

Mount Pleasant Neighborhood Alliance Alert

MPNA Signs Cooperative Agreement with Marleny's— ANC Now Holding Up Their ABC License

Marleny's Restaurant, located at 3201 Mt. Pleasant Street, NW, has applied for an ABC Class DR (beer and wine) license for its restaurant of which MPNA supports. The hours of operation are Sunday through Saturday, 6:00 am until midnight. The hours of sale, service or consumption of alcohol will be from 10:00 am to midnight. This is a family restaurant serving Salvadorian, Mexican and American food with background recorded music only. There will be no live entertainment, cover charge or dancing.

MPNA acquiring feedback from neighbors, members, and non-members who had only one concern. That is, the establishment wanted to begin selling alcohol at 8:00 am. When MPNA approached Marleny's owners with this concern, the owners agreed to change their hours. MPNA, without protesting their license, signed a cooperative agreement with Marleny's last week.

Unfortunately, the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC1D) filed a protest against Marleny's stating that having an alcohol license will have an adverse effect on peace, order, and quiet. This is the *same* ANC who believes that live entertainment, dancing and charging cover charge *will not* cause peace, order and quiet problems. Marleny's is paying for a lawyer to assist her. The ANC is interfering with Marleny's bottom line which seriously hinders her economic vitality proving once again, a hostile environment on our commercial street.

Alley Gates at Kilbourne Place, Mt. Pleasant Street & 17th Street Threatened

In 2000, Mt. Pleasant neighbors petitioned the D.C. Government to permit the placing of a wrought iron at the k17 alley to discourage chronic pissing, defecation, loitering, and drug use. With the help of Greg Nicklas, Laurie Collins and Jim Graham, the city, police and the fire department signed off on the communities' proposal. Verizon has participated also. Since that time the gate has worked and the once smelly urine alley has bloomed and become safe for all to use. This week DOT (Department of Transportation) attempted to tear down the gates. We were able to stop this for now; however we need your support while we straighten this out. If you wish to support keeping the gates, or like to send a letter of support, please contact David Sitomer, 202.745.0309 or email him at tolstoy@erols.com.

3 Ways you can Help MPNA

- Become a Member
- Contribute to our legal fees to help fight those who want to Terminate our Voluntary Agreements
- Contribute to Operation LiveLink
Give on line today: www.mtpalliance.org
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