

BELLA VISTA NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION

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Bella Vista Neighbors Association, formerly known as Bella Vista Town Watch, is an independent, non-profit neighborhood organization. Our goal is to improve the quality of life for all residents of Bella Vista.

February 27, 2018

Hon. Mark Squilla
Councilman 1st District, City of Philadelphia
City Hall, Room 332
Philadelphia, PA 19107-3459

Re: **Sidewalk Café Outdoor Seating Ordinance Request**
“Guppy’s”
736-38 S. 8th Street
Applicant: Juliet Conti & Alexis Alman

Dear Councilman Squilla,

The owner-operator of “Guppy’s” restaurant, located at 736-38 S 8th St., seeks permission to use the public right-of-way (sidewalk) to provide outdoor café seating for their patrons.

The Bella Vista Neighbors Association (BVNA) Zoning Committee held a public meeting on February 6, 2018 at the Palumbo Recreation Center in concert with our regularly scheduled committee meetings. There were approximately 12 neighbors in attendance in addition to our committee members.

The restaurant, located in a primarily residential neighborhood at the corner of Fitzwater and S. 8th Streets, is proposing to put two two-person tables on Fitzwater and one on S. 8th St. The tables would be vacated each evening by 10 p.m. and service would be provided from within the restaurant.

Several neighbors expressed their concerns, but these concerns appeared to be more focused on the general aspects of the restaurant’s (and its predecessors on the site) general operations such as noise and trash management. There was little discussion of the proposal itself. Three immediate neighbors expressed opposition. No poll for support was taken.

The BVNA Zoning Committee thinks that if the outdoor seating is properly managed that it will not adversely affect pedestrian traffic on either S. 8th St. or Fitzwater St. and may provide a service to the neighborhood. BVNA is **not opposed** to the proposal.

Respectfully submitted,
Bella Vista Neighbors Association

By: 

Lara Rhame
Co-chair, BVNA Zoning Committee

cc (via email):

BVNA Board of Directors, Officers, and Zoning Committee Co-Chairs, Juliet Conti, Alexis Alman