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Application No. 07-09-089-P Country Club of Coral Gables – Outdoor Seating

Exhibit H

	Date Received	Name and Address	Object	No Objection	Comments (Verbatim)
1.	11 11 09	Roberto & Anabella Smith 749 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, FL		X	From: Roberto Smith [mailto:rasmith@mgearchitects.com] Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2009 5:57 PM To: Slesnick, Donald Cc: wkerdyk@coralgables.com; wwithers@coralgables.com; manderson@coralgables.com; rcabrera@coralgables.com Subject: RE: The Coral Gables Country Club Wednesday, November 11, 2009 Mayor, I respect you and truly feel for you and respect your opinion. I never get involved and frankly I feel strong about this, just don't want to see a brilliant idea go to waste and a company suffer because of a handful of neighbors. This will be my last writing to you, I promise: 1. The inside venue, in particular the pool (east side), is frankly undesirable. It's all about design and your surroundings. The pool design as existing with a lack of landscaping and the correct urban backup is detrimental. The noise created by kids in the pool do not conducive for adult conversation. The pool needs to remain for what is used, sunning and bathing. The west side near the fountain is not a pleasant side either. Is very rugged and now you directly front three neighbors, I don't recommend it! Disagree with 97%, South Greenway will never experience this venue no more then I will living in Alhambra Circle. There is no direct view from South Greenway. North Greenway, and frankly, the first several houses to the east, including yourself, Burger Bob's building and the neighbor directly across the street to the west on the corner, will be the only ones to experience the outside exquisite dining, and only then, when you drive by. It is all too sheltered. Otherwise, with the proper design, it will be exquisite. It is all in the æœdesign,æœ that will make it successful for the adjacent neighbors !! The parking during large events at the club creates more of an impact on the neighbors then this wonderful outside dining and that has always been allowed æœ it's a club. Mr. Volsky and his neighbor to the south will experience this venue much more than you will. None of the neighbors face this area directly, only the golf course clubhouse and Burger Bob's. If there was a residence directly to the south where the clubhouse is located, I would then understand. The design of the facility truly shelters the dining area from the neighbors. With proper landscape and design as proposed, it will be a success for all. You say drinking and eating, yes this is the case in a æœsubduedæœ approach, how wonderful it will be. This venue is not Lincoln Road. It is an exquisite outside dining area for the enjoyment of the immediate neighborhood.

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					Yes, this may be done at another place, but, note the following. What other place than this one? Possibly at Venetian Pool, let's do it, it would be wonderful ! This is about creating a sense of neighborhood. Remember the old Florida houses with the front porches overlooking the neighbors ? This is what it's about. We have lost this and now everyone is cooked up in their residence where you hardly know your neighbors. The tennis courts create more of a nuisance then this outside dining. Liberty needs this so they can be successful ! Allow this even if this was the only reason. This will allow them to have the chef and staff to be onsite at all times. We need to support them to be successful so they are thriving a year from now !!!! I truly respect your thinking. I just want this Liberty to be a success. Promise you won't hear from me again. This is no different then the outside covered dining at the Biltmore facing the neighbors across from the golf course same for the South Greenway residence who are sheltered by burger Bob's. Please allow them the testing time they have volunteered. Roberto A. Smith, AIA Principal MGE ARCHITECTS T. 305.444.0413 C. 786.281.5399
2.	11 11 09	Roberto & Anabella Smith 749 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables		X	From: Roberto Smith [mailto:rasmith@mgearchitects.com] Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2009 9:41 AM To: Slesnick, Donald; Kerdyk, William; Cabrera, Ralph; Anderson, Maria; Withers, Wayne Cc: nick@libertygroup.com; Anabella Smith Subject: The Coral Gables Country Club Wednesday, November 11, 2009 Good Morning Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Commissioners, My wife Anabella and I own our residence at 749 Alhambra Circle, we have lived here since December 1998. We are neighbors, though not immediately adjacent, of the Country Club with a great desire for this new venture by Liberty Entertainment to be successful !!! We are frankly tired of driving by and seeing such a landmark in derelict conditions and no life the trees are dying, no life at the historic entrance, the parking lot ripped up, and simply the building continues to fall apart. Ten years ago, we had the opportunity of becoming members for the summer months our kids

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				used the pool during that opportunity. It was a joy to go there, we were grateful to have the opportunity of using the club at that point of time although limited. We now look forward to the opportunity of enjoying the outside, people watching, meeting neighbors and simply enjoying the outside â€” this creates a renewed urbanism ! What a beautiful thingâ€”! We cannot continue to have this facility in decay to be a nuisance to the neighbors and our city. In my travels, I see many small cities in this nation with a multitude of buildings abandoned and in decay â€” this country club reminds me of such buildings. We cannot continue to throw obstacles at this development process which is most successful in European cities, as part of the urban fabric, which will add value to the immediate neighbors. Liberty, a very successful company, with experience in this type of venture. They are cooperating with the city to an extreme and are offering a minimum amount of tables outside in order to please the neighbors that are concerned. Enough tables to say, hey, we are here, come enjoy our wonderful facilities â€” we can be sure that it will not be enough. With a city that is being so close minded, I, Liberty, would have pulled out of this venture a long time ago ! Frankly, I would add a lot more tables, if properly designed correctly. As an architect and urban planner, I venture to say that this venue will add value and pleasure to the immediate neighbors. I would go so far, to add a boutique grocery store â€” a â€œboutique neighborhood store â€” an abastoâ€” approach, where you can buy fresh baked breads, freshly squeezed juice and many more fine foods ! ! ! ! <u>PLEASE VOTE YES. LETâ€™S BE VENTUROUS ! ! ! ! What is being debated is nonsense. Letâ€™s help them be successful ! ! ! ! We should be pleased that we have them ! ! ! !</u> Regards, Roberto Roberto A. Smith, AIA Principal MGE ARCHITECTS 150 Alhambra Circle #700 Coral Gables, FL 33134 T. 305.444.0413 C. 786.281.5390 F. 305.441.6404

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3.	11 11 09	Susan Serrell 833 Milan Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134		X	From: susan serrell [mailto:susanserrell@yahoo.com] Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2009 10:11 AM To: donslesnick@coralgables.com; wkerdyk@coralgabise.com Cc: Nick Di Donato Subject: Country Club Cafe Seating Dear Mayor Slesnick and Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Thank you for giving Coral Gables residents the opportunity to express our opinions regarding outdoor seating at the Coral Gables Country Club at the recent public meeting. As you know, there was overwhelming support for the café concept at that meeting. Over and over we heard, to great applause, from residents who have lived in the area for many years and never been inside the building before. They are thrilled at the prospect of making this venue a place that is truly and visibly open to residents. The handful of N. Greenway residents who are opposed cited a danger to strolling mothers and children. Far from being a danger, this proposed area would be a welcome spot for neighbors, finally opening up this marvelous treasure to all the neighborhood. There seems to be a misunderstanding that this outdoor area would create the commercial atmosphere of a beer and pizza parlor, and that it would turn a residential neighborhood into an urban one. But most understand the difference between a residential area with a charming place for a chat and a latte, and an urban one. People who purchased homes on N. Greenway knew there was activity on the street, neighbors walking and jogging, golfers playing and chatting, etc. and this is part of its appeal. The café will only enhance the quality of life on this lovely boulevard. Opponents also cited traffic and parking as reasons for opposition, but didn't explain how a few outdoor tables would increase automobile traffic and parking needs. The city took the first step in opting for the success that has evaded this venue for so long: You decided it should serve all residents rather than a select few. And you selected Liberty, with its experience and history of successful ventures of all types, as its operator. As business consultants, we see that Liberty has grasped very well even the seemingly small details that are needed to ensure that success. They have also demonstrated that they understand the concerns of the immediate neighbors and will continue to be highly sensitive

