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If you have never spent time in the Magnolia neighborhood, especially at night, I invite you to do so at your earliest convenience. The Magnolia House has been a calming presence in the neighborhood that has heightened the dignity of its surroundings. As a member of Central United Methodist Church, our property surrounds the Magnolia House on 2 sides. They are in our ^{yard} ~~background~~. I know them to be quiet and cooperative neighbors. I walk daily and see their facilities night and day. It is refreshing to see the neighborhood alive and active in an unobtrusive way. And all of the activity brings revenue to our city because every guest or wedding party member is referred to a local business for dining, wedding reception, or point of interest for photos, etc. And they are good neighbors. What an excellent use for this property.

Charles Hopkins

Stoll, Lucy

From: Tim Smith <tbsmith0502@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2018 4:58 PM
To: Stoll, Lucy
Cc: Magnolia House Inn - Hampton, Va.
Subject: Magnolia House

Lucy
I am Tim Smith, president of R. Hayden Smith Inc and manager of R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home which is across the street from the Magnolia House. Joyce and Lankford Blair have operated a very nice establishment as a bed and breakfast as well as a small wedding venue. We own three properties in close proximity to the Magnolia House and have found them to be excellent neighbors, mindful of their impact on the neighborhood and a great asset to downtown Hampton. As a former Planning Commissioner and current member of the Board of Zoning Appeals I personally and as president of RHS Inc fully support their application for B&B 2 as they are simply the best kind of business people to have as neighbors.

Sincerely
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Stoll, Lucy

From: Brenda D. Moyer <fite4em@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 11:02 AM
To: Bunting, Mary; Tuck, Donnie; Stoll, Lucy
Subject: Magnolia Inn

Greetings, (please forward to all that should see support mail) thank you.

I just wanted to express that I feel the way this situation has been handled has not been very business friendly.

A positive force, money making for Hampton/area, no issues, wonderful neighbors , etc, in business since 2006....

had to go through all Hamptons red tape again???

Hoops?

I feel they should have been Grandfathered in, not have to expense money, paperwork, missed work, meetings, and frankly, the 'question' the postcard has seeded in minds.

What are they trying to do????

Imagine how they must feel? What message they have received?

It's not them. It's politics.

I just wanted to express my feelings, and to let to know that I support them, their business, and what they stand for.

I am just questioning the true why?

They have not requested anything different. They have always done what they do now.

They make a whole lot of folks very happy. They represent Hampton.

I'm guessing, there is upcoming business involved.

Thank you,

Brenda Moyer

A concerned Hampton resident.

Sent from my iPhone

Stoll, Lucy

From: Cyndi Masterstaff <cyndi@downtownhampton.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 11:20 AM
To: Stoll, Lucy
Subject: Note of Support - Magnolia House

Hi Alison,

I wanted to reach out and let you know that DHDP supports the rezoning ordinance for the Magnolia House Inn to operate as a B&B 1 and a B&B 2 in downtown Hampton.

Since 2006, Magnolia House Inn has been considered a vibrant business supporting our hospitality needs in downtown Hampton.

If we can provide any other information that would help support the rezoning efforts for Magnolia House Inn please let us know.

Thank you Lucy

Cyndi

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Stoll, Lucy

From: donnapenne@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2018 5:09 PM
To: Stoll, Lucy
Subject: Magnolia House Inn rezoning request for B&B 2 category

Please kindly consider our input below when evaluating the request from Joyce and Langford Blair of the Magnolia House Inn for a B&B 2 Category rezoning decision.

My husband and I have known Joyce for 30 years dating back to her nursing experience at Virginia Beach General where my husband and she were co-workers in the late 1980's and early 1990's. We have hosted them socially at our residence many times and enjoyed breakfast just last year at the Magnolia House Inn.

Joyce and Langford are the epitome of well educated, well traveled and caring citizens of the City of Hampton. They personally see to the guests and wedding participants wishes hosting them with gentile southern charm in their historic B&B home.

They limit wedding events to the ceremony only which eliminates the possible negative impacts of holding the event in their B&B. We live at 451 Bridge Street and since the closure of the Darling Bridge last year, we travel past the Magnolia House each time we leave the neighborhood. We've never noticed a parking problem of any kind or any other disturbance. I assume the wedding ceremonies represent a lucrative addition to their traditional B&B guests. Please consider this aspect of the business equation when considering their request to rezone to Category 2.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and if we can supply any further information, feel free to call or email us. Our cell number is 757-374-8439.

Sincerely,

Donna and Joel Penne
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Stoll, Lucy

From: Kimberly Gaudette <kimiemail@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 8:48 PM
To: Stoll, Lucy
Subject: Magnolia House Bed and Breakfast Hearing

Dear Lucy, Planning Commission and City Council Members:

My husband and I can not attend the Hearing on August 16, 2018 due to work schedules.

However, we would like to provide input on The Magnolia House Bed and Breakfast.

We have known Lankford and Joyce Blair for about 10 years. Joyce was the first neighbor to welcome me to the neighborhood when I purchased my home at 221 Lee Street, Hampton, VA 23669, I do believe she took a photo of me holding the SOLD sign.

We have never had any issues when they had guests. There was never an issue with the parking and/or noise.

It is **very rare in this day and age**, to find **such Gracious Business Owners**, the Blairs run a wonderful Bed and Breakfast and bring a lot to Hampton.

We would like for them to be able to continue their business as usual, as we feel they provide a wonderful and much needed service to, not only our community but to other communities as well, as they have guest from all over the world.

While their Guest are visiting the area, they are spending their dollars at our area attractions and sharing their experiences with others, via Social Media, Text, Calls and Photos, which is good for our City. It would be a **great loss** to the City of Hampton if they were no longer able to provide their services.

Thank you for your time and should you have any questions please contact us.

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