

Date: January 2, 2007

To: Lawrence City Commission

From: Leslie Soden, 833 Connecticut  
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RE: Krause SUP, 917 Delaware

Dear Commission Members:

We do not believe that the city commission should approve this SUP based on the following grounds:

1. This restaurant can easily be accommodated in a proper commercial area. Commercial areas are created to absorb mitigating factors, such as parking, noise, traffic and delivery trucks. I have no doubt the Krause's can re-create any intimate atmosphere in a commercial building.
2. The lack of usual overhead (mortgage, utilities, etc.) will give this restaurant a definite economic competitive edge over other restaurants.
3. I would strongly consider the city commission removing the ability to have ANY outside service on the patio. Imagine if your window were 8 feet from your neighbor's patio, and 5 nights a week your neighbors hosted BBQ's for 30 people, even if those people were only eating appetizers and having drinks outside?
4. Even though the applicant has a loose agreement to purchase the property to the south, who is to say he won't end up buying the property after all? Or if he does buy it, what is to stop him from selling it in 6 months to someone else?
5. How can this restaurant be considered as open to the general public, when there will not be a sign in front of the home, and dining will be by reservation only? This sounds more like a private club to me, and based on the prices, an elitist one at that. A very large majority of our neighborhood will not be financially able to visit this restaurant, so I do not understand how this restaurant will benefit our neighborhood.

We would invite the commission members to strongly consider these items before making their decision on the SUP. We find it shocking the lengths that the city will bend over backwards to allow a restaurant to be run out of a private home in a residential neighborhood. The fact that this restaurant was knowingly ran illegally for 4 years seems to be the least of everyone's concerns. Yet the city apparently will do everything in its power to create a process for this applicant.

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Lawrence Planning Commission  
6<sup>th</sup> & Massachusetts Street  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Commissioners:

This is a letter of support for the rezoning of the property at 917 Delaware Street.

We are property owners and /or residences of several properties on the 900 block of Pennsylvania Street.

We believe the business Mr. & Mrs. Krause would like to operate would be an asset to the neighborhood. In fact it would help—improve the area. The neighborhood is known for diversity and the Krause dining would fit into to the area better than the Eastside Tavern. The Krause dining will have a professional and physical appearance.

The Eastside Tavern is often loud and its clients have disturbed us in the past. (It is not as "bad" as it had been.) Under age drinkers and the front deck are the two complaints for us. Its attempt to get the college and young crowd business has not been a pleasant experience for us living close by. The Krause business would not present such problems. Most of the Krause clients would be responsible adults.

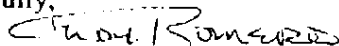
As Bo Harris will be building 52 living units and business space on the 800 block of Pennsylvania, we believe the small business of the Krause should be able to operate. It is on the edge for the neighborhood. They will not be infringing on great numbers of people in the neighborhood. If Bo Harris can build and help the area, so can the Krause business.

We think the neighbor to the south of 917 Delaware can live with the fine dining clients as we have lived with the Eastside Tavern "clients" for these several, several years. We do have a Lawrence Journal World photo of an elderly Juan Romero, 904 Pennsylvania, voicing his protest to the opening of the tavern, and the city commission permitted the opening. That was one neighbor who had to learn to live with diversity. So can the Krause neighbor to the south.

We believe the ELNA guidelines established years ago, were to curtail businesses which would cause health issues and unsightly property in the area. Today the problems are different and perhaps the association may want to look at the guidelines. Fine dining does not harm the area...it may cause taxes to go up...a tradition these days.

Thanks you for this opportunity to address the commissioners about this matter.

Respectfully,



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