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4.	11 11 09	Dr. Richard J. Polo 647 Almeria Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134		X	to them. We sympathize with fear of change, but the city should not make its decisions based on the fears of a handful. We appeal to you to make your decision, as you have so many others, with the best interests of the city and the greater neighborhood in mind. Let's opt for success! The proposed trial period can provide a security net for the fearful few. Thank you. Susan and David Serrell Susan Serrell 833 Milan Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 Voice: 305.448.4496 Fax: 305.448.4497 From: RJPinCG@aol.com [mailto:RJPinCG@aol.com] Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2009 9:10 AM To: donslesnick@coralgables.com; wkerdyk@coralgables.com Cc: slesnickj@hotmail.com; Wkerdyk@aol.com; Nick Di Donato Subject: I ask for your support of outdoor cafe at the new Country Club Don, Bill, I attended the presentation and discussion held at the Garden Room of the Club on November 3. There were several residents of North and South Greenway Drives that spoke against it. However the preponderant view of those present was that the outdoor Cafe ought to be approved. I signed a petition in favor of it. The Cafe will be a wonderful addition to the neighborhood, and will complement Burger Bob's. The noise will be minimal. It will re-create the earlier ambiance of the many early years when the Club operated with open areas dancing by the pool. It will not be a safety issue as some there alleged. I ask you to support this initiative at the 17 November Commission Meeting, and give it the go ahead. Thanks for your support.

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					Best regards, Dr. Richard J. Polo 647 Almeria Avenue Coral Gables, Florida 33134 (305) 343-8126 (Cell Phone) (305) 444-8763 (Voice and Fax)
5.	11 11 09	Steven and Amanda Lachterman 813 Obispo Avenue		X	From: LawyerMail@cs.com [mailto:LawyerMail@cs.com] Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2009 7:02 PM To: wkerryd@coralgables.com Cc: Nick Di Donato Subject: re: Coral Gables Country Club Dear Vice Mayor: We live two blocks from the Coral Gables Country Club and would like to express our support for the plans being submitted. We feel that it would be a great asset to our community and it is time that the Country Club again becomes a place for residents to meet and enjoy. We were very impressed by Mr. Di Donato's presentation and feel that his plans are in the best interest of the City and its residents. Steven and Amanda Lachterman 813 Obispo Avenue
6.	11 10 09	Mariana Rados		X	From: Mariana Rados [mailto:mcrados@gmail.com] Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2009 8:58 PM To: Slesnick, Donald; Kerdyk, William Cc: nick@libertygroup.com Subject: outside seating-Granada Country Club Dear all: I FULLY SUPPORT the outside cafe. I attended last week's meeting. Reasons: 1. the club has become a <u>white elephant</u>; 2. it is time to open the building to the community and <u>have it make money for the city (and all of us), or tear it down</u>; 3. it never was part of the community; it was presented as belonging to an exclusive and elitist group; 4. being open to the public and not only to elitists, I would "<u>spend money there</u>" if it has a restaurant open to the public, and mainly because it is outside, in other words, <u>my money is staying in my town</u>;

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					5. we can be so fortunate that a high-caliber group such as The Liberty is willing to make the investment with a vision of preservation and community; and, is willing to be exposed to our narrow mindedness; 6. <u>we live in this city because we like the outdoors</u>; what is wrong in sitting outside and enjoying the fresh air and nice people going-by? 7. I live on Alhambra (1 1/2 blocks from the club), and I endure a ton of traffic (which does not even keep within the speed limit); the <u>traffic going to the club would be: walking or driving on Alhambra to enter the parking</u>; there would not be more automobile traffic on the corner of North Greenway and Granada as there is no new and additional parking; <u>parking is entered from Alhambra</u>; 8. as a matter of fact, should I consider opposition because the traffic on Alhambra will increase? 9. I have many visitors; all of them ask me about the building; one can only say "it has been under renovation and empty for years" and my visitors react by saying "<u>it is a city failure</u>"; 10. I believe that our opposers have not been exposed to international traveling, where they would have enjoyed the many "sister cities" with the charm of the outdoors; 11. on top of it all, I as a businesswoman, would have never offered what Mr. Di Donato is willing to do: "close in 18 months, if necessary"; I never understood the reasons for the concerns; is it because we could be throwing glasses, or tables or chairs at the passers by? A very large majority at the meeting was in favor of the outside sitting; please represent the majority of us and approve the outside sitting. Regards, Mariana Rados
7.	11 10 09	Betsy & John Mulligan 1312 Asturia Avenue Coral Gables, FL		X	From: John Mulligan, Jr. [mailto:betjon@worldnet.att.net] Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2009 4:57 PM To: donslesnick@coralgables.com; wkerdyk@coralgables.com; manderson@coralgables.com; wwithers@coralgables.com Cc: Nick Di Donato Subject: Country Club We encourage you to support the 18 month test period for outdoor dining that Nick Di

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					Donato is proposing for the old Country Club of Coral Gables. We have enjoyed the Club for many years and look forward to doing so again. Betsy & John Mulligan 1312 Asturia Ave Coral Gables
8.	11 10 09	Ronald & Jennifer Zighelboim 1425 Venetia Avenue Coral Gables, FL		X	From: Ron Zighelboim [mailto:ronzig@me.com] Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2009 7:29 PM To: donslesnick@coralgables.com Subject: Outdoor seating at CG Country Club Dear Mr. Mayor, As a North Gables resident, our household is very much in favor of this initiative. I attended the meeting last week and was most impressed with the Club's new management and its ideas. I think we finally have a winner! It appears to us that it's a low-risk decision for the City, considering the 18-month trial period proposed by Mr. Di Donato. I wish those against the outdoor seating concept would realize that this is a very fair approach to resolving what has become an overblown issue... Sincerely, Ronald & Jennifer Zighelboim 1425 Venetia Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134 305 298 2944
9.	11 10 09	Pippa Milne 1244 Sorolla Avenue Coral Gables, FL		X	From: Pippa [mailto:pipmilne@bellsouth.net] Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2009 11:25 AM To: 'donslesnick@coralgables.com'; 'wkerdyk@coralgables.com'; 'manderson@coralgables.com'; 'wwithers@coralgables.com'; 'icabrera@coralgables.com' Subject: Outdoor seating at Coral Gables Country Club Dear City Commissioners, I attended the meeting at the Coral Gables Country Club the other evening and understand that a decision on the issue of outdoor seating will be made on November 17 th . I am strongly in favor of this for the following reasons:

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				- The Country Club is currently empty and will deteriorate if this continues quite apart from the financial drain this imposes on the City and therefore on residents who pay taxes (there are much better projects to spend our money on). If the Liberty Entertainment Group takes over I think the Club will actually become an asset rather than a drain and enhance the value of the surrounding property. - I spoke to two of the neighbors on Granada who live directly in front on the club closest to the proposed outdoor seating area and yet they are both in favor of it. Given that Mr. Di Donato has offered an 18 month trial period for the café it would seem that we have absolutely nothing to lose by trying. - Traffic (both pedestrian and automotive) on North and South Greenway is already heavier than on surrounding streets because those streets surround a public golf course. Anyone who bought there knew that already but bought anyway. They could have chosen to buy on a dead end street or a much quieter back street but did not. Regardless, I do not believe that outdoor seating at the club will substantially increase traffic at all. Most of the neighbors are looking forward to walking or biking over there and there is plenty of parking in the back for those who choose to drive. Regarding increased danger that traffic might cause to pedestrians. I think this is a non-issue. The danger to pedestrians, roller bladers, cyclists, etc. comes from the fact that there is no pathway or bike path on the perimeter of the golf course so people are forced onto the street. - Most importantly, the outdoor café and seating will enable Country Club to become a part of the community rather than yet another expensive, elitist club. I have lived fairly close by on Sorolla Avenue for 13 years and yet this was only the second time I had ever set foot in it. I look forward to being able to walk over and meet my neighbors many of whom were at the meeting. Currently the only way to do this is to walk around the golf course (or come to a meeting).

