauty instead of it being abandoned or demolished.

Please vote for its approval.

sincerely

Matt Charette
2445 Eastland Ave
Nashville TN 37206

Matthew Charette
Owner
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From: Grace Gibson [mailto:gegibson@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 9:37 PM

To: Withers, Brett (Council Member); Planning Commissioners

Subject: 819 Russell St

Dear Councilman Withers and Members of the Planning Commission,

First of all, thanks for your service to our great city. I greatly appreciate all of the time and energy you invest to make sure Nashville continues to be an amazing place to live and work. I wanted to write you a quick note of support for the boutique hotel project at 819 Russell St. I live in East Nashville and am really excited about this project. It will give my friends and family a great option to stay in East Nashville when they come to town. An option like this one does not currently exist in this area. Furthermore, I am really excited to see this beautiful historic church restored. It is currently headed towards a state of disrepair and I look forward to seeing the developer bring it back to life. I wanted to let you know that I am in full support of this project and look forward to seeing it approved on May 24th.

Thanks for all you do,

Grace Gibson

2707 Traugher Dr. 37206

Grace ----- This email was clumsily tapped into a tiny simulation of a keyboard.

From: Jessica Johns [mailto:jessicaemj@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 9:09 PM

To: Withers, Brett (Council Member)

Subject: 819 Russel St

Dear Councilman Withers and Members of the Planning Commission,

First of all, thanks for your service to our great city. I greatly appreciate all of the time and energy you invest to make sure Nashville continues to be an amazing place to live and work. I wanted to write you a quick note of support for the boutique hotel project at 819 Russell St. I live in East Nashville and am really excited about this project. It will give my friends and family a great option to stay in East Nashville when they come to town. An option like this one does not currently exist in this area. Furthermore, I am really excited to see this beautiful historic church restored. It is currently headed towards a state of disrepair and I look forward to seeing the developer bring it back to life. I wanted to let you know that I am in full support of this project and look forward to seeing it approved on May 24th.

Thanks for all you do,

Jessica Johns

1013 Maplewood Pl

From: Angie Lawless [mailto:angie@wagonwheeltitle.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 4:32 PM
To: Planning Commissioners
Cc: Withers, Brett (Council Member)
Subject: 819 Russell Street

Dear Councilman Withers and Members of the Planning Commission,

First of all, thanks for your service to our great city. I greatly appreciate all of the time and energy you invest to make sure Nashville continues to be an amazing place to live and work. I wanted to write you a quick note of support for the boutique hotel project at 819 Russell St. I own a business and do business in East Nashville and I am really excited about this project. It will give my friends and family a great option to stay in East Nashville when they come to town. An option like this one does not currently exist in this area. Furthermore, I am really excited to see this beautiful historic church restored. It is currently headed towards a state of disrepair and I look forward to seeing the developer bring it back to life. I wanted to let you know that I am in full support of this project and look forward to seeing it approved on May 24th.

Thanks for all you do,

Angie



Angie Lawless
Owner/Attorney

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From: Laura Beth Winchester [mailto:laurabeth@accuworks.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 3:12 PM

To: Withers, Brett (Council Member)

Subject: 819 Russell St. Hotel Approval

Dear Councilman Withers and Members of the Planning Commission,

First of all, thanks for your service to our great city! I greatly appreciate all of the time and energy you invest to make sure Nashville continues to be an amazing place to live and work. I've lived here for 5 years, and have loved every minute of it!

I wanted to write you a quick note of support for the boutique hotel project at 819 Russell St. I live in East Nashville, on Creighton Ave., and I am really excited about this project. It will give my friends and family a great option to stay in East Nashville when they come to town. An option like this one does not currently exist in this area. Furthermore, I am really excited to see this beautiful historic church restored. It is currently headed towards a state of disrepair and I look forward to seeing the developer bring it back to life. **I wanted to let you know that I am in full support of this project and look forward to seeing it approved on May 24th.**

Thanks for all you do,

Laura Beth Winchester

Inglewood Resident

Creighton Ave.

From: Eric Wimsatt [mailto:ewimsatt@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 3:00 PM
To: Planning Commissioners; Withers, Brett (Council Member)
Subject: 819 Russell St Hotel

Dear Councilman Withers and Members of the Planning Commission,

First of all, thanks for your service to our great city. I greatly appreciate all of the time and energy you invest to make sure Nashville continues to be an amazing place to live and work. I wanted to write you a quick note of support for the boutique hotel project at 819 Russell St. I live in East Nashville and am really excited about this project. It will give my friends and family a great option to stay in East Nashville when they come to town. An option like this one does not currently exist in this area. Furthermore, I am really excited to see this beautiful historic church restored. It is currently headed towards a state of disrepair and I look forward to seeing the developer bring it back to life. I wanted to let you know that I am in full support of this project and look forward to seeing it approved on May 24th.

Thanks for all you do,

Eric Wimsatt

From: Mark Scrivner [mailto:mark@snapshotinteractive.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 1:52 PM
To: Planning Commissioners; Withers, Brett (Council Member)
Subject: Support for Hotel Church on Russell Street

Dear Councilman Withers and Members of the Planning Commission,

First of all, thanks for your service to our great city. I greatly appreciate all of the time and energy you invest to make sure Nashville continues to be an amazing place to live and work. I wanted to write you a quick note of support for the boutique hotel project at 819 Russell St. I live in East Nashville and I am really excited about this project. It will give my friends and family a great option to stay in East Nashville when they come to town. An option like this one does not currently exist in this area. Furthermore, I am really excited to see this

beautiful historic church restored. It is currently headed towards a state of disrepair and I look forward to seeing the developer bring it back to life. I wanted to let you know that I am in full support of this project and look forward to seeing it approved on May 24th.

Thanks for all you do,

Mark

Mark Scrivner

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From: Alyce Scrivner [mailto:alycescrivner1@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 12:37 PM
To: Withers, Brett (Council Member)
Subject: 819 Russell Street Church to Hotel

Dear Councilman Withers and Members of the Planning Commission,

First of all, thanks for your service to our great city. I greatly appreciate all of the time and energy you invest to make sure Nashville continues to be an amazing place to live and work.

I wanted to write you a quick note of support for the boutique hotel project at 819 Russell St. I live in East Nashville (1115 Fatherland Street) and I am really excited about this project. It will give my friends and family a great option to stay in East Nashville when they come to town. An option like this one does not currently exist in this area. Furthermore, I am really excited to see this beautiful historic church restored. It is currently headed towards a state of disrepair and I look forward to seeing the developer bring it back to life. I wanted to let you know that I am in full support of this project and look forward to seeing it approved on May 24th.

Thanks for all you do,

Alyce Scrivner

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