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					I thank you for taking the time to read my email and hope that you will endorse the outdoor seating on November 17th. Sincerely, <i>Pippa Milne</i> 1244 Sorolla Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134
10.	11 09 09	Hector Garcia 1020 Alhambra Circle		X	From: Hector Garcia <hectorgarcia77@yahoo.com> Date: November 9, 2009 3:05:46 PM EST To: manderson@coralgables.com Cc: joshstegmeister@gmail.com Subject: outdoor cafe Dear Commissioner: My name is hector garcia. I have been a resident of coral gables for the past 30 years +. Also, I was a member of the ccgc since the late 70ths, until it closed its doors in may of last year. My address for a few decades has been 1020 alhambra circle. Many times during my prolonged membership I wandered why most of my neighbors were not members as well, given the advantages of being so closed, and all the amenities that were offered consistently at the club. During this period, we invited a few neighbors to special events at the club; and remarkably, these neighbors eventually became members. It is now that the Liberty group has made us aware of the need to invite neighbors in through the outside-cafe idea that I seem to realize the reason for most of my neighbors not to join the ccgc in the past: it appears that the club existed, but it was not noticed. it was locked in, which also means locked out. Please, allow Mr. DeDonato to be successful in Coral Gables; we all need it. Therefore, I am in favor of the sidewalk cafe.
11.	11 09 09	Dorothy McDaniel Stein 1149 N. Greenway Drive Coral Gables, FL	X		From: Stein, Dorothy M. [mailto:DStein@futuresconsultants.com] Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2009 6:54 PM To: Slesnick, Donald; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Withers, Wayne Subject: Objection to sidewalk cafe on North Greenway drive <i>November 7, 2009</i> <i>The Honorable Don Slesnick and City Commissioners of Coral Gables</i>

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					<i>The highly promoted meeting on Tuesday, November 3 by the city and the proposed developer of the Country Club property, was a vivid example of Mr. Donato's pursuit of his commercial and profit interest without regard for the peace and privacy residential neighbors have a right to expect.</i> <i>This meeting turned into a loud spectacle of over 200 persons attracted by the advertising of free food and drink being offered which created a party atmosphere instead of that of a serious meeting on the unprecedented proposal of abandoning our zoning laws to allow the commercialization of a residential neighborhood. Mr. Donato's staff met arrivals at the door asking them to sign a petition in favor of changing our zoning rules to allow this sidewalk cafe and bar. Other staff members circulated through the crowd during the 'social hour' and after the meeting soliciting petition signers. The majority of this crowd became loud and boisterous in support of their host as he made a lengthy presentation of his business successes in another country. Loud cheers and applause accompanied Mr. Donato's every word, one would have thought this was a sporting event instead of a serious meeting.</i> <i>After listening to Mr. Donato's self serving 45 minute power point presentation and personal history of his great accomplishments and success in his home country, residents were allowed to speak for a suggested 3 minutes each. Mr. Donato took 5 or more minutes to refute each citizen's remarks. What an uneven debate!—certainly not allowed by forensic rules of order. I'm not sure who we were supposed to be convincing since I know he is not part of the decision process reserved for our elected officials. I personally found this meeting offensive and not in keeping with good taste and the positive image of Coral Gables.</i> <i>The neighbors near my home at 1149 North Greenway and my son's, Dillon Graham, home at 1324 South Greenway strongly oppose approval of sidewalk dining in our residential neighborhood. We all agree that we live in Coral Gables "The City Beautiful", because it enjoys the high standards our Commissioners through the years have stood for and enforced. The strong zoning ordinances that protect the residential character of our neighborhoods has contributed to making our city the finest in the area. We ask that you continue to guarantee these standards and maintain the character of our residential neighborhood. Thank you for your consideration of our strong appeal.</i> <i>Sincerely,</i>

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					<i>Dorothy McDaniel Stein</i> <i>Dorothy McDaniel Stein</i> <i>President, Futures Personnel Consultants</i> <i>2222 Ponce de Leon Blvd. Suite #210</i> <i>Coral Gables, FL 33134</i> <i>(305) 444-9886 x. 108</i> <i>DStein@futuresconsultants.com</i> <i>http://www.futuresconsultants.com/</i>
12.	11 09 09	Susan Rodriguez		X	From: Susan Rodriguez [mailto:srodrig274@yahoo.com] Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2009 8:35 AM To: Slesnick, Donald Subject: RE: outdoor seating. I am for this, please read Dear Don, If the contractor has the right for those other outdoor seating options, than I do not see any reason to be in the front yard. I support that 100% As far as the Merrick House goes, your assumption is correct. But there are other things I would love to see at this beautiful house that would serve our community well. I am on the board of Slow Food Miami, and in charge of school and community gardens specifically. We are trying to introduce kids to good, clean and fair traded foods through our school projects. We are in the process of installing over 20 gardens all over dade county. Three are in our neighborhood. Coral Gables Elementary installed last week, Ponce Middle next week and Gables High the week of Dec. 3rd. I would love to see a community garden project at the Merrick house, behind the house and to the West. I would like to have a meeting with you and our Leader Dona Reno to discuss the possibilities. It would be a great addition in light of our celebration of this house next year. It would be a progressive move and possibly bring some renewed excitement to this lovely home. Since the city is promoting building and living green, this would be a great move.

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13.	11 06 09	Dan May	X		Thanks, Susan From: Dan May [mailto:dan.may@comcast.net] Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2009 2:34 PM To: Commissioners Subject: Meeting at country club on Nov 3 Commissioners: My take on the November 3 meeting at the country club. Total success in all areas except for discussion of why the meeting was called. On the success side. Yes Chip the crowd immediately learned to consume the free wine provided by the host-- will not need a six months trial period to determine if the crowd will drink . Attendance was at the 160 person level I believe. The main group of party crashers were the former club members. As the liquor provider Mr. DiDanoto was entitled to show his power point and express his plans for the Club as well as what a disappointment it will be if we do not grant the Greenway side of outside dining.. That happened and was tastefully provided -- no incidents. The ex club members provided a lot of cheering and hand clapping for any comments about getting the café open.. Mr. Riel used a few minutes to provide what had happened to date with the negotiations with Mr. DiDanoto. He chose to not mention that (A) the city had granted 160 outside chairs on the West Side. He chose to not mention that (B) the City had granted a Valet Station on North Greenway right at the Front Door. The crowd got the concept that the city may want to cut back the outdoor dining from 80 to zero not possibly reduce the outdoor dining from 240 chairs to 160 chairs. The final power point display was a replica of the Front door and the proposed outside chairs. This display was on display for most of the meeting but it did not include North greenway Avenue which is the source of most of the controversy over crowding near the front entrance. I brought some display cards with my own drawings of the street in black and white but it was too dark to display them . On the failure side After his initial presentation, Mr. Riel turned the meeting over to various audience

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				speakers that chose their own topics to discuss Mr. Riel made no attempt to keep the speakers on point and to address the problem at hand—Chairs and customers on the front lawn and in the street We did learn what the Club dues were in 1938, what an old retired policeman thought about security in the area, who lived in the area and not on Greenway drive, who had traveled to Europe, and of course who wanted to eat and drink at the club, among other trivia. At least 6 speakers, thought they had a great idea that no one had thought of before—place outdoor dining chairs on the Westside of the Club. --- After each one of these great pronouncements, Mr Eric Riel did not let them know that such an idea had already been approved by the City and Mr. DiDanoto wanted the 80 chairs in addition to these 160 Chairs on the West side. The speakers who were opposed to the 80 chairs, all just stated they opposed the move. None referenced the fact that the Valet parking cars line, and the drop-off car line, the walk in crowd coming from the West side of Granada, the walk in crowd coming from the east side of Granada, and the walk in crowd coming from the Coconut trees combined with the local car traffic and foot traffic may be an overload for the area. Likewise no one referenced all of these concerns then said they were minimal and should be overlooked. In the normal sequence of planned events, I was the last speaker and began to describe the traffic problems anticipated at the front door. The cheering squad gave me a few hisses, then one jumped and demanded the mike. . . Over the mike he told me I knew nothing about traffic, that should be left to others and we should concentrate on getting the restaurant together. I once again started on the congestion description and a club member woman wanted the mike. Not wanting them to continue to expand the agitation I gave the mike to the woman and walked to the back. After her comments, the meeting closed. Therefore, not only was there no conclusion drawn about the high volume of people that may occupy the front lawn and street, it was not ever discussed by any of the speakers. Footnote: Mr. DiDanoto as the Mayor suggested, worked the crowd well, after describing his Italian back ground and his non-profit Activities, he promised the crowd good rates on food sales and that he will be especially sensitive to non-profits with a small budget Projected his earnings from the restaurants to be 5% and his private parties to be 95%.

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14.	11 06 09	Julia Coppinger 2103 Country Club Prado		X	His cheering squad clapped and hollered on many occasions as he talked about the future of the restaurants. In a few years he will be a great candidate for some charity job. From: Julia Coppinger [mailto:juliacop@yahoo.com] Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2009 7:10 PM To: Slesnick, Donald; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Withers, Wayne; Cabrera, Ralph Subject: Outdoor seating at country club Dear City Commissioners, I agree fully with the points below but also feel that the negative response from North Greenway residents is overstated; the three neighbors who will be truly affected live on Granada. The Pino, Cabrera and Volisky households have the burden of facing the garbage bins, kitchen smells and face the delivery truck ramp. They are not opposed to patio seating, however. Please do not listen to the wrong voices of dissent. "I strongly encourage you to endorse outdoor seating at the country club because this change will: • Enable the country club to be a true part of the community - This is an appropriate use for a historical and city-owned property. • Enable and encourage people to walk or bike rather than drive – Many walked to the meeting the other night and would walk to a neighborhood restaurant. This is Smart Growth at work. • Provide neighbors a convenient, informal social environment - This builds community connections and valuable social capital. • Play a similar role to Burger Bob's – This nearby neighborhood landmark provides affordable, family fare and local, respectful clientele in a small, neighborhood atmosphere. It is a low-risk model. • Provide sorely lacking outdoor seating – Outdoor dining is sorely lacking at Burger Bob's and in our community as a whole. Neighbors will appreciate having a small, attractive outdoor area for seating. The client mix is unlikely to produce significant noise or disturbance in the neighborhood, and only one residence will be directly impacted." There is a groundswell of positive response to the Country Club Café and outdoor seating....I hope the wave makes an impact on your decision.

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					Sincerely, Julia Coppinger 2103 Country Club Prado
15.	11 06 09	Valerie Gelnovatch 714 Anastasia Avenue		X	From: Val Gelnovatch [mailto:vgelnovatch@tfn.net.com] Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2009 7:39 PM To: Slesnick, Donald; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Withers, Wayne; Cabrera, Ralph Subject: Support Outdoor seating at the country club I am strongly in favor of outdoor seating at the country club. I believe the negative response from North Greenway residents is overstated; the three neighbors who will be truly affected live on Granada. The Pino, Cabrera and Volsky households have the burden of facing the garbage bins, kitchen smells and face the delivery truck ramp. They are not all opposed to patio seating, however. Please do not listen to the wrong voices of dissent. Instead, I strongly encourage you to endorse outdoor seating at the country club because this change will: • Enable the country club to be a true part of the community - This is an appropriate use for a historical and city-owned property. • Enable and encourage people to walk or bike rather than drive – Many walked to the meeting the other night and would walk to a neighborhood restaurant. This is Smart Growth and Green living – things we want to instill in our children. • Provide neighbors a convenient, informal social environment - This builds community connections and valuable social capital as well as providing our children with a truly unique experience of walking to family dining. This opportunity is so lacking in so much of south florida. • Play a similar role to Burger Bob's -- This nearby neighborhood landmark provides affordable, family fare and local, respectful clientele in a small, neighborhood atmosphere. It is a low-risk model. • Provide sorely lacking outdoor seating – Outdoor dining is sorely lacking at Burger Bob's and in our community as a whole. Neighbors will appreciate having a small, attractive outdoor area for seating. The client mix is unlikely to produce significant noise or disturbance in the neighborhood, and only one residence will be directly impacted. " There is a groundswell of positive response to the Country Club Café and outdoor seating....I hope the wave makes an impact on your decision. Sincerely, Valerie Gelnovatch 714 Anastasia Avenue

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16.	11 04 09	Thomas R. Mooney			From: Thomas R. Mooney [mailto:cityplan@bellsouth.net] Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2009 3:11 PM To: Riel, Eric; Jimenez, Maria A. Subject: Liberty Cafe at CGCC Maria/Eric It was good seeing both of you at the meeting at the CGCC last night. Although I had to leave after my remarks, I found it to be very educational as the only thing I knew about the cafe was what I read in the Neighbors. Some of the residents of North Greenway did raise some good points regarding the compatibility of an outdoor seating area within an established single family area. At first blush, and before seeing Mr. Di Donatos presentation, I to was somewhat skeptical of the concept. After seeing the presentation, though, it became clear to me that the cafe concept has a strong potential to work. As we all know, the previous business models used for the CC have failed miserably and the concept of a 'traditional' club just is not going to work. As such, the progressive ideas of the Liberty group do have potential and should be carefully explored and scrutinized. After seeing the proposal and hearing some of the concerns raised, I began to think of ways to potentially address the issues of the residents of North Greenway regarding the outdoor cafe seating. I have taken the 'liberty' of drafting some potential operational conditions, some of which I mentioned at the meeting and Mr. Di Donato seemed amenable to. These may help assuage the initial fears of North Greenway home owners, as well as others in North Gables opposed to outdoor seating, at least to the extent that the cafe could have a trial period. I am also going to forward these to Mr. Di Danato. See what you think and feel free to use and/or distribute as the part of any recommendation. Liberty Café, and all successors in interest, agree to the following Conditions of Approval: 1. During the initial 18 month trial period, the owner/operator shall appear before the City Commission for periodic progress reports. At a minimum, such progress reports shall occur every 6 months following the commencement of operations, or more frequently as determined by the City Manager. 2. During the initial 18 month trial period, the total number of outdoor seats for the café shall not exceed twenty (20). At the discretion of the City Commission, the total number of outdoor seats may be increased to a maximum of 30, after the first 6 months of operation. However, the City Commission reserves the right to reduce the number of seats at a future date, should circumstances warrant. 3. During the initial 18 month trial period, the café shall cease operations at 7:00 pm Sunday-Thursday and 8:00 pm on Friday & Saturday. At the discretion of the City

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					Commission, the hours of operation may be increased, after the first 6 months of operation. However, the City Commission reserves the right to amend the hours of operation at a future date, should circumstances warrant. 4. No outdoor speakers, and no live or amplified music, of any kind, shall be permitted within any outdoor seating areas. 5. Cigar and/or cigarette smoking shall be prohibited within any outdoor seating areas. 6. Only tables, chairs, small waste receptacles and small table umbrellas shall be permitted within any outdoor seating areas. No bussing equipment, menu stands, host stands or similar fixtures shall be permitted within any outdoor seating areas. 7. Awnings, canopies and/or large umbrellas shall not be permitted within any outdoor seating areas; only small table umbrellas, which are separated by at least three (3') feet in length, shall be permitted within any outdoor seating areas. 8. Valet parking drop-off and/or pick-up shall be prohibited on North Greenway Drive. 9. Special events and/or private events/parties shall not be permitted within any outdoor seating areas. THOMAS R. MOONEY
17.	11 03 09	Robert Johnson 933 Majorca Ave Coral Gables, FL 305-476-8946			Dear City Planning, I recieved your letter of October 26, 2009 regarding the neighborhood meeting on the proposed outdoor seating at the Country Club of Coral Gables. In response, I attended the presentation by Mr. Di Donato regarding the plans for it. The presentation was well done and I believe respectfully received by the citizens of Coral Gables. When it concluded there was an opportunity to provide feedback in an open forum. The decorum rapidly deteriorated as citizens and Mr. Di Donato engaged in heated debate. Although I was originally in favor of the proposal by the Liberty group, I am concerned about the possibility of a rift between the management group and the immediate neighborhood that could become antagonistic. Such a situation could threaten both business and neighborhood life. Two things concern me. First, I understand there is an 18 month option for the City to revoke the agreement. Will there be an opportunity for input from citizens and neighborhoods when that option is being considered? Second, Mr. Di Donato declared at the meeting that the Cafe actually would be an homage to the neighbors to appease them after a weekend of disruption

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					to the neighborhood from the conventions and events that would occur in the other 90% of the space. What disruptions are anticipated and what mechanisms will there be to ameliorate them? Thank you for your offer to address our questions regarding this facility. Robert Johnson 933 Majorca Ave Coral Gables, FL 305-476-8946
18.	11 02 09	Betsy and Jim Tilghman	X		From: "Slesnick, Donald" <donslesnick@coralgables.com> Date: November 2, 2009 1:49:10 PM EST To: "Riel, Eric" <eriel@coralgables.com>, "Foeman, Walter" <wfoeman@coralgables.com>, "Jimenez, Maria A." <mjimenez@coralgables.com> Subject: FW: Outdoor Dining at the Country Club site From: betsy tilghman <betsytilghman@yahoo.com> To: aldo@busot.com, vdamian@skorlaw.com, jim tilghman <jtilghman@stflaw.com> Date: 11/02/2009 12:08 PM Subject: Outdoor Dining at the Country Club site Hi Aldo, Jim and I were sorry to miss your meeting last Wednesday. We were in North Carolina. As you and Ramona know, we are opposed to any type of establishment serving alcohol when the establishment opens unimpeded onto either North Greenway or Granada Blvd. There is already a dangerous mix of pedestrians and motorists on the Greenways and the addition of alcohol served street-side can only be a recipe for trouble. Before we went out of town I sent an email individually to each Commissioner expressing our disfavor of unwall-in outdoor dining at the Country Club site where alcohol could be served, but please feel free to add this email to your voice of opposition. Thank you! Betsy and Jim Tilghman
19.	11 02 09	Paige A. Harper General Counsel Tradex International Finance, LLC 175 SW 7th Street, Latitude One, Suite 2115 Miami, Florida 33130	X		From: Paige Harper [mailto:paige@tradexfinance.com] Sent: Sunday, November 01, 2009 7:03 PM To: Anderson, Maria; Withers, Wayne Cc: Cabrera, Ralph; Kerdyk, William; Slesnick, Donald Subject: Outdoor cafe on the South side of the Coral Gables Country Club

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	Tel. (786) 218-4930 paige@tradefinance.com AND Jaime A. Bianchi White & Case LLP 200 S. Biscayne Blvd., Suite 4900 Miami, FL 33131 Tel: (305) 995-5259 jbianchi@whitecase.com			Dear Commissioners Anderson and Withers: I would first like to thank you both for serving as a commissioner in our city for many years. We acknowledge that serving as a commissioner is a heavy burden which you have taken on in the spirit of civic pride that we all share in our City. We have recently learned that the City Commission is contemplating allowing the prospective concessionaire (the Liberty Group) of the Coral Gables Country Club to establish an outdoor café on North Greenway Drive. As residents of the Street (765 North Greenway Drive, one block from the Club), we object to a variance being granted to establishing a commercial enterprise in the heart of a residential street. The variance would change the character of the club from one that is used primarily by families to one that is open to the general public. This will greatly increase the traffic along our street (which is already too much), both in the amount and nature of the traffic. Currently, we have a great deal of non-residential traffic of individuals trying to get to downtown Coral Gables. If the open air café is allowed to open, it will attract traffic from Miracle Mile and other commercial streets from non-residents seeking to patronize that café. Obviously, if the café is successful, it will attract a night crowd that will greatly increase the traffic and noise along our street, which is significant problem for our family since we live just one block away from the Country Club. With respect to traffic, it is currently so heavy and fast, that we will not let our children play unsupervised on our front lawn. About a year ago, a car knocked over one of the street lights on the golf course in front of our home in the middle of the night. We were hoping that the City was contemplating the installation of traffic circles on North Greenway to slow the traffic down, rather than allowing the opening of an outdoor café which serves the general public. More importantly, we understand that the Liberty Group intends to serve alcohol at the outdoor café. We walk our children along North Greenway Drive and having a commercial establishment which serves alcohol in the heart of our residential neighborhood is not what we expected when we purchased our home. We elected to live in a suburban neighborhood which had a private club. That is what the area is zoned for and that zoning should be upheld by the Commission. The Liberty Group can open its restaurant within the current structure of the Club. The Coral Gables City Commission has always stood for the principle that long-term zoning and land use decisions would not be made to resolve a short-term problem, but instead decisions would be made based on the long term vision of the City Beautiful and in keeping with the historical nature of the City. Allowing an open air café that serves alcohol to the general public in the middle of a residential neighborhood is not keeping with the long term vision of what makes our neighborhood special and what makes the City of Coral Gables a beautiful place to live in and a wonderful place to raise our family.

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					We strongly urge you to <u>reject</u> the Liberty Group's request for a variance to allow an open air café along North Greenway Drive. Sincerely, Paige A. Harper General Counsel Tradex International Finance, LLC 175 SW 7th Street, Latitude One, Suite 2115 Miami, Florida 33130 Tel. (786) 218-4930 paige@tradexfinance.com AND Jaime A. Bianchi White & Case LLP 200 S. Biscayne Blvd., Suite 4900 Miami, FL 33131 Tel: (305) 995-5259 jbianchi@whitecase.com
20.	11 02 09	Raul Valdes-Fauli	X		From: Raul Valdes-Fauli [mailto:RVF@frvf-law.com] Sent: Friday, October 30, 2009 6:21 PM To: Slesnick, Donald; Anderson, Maria; 'bkerryd@coralgables.com'; Cabrera, Ralph; 'cwitthers@coralgables.com' Cc: 'Francia Quijada' Subject: Proposed outdoor seating at 997 Greenway Dr., the Country Club of Coral Gables Dear Mayor and Commissioners, I would like to express my deep opposition to the proposed "european style café and elegant restaurant," in the words of your planning department. I have several comments to make: 1- The planning department has no business qualifying proposed developments as "elegant," "European style," or taking positions in regard to proposals to be discussed by concerned neighbors affecting particular proposals by developers. This denotes prejudicial favoritism and is wrong. 2- The proposed "small venue" is inappropriate for a residential neighborhood, one with enough traffic as it is. North Greenway is favored with joggers, bicycle riders, baby carriages and other uses which enhance the street but is traffic nonetheless.

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21. 11 02 09	Betsy and Jim Tilghman	X		----- Forwarded by Vincent E Damian/SKDRLAW on 11/10/2009 04:16 PM ----- From: betsy tilghman <betsytilghman@yahoo.com>

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22.	10 30 09	Zoltan Pinter 1012 S. Greenway Drive Coral Gables, FL	X		----- Forwarded by Vincent E Damian/SKDRLAW on 11/10/2009 04:15 PM ----- From: ZOLTAN PINTER <zoltan_pinter@bellsouth.net> To: vdamian@skdrlaw.com Date: 10/30/2009 10:14 AM Subject: Country Club of Coral Gables Mr. Damian, I received your letter yesterday for which I thank you. I opposed the outdoor restaurant when the City of Coral Gables sent the form seeking the approval of the residents of the zoning variance. Based on the representations in your letter, I continue to oppose the outdoor restaurant. Regards, Zoltan Pinter

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23.	10 30 09	Zoltan Pinter 1012 S. Greenway Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134	X		I opposed the outdoor restaurant when the City of Coral Gables sent the form seeking the approval of the residents of the zoning variance. Based on the representations in your letter, I continue to oppose the outdoor restaurant. Regards, Zoltan Pinter 786.546.4064 1012 South Greenway Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134
24.	10 29 09	Nalvis and Jose Valera 901 North Greenway Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134	X		October 27th, 2009 Reference: Granada Country Club Proposed Project Dear City of Coral Gables Commissioners- The City of Coral Gables is known for taking care of its residents and for being a historic paradise. Therefore, by means of the following, we would like to express our unconditional support AGAINST the proposed outside food and alcohol service in front of the Country Club on North Greenway Drive. Mr. Di Donato clearly does not understand the disadvantages that this project would bring to the neighborhood. The facility will not become the epicenter of Coral Gables, that's why we have Miracle Mile and Merrick Park close to our homes. We would not feel comfortable with children walking around the golf course with valet parking and visitors who have been drinking driving around the area. We are astonished that this proposition with an outdoor seating area has been approved by Historic preservation and Planning and Zoning Board. This would change the facade of a historic icon of the City Beautiful. Normally the City always makes the correct decisions with these matters, and we truly hope this will be reevaluated since the neighborhood has shown significant discontent with the subject. Needless to say, this would be extremely intrusive, and change our pleasant and safe neighborhood into a social and precarious area. We will definitely attend the meeting along with many other residents of North and South Greenway Drive to offer our insights on the subject and give valid reasons why to stop this

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					appalling proposal. Thank you very much for your time. Truly yours, Naivis and Jose Valera 901 North Greenway Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134 enevalera@gmail.com (305) 444-6434
25.	10 29 09	Blanche Brownell	X		From: BlanchePB@aol.com [mailto:BlanchePB@aol.com] Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2009 6:27 PM To: Slesnick, Donald Subject: Country Club of Coral Gables Family responsibilities will send us to Norfolk for the Change of Command for our son-in-law so, we will not be able to attend the November Commission Meeting. My comments - Historically, the building is the Country Club of Coral Gables. This building is located in the center of a residential area. The neighbors have accepted Country Club style activities...Country Club atmosphere - Country Club support of local civic organizations, weddings, graduations ... mostly small scale activities spontaneously happening with regular lunches and evening dinners in a County Club atmosphere. I am not in favor of Mr. DiDonato's plan to commercialize this property. I realize that this building has to pay for itself.....please consider the success of the Miami Shores Country Club - it is a Country Club with Senior Center aspects.....lunches, dinners, Saturday night theme parties, senior activities - card games, computer, art, language, exercise, tennis and swimming classes could easily be incorporated in the daily operation of the Club. This would take the burden off the Youth Center and eliminate the need to rent space at the Church. Thank you for your kind consideration. Blanche Brownell (305) 443-5927.
26.	10 29 09	Graham Groves 1261 N. Greenway Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134	X		From: GGTAINO@aol.com [mailto:GGTAINO@aol.com] Sent: Monday, October 12, 2009 4:14 PM To: Slesnick, Donald; Cabrera, Ralph; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Withers,

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					Wayne Subject: Coral Gables Country Club - Exterior Cafe Seating Dear Mayor Slesnick and Commissioners: As a resident of North Greenway Drive for over 25 years, I am opposed to the Coral Gables Country Club proposal of permitting any exterior cafe seating on North Greenway between the sidewalk and the club building. Any exterior cafe seating should be kept within the confines of the current club walls. I am concerned that an overflow situation like that of the Globe Restaurant on Alhambra Circle will occur in our residential neighborhood. The Club's current facility has functioned within its boundary for many years and with proper planning a suitable exterior cafe could be located to provide the desired ambiance without encroaching into the current setbacks. I commend Mayor Slesnick and Commissioners Kerdyk and Cabrera on opposing the proposal on first reading and can only hope that Commissioners Anderson and Withers join them in soundly defeating the proposal at Tuesday's Commission Meeting. Thank you. Graham Groves 1261 N. Greenway Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134 Tel: 305 444-5391
27.	10 29 09	Aldo & Ramona Busot 819 N. Greenway Drive Coral Gables, FL	X		From: Aldo Busot [mailto:aldo.busot@gmail.com] Sent: Monday, October 12, 2009 8:27 PM To: Slesnick, Donald Cc: ccwkerdyk@coralgables.com; Cabrera, Ralph; Withers, Wayne; Anderson, Maria Subject: Outdoor Dining at The CCCC Dear Mr. Mayor, We understand that the proposal to allow outside dining at the CCCC is up for second reading tomorrow and again we want to express my very strong opposition to this proposal. We were very pleased that this item was defeated on first reading by a vote of 3-2 and only hope that the two approving votes would re-consider and make the outcome a unified refusal. Mr. Withers and Mrs. Anderson certainly neither of you want this activity by your homes. The Greenways are within a Historical District and our homes are contributing structures in

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					a residential neighborhood! Outdoor dining is not the proper venue for an area such as ours. We would favor this kind of dining within the confines of the club but not where it is presently being proposed. The North Greenway Drive and Granada intersection is a heavy traffic zone where any distractions can easily cause accidents as joggers, bikers, runners, roller-blades, and walkers attempt to dodge each other as they attempt to cross over, and try to turn left or right. Add to all of this one more distraction on the corner and one has the makings of an unsafe condition for all in the area. Once we go down this path it is forever! Thank you for your consideration and we are sure that you will do the right thing and vote NO. Please reject this proposal. Regards, Aldo & Ramona Busot 819 North Greenway
28.	10 29 09	Luis Perez 811 N. Greenway Drive Coral Gables, FL	X		From: PLjperez@aol.com [mailto:PLjperez@aol.com] Sent: Monday, October 12, 2009 10:39 PM To: Slesnick, Donald Subject: Country Club/09-0640 Dear Mayor Slesnick, Our objection still stands. Below is the message we have sent to the Commissioners. We reside at 811 N. Greenway Drive in Coral Gables. Please be advised that we strenuously object to the request of the operator of the Country Club of Coral Gables for an amendment to the site plan to include outdoor dining on the south side facing the North Greenway and an enclosed/open air outdoor area on the west side of the Country Club, for the reason that the amendment is inconsistent with the historic character of the property and the neighborhood. We are also concerned that outdoor dining, and specifically coffee and pizza service as is reported, will attract crowds in the morning and evening hours that will disrupt our peaceful enjoyment of the neighborhood. We are surprised that the operator now considers this change to be critical to the success of the enterprise and did not disclose it at the time of the initial bid.

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					Please feel free to call or write with any questions.
					Sincerely, Luis Perez (305) 458-7799 and Linda Perez (305) 458-6644
29.	10 29 09	Enrique J. Lopez	X		From: Enrique J. Lopez [mailto:aklgroup@bellsouth.net] Sent: Monday, October 12, 2009 1:32 PM To: Don Slesnick; 'Maria Anderson'; 'Withers, Wayne'; 'Kerdyk, Bill (Office)'; 'Ralph Cabrera' Cc: 'Enrique J. Lopez'; 'Salerno, Patrick' Subject: Outside Dining - Coral Gables Country Club Mayor, Vice Mayor and Commissioners, having seen the above issue re-surface, it is important to let you know the feeling of many in the area, including myself, as to the same. I, along with fellow residents, are impacted by a possible decision contrary to what has been already voted on, and as I thought, put to rest. The trial component does not hold water. Like any and all things trialed in government, especially if they mean additional revenue, they become permanent. Diners and conversation today, diners, conversation and music tomorrow and then special events with guests and music. Is this the new UVA on Ponce that for some reason nobody in our city calls is a nightclub even though it is and operates like one, including the shady crowd that frequents the same and a bouncer at the door? Not a nightclub? Hnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnn!!!!. The area is residential and outside dining sounds great, however, not in outside areas where the laughter of diners, loud conversation of diners, and music can be heard within a few feet in an adjacent residence, but blocks away in a quiet Coral Gables night, one of the quality of life components in our City. There is nothing more pleasant than sitting in a backyard on a quiet night and listen to the chirps of crickets, share the occasion with loved ones and look up and see a sky full of stars, not to mention when the thermometer dips. The above scene has only been interrupted, infrequently, by music coming from the Biltmore Hotel due to an outside event being celebrated. 1312 Sorolla Avenue is a good mile and a half from the Biltmore, but only five blocks from the Country Club. I need to say any further as I am sure you understand my point. Yes, times are hard, money is needed and we do not wish to lose the Lone Ranger company who wants to manage the Country Club, however, we just supported a tax increase and additional fees to help our manager and all of you get the City through the storm and there is

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					no compelling reason as to why we should erode our quality of life further (sidewalks on Miracle Mile are dirty, pigeon droppings in front of Ross, benches at the corner of Ponce and Miracle Mile look very unpleasant looking, newspaper racks are rusty and dirty in the same "flagship" intersection, abandoned power poles that have not been removed by FP&L and others in the alley adjacent to Les Halles, etc.). If the operator seems that unsure and insecure as to his commitment, it may be best to let him go to greener pastures and not resort to what clearly comes across as threatening and self-serving. More and more concessions, all at the expense of our City's quality of life. Think about it. How would you like the proposed scene in your neighborhood? I would not and would go to speak against it as I have on other issues not impacting my neighborhood. Thank you for listening. Best wishes and regards. Enrique. Enrique J. Lopez 305.984.2127 - cellular
30.	10 29 09	Mark T. Reeves 909 N. Greenway Drive Coral Gables, FL	X		Date: Thu, 22 Oct 2009 17:48:44 -0400 I own 909 N. Greenway Drive, immediately adjacent to the Country Club. The Country Club has been a good neighbor ever since I purchased this property, originally as a home for my folks, in 1993. So, when I received notices from the City regarding this request, I did not object. In fact, I indicated, in responses to two separate notices from the City that I did not object to this request. I presumed, when I received the two notices from the City regarding this request, that the same scrutiny and high standards, consistently applied by the City in residential neighborhoods throughout Coral Gables, would be applied with respect to this request, subject to reasonable accommodations that might be necessary to operate this particular use. In this regard, I presumed that the outdoor dining would occur within some sort of enclosed space, requiring patrons to enter and exit through the club. Last week, one of my colleagues explained to me that what is being requested is permission to operate an unenclosed outdoor café. That is clearly objectionable. As I mentioned, what I had envisioned, when I originally (and, in hindsight, naively) did not object to the request, was a scenario in which patrons dining at the club would enter the club and then be seated in outdoor environments (such as the pool deck) or in other outdoor spaces enclosed by a wall or other enclosure. I never

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31.	10 29 09	Betsy Tilghman	X		From: betsy tilghman [mailto:betsytilghman@yahoo.com] Sent: Monday, October 12, 2009 11:10 AM To: Slesnick, Donald Subject: Outdoor cafe on North Greenway Dear Don, I strongly oppose any public dining/drinking establishment on the Coral Gables Country Club site that is not, at a minimum, contained within a wall. An open, public cafe where alcohol is served is not appropriate for a residential neighborhood - and especially for one with an already dangerous mix of cars and joggers along the Greenways. Please do not vote in this possibility!! Sincerely, Betsy Tilghman
32.	10 28 09	Wendell & Linda Ray Infants In Need, Inc. 725 N. Greenway Drive Coral Gables, FL	X		I have lived at 725 N Greenway Dr. for forty (40) years now and was a long time member of this Club until it reached a point of no return. Linda and I are also unalterably opposed to this ridiculous request as it would be totally be out of place and cause nothing but problems. Before retiring in 1997, I was Managing Partner of the Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel, Miami International Merchandise Mart, and Radisson Convention Center. I feel qualified to state that if the operator is depending on beer and pizza sales to make the operation successful, he is doomed from the beginning.

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					----- Forwarded by Vincent E Damian/SKDR.LAW on 11/10/2009 04:14 PM ----- From: nalvis valera <enetevalera@gmail.com> To: aldo@busot.com, vdamian@skdrilaw.com Date: 10/27/2009 09:18 PM Subject: The Greenways ZERO TOLERANCE October 27th, 2009 Dear Neighbors- By means of the following, we would like to express our unconditional support against the proposed outside food and alcohol service in front of the Country Club on North Greenway Drive. Needless to say, this would be extremely intrusive, and change our pleasant and safe neighborhood into a social and precarious area. Please do not hesitate to contact me for anything. We will be overseas and unable to attend the meeting; however, my daughter Vanessa will attend on Wednesday and offer her insights on the subject and media coverage if necessary to stop this appalling proposal. Truly yours,

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34.	10 26 09	Robert J. Fewell 930 S. Greenway Drive Coral Gables, FL	X		From: Slesnick, Donald Sent: Monday, October 26, 2009 5:08 PM To: Salerno, Patrick; Jimenez, Maria A.; Foeman, Walter Cc: Commissioners Subject: FW: 930 S. Greenway Drive I built my home at the captioned address 48 years ago, and I have enjoyed the peace and tranquility of the Greenways neighborhood ever since. I am vehemently opposed to the downgrading of the neighborhood by allowing the Coral Gables Country Club to serve any type of food or alcoholic beverages in the front of the Club facing North Greenway Drive and facing my home which is located directly across the golf course from this objectionable and onerous proposal. I am sure that George Merrick would turn over in his grave. Yours very truly, Robert J. Fewell
35.	10 26 09	Dorothy M. Stein 1149 N. Greenway Drive Coral Gables, FL	X		From: Stein, Dorothy M. [mailto:DStein@futuresconsultants.com] Sent: Monday, October 26, 2009 1:09 PM To: Slesnick, Donald; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Kerdyk, William; Withers, Wayne Subject: North Greenway Home Owner Objection to sidewalk dining on North Greenway <i>Monday, October 26, 2009</i> <i>The Honorable Don Slesnick and Commissioners of the City of Coral Gables</i> <i>As a resident and owner of my home at 1149 North Greenway since 1976, I strongly object to any form of sidewalk dining on North Greenway at the city owned property of the Country</i>

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36.	10 26 09	Amedeo Miriam Guazzini 803 N. Greenway Drive Coral Gables, FL	X		http://www.futuresconsultants.com/ ----- Forwarded by Vincent E Damian/SKDRLAW on 10/26/2009 09:11 AM ----- From: amedeoguazzini@bellsouth.net To: vdamian@skdrlaw.com, aldo@busot.com Date: 10/26/2009 09:10 AM Subject: Coral Gables Country Club Dear Mr Damian, we have received your letter dated October 20th on the above subject, concerning the request from the operators to use the North Greenway outside area for the purpose to serve alcohol and food. We are in agreement with your suggestions that outside food should be served only on the behind the wall area of the Country Club. Should we not be able to attend the meeting ,you can use this email as our opinion on the subject. Regards, Amedeo Miriam Guazzini 803 North Greenway drive tel 3054613103 (H) 3057936020(cell) From: Slesnick, Donald Sent: Monday, October 26, 2009 5:18 PM To: Salerno, Patrick; Jimenez, Maria A.; Foeman, Walter Cc: Commissioners Subject: FW: The Greenways My husband and I reside at 1031 North Greenway Drive. We are opposed to the sidewalk cafe proposal. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Percy R. Aguila, Jr.
37.	10 26 09	Mr. and Mrs. Percy R. Aguila, Jr. 1031 N. Greenway Drive Coral Gables, FL	X		----- Forwarded by Vincent E Damian/SKDRLAW on 11/10/2009 04:13 PM ----- --- Fro "Stein, Dorothy M." <DStein@futuresconsultants.com> m: To: <donslesnick@coralgables.com>, <manderson@coralgables.com>, <rcabrera@coralgables.com>, <wkerdyk@coralgables.com>.
38.	10 26 09	Dorothy McDaniel Stein 1149 N. Greenway Drive Coral Gables, FL	X		

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				<wwithers@coralgables.com> Dat 10/26/2009 12:42 PM e: Sub North Greenway Home Owner Objection to sidewalk dining on North ject: Greenway <i>Monday, October 26, 2009</i> <i>The Honorable Don Slesnick and Commissioners of the City of Coral Gables</i> <i>As a resident and owner of my home at 1149 North Greenway since 1976, I strongly object to any form of sidewalk dining on North Greenway at the city owned property of the Country Club.</i> <i>This is the City Beautiful of which we are all proud, that has maintained the quiet enjoyment, protection and Coral Gables residential property values throughout its history. We have many ordinances that I believe would prohibit sidewalk dining in a residential neighborhood.</i> <i>Contrary to the belief of a few residents of our city and many non residents, North Greenway is not the village green. It is a street in a residential neighborhood dedicated to automotive traffic. If it is the desire of the city to make it a village park, consider adding a track around the golf course, which is city property, where life and property will not be endangered by potential automotive accidents. The joggers, cyclists, skateboarders and mothers with baby strollers and carriages would be safe there and not intrusive on a public street intended for automotive traffic. Isn't there a law to prevent pedestrians from walking in streets and highways?</i> <i>Those of us who live on North Greenway pay higher property taxes and increased prices for the desirability of our property being on the golf course. We deserve protection from sidewalk dining and liquor service in our residential neighborhood. We also deserve the enforcement of laws to prevent pedestrians taking over the street where we must drive.</i> <i>Finally, in light of the previous failures of commercial ventures in our city owned properties, at considerable cost to the city's taxpayers, wouldn't this be a great opportunity to use this</i>

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39.	10 26 09	Amedeo Miriam Guazzini 803 N. Greenway Drive Coral Gables, FL	X		----- Forwarded by Vincent E Damian/SKDRLOW on 11/10/2009 04:12 PM ----- From: amedeoguazzini@bellsouth.net To: vdamian@skdrlaw.com, aldo@busot.com Date: 10/26/2009 09:10 AM Subject: Coral Gables Country Club ***** Original Message ***** From: "Amedeo Miriam Guazzini" <amedeoguazzini@bellsouth.net> To: "Vincent E Damian" <vdamian@skdrlaw.com>, "Aldo Busot" <aldo@busot.com> Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 10:10 AM Subject: Coral Gables Country Club Dear Mr Damian, we have received your letter dated October 20th on the above subject, concerning the request from the operators to use the North Greenway outside area for the purpose to serve alcohol and food. We are in agreement with your suggestions that outside food should be served only on the behind the wall area of the Country Club. Should we not be able to attend the meeting ,you can use this email as our opinion on the subject. Regards, Amedeo Miriam Guazzini 803 North Greenway drive tel 3054613103 (H) 3057936020(cell)

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40.	10/26/09	Robert J. Fewell	X		----- Forwarded by Vincent E Damian/SKDRLAW on 11/10/2009 04:11 PM ----- From: CayM36@aol.com To: aldo@busot.com Cc: vdamian@skdrlaw.com Date: 10/26/2009 12:21 PM Subject: 930 S. Greenway Drive Dear Aldo: I built my home at the captioned address 48 years ago, and I have enjoyed the peace and tranquility of the Greenways neighborhood ever since. I am vehemently opposed to the downgrading of the neighborhood by allowing the Coral Gables Country Club to serve any type of food or alcoholic beverages in the front of the Club facing North Greenway Drive and facing my home which is located directly across the golf course from this objectionable and onerous proposal. I am sure that George Merrick would turn over in his grave. Yours very truly, Robert J. Fewell ----- Forwarded by Vincent E Damian/SKDRLAW on 11/10/2009 04:04 PM ----- From: "Mark T. Reeves" <marktreeves@bellsouth.net> To: <vdamian@skdrlaw.com> Cc: "Jeannett Slesnick" <slesnick@hotmail.com>, <ljiberez@hhlaw.com>, <zoltan_pinter@bellsouth.net> Date: 10/22/2009 05:27 PM Subject: Coral Gables Country Club Vincent, I received your letter today regarding the Country Club's request for outdoor dining. I own 909 N. Greenway Drive, immediately adjacent to the Country Club. The Country Club has
41.	10/22/09	Mark T. Reeves 909 N. Greenway Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134	X		

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42.	10 22 09	Wendell & Linda Ray Infants In Need, Inc. 725 N. Greenway Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134	X		----- Forwarded by Vincent E Damian/SKDRLOW on 11/10/2009 04:02 PM ----- From: "Wendell E. Ray" <wendray@iin.org> To: "Vincent Damian, Jr." <vdamian@skdrlaw.com> Cc: Aldo Busot <aldo@busot.com> Date: 10/22/2009 11:50 AM Subject: Coral Gables Country Club ----- Forwarded by Vincent E Damian/SKDRLOW on 11/10/2009 04:02 PM ----- I have lived at 725 N Greenway Dr. for forty (40) years now and was a long time member of this Club until it reached a point of no return. Linda and I are also unalterably opposed to this ridiculous request as it would be totally be out of place and cause nothing but problems. Before retiring in 1997, I was Managing Partner of the Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel, Miami International Merchandise Mart, and Radisson Convention Center. I feel qualified to state that if the operator is depending on beer and

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43.	10 15 09	Betty and Ken McDavit		X	October 15, 2009 TO: Mayor Slesnick and Commissioners Kerdyk, Jr., Maria Anderson, Ralph Cabrera, Jr. and Chip Withers FROM: Betty McDavit, 1253 Milan Ave., Coral Gables RE: Sidewalk cafe Many years ago, many of us suggested a sidewalk café outside the kitchen on the Granada side of the Country Club. Most golfers, residents taking walks, bikers, etc. would enjoy stopping by for a drink and snack while looking out at the beautiful surroundings of the golf course. Since Bob's Burgers closes at 2:00 P.M., it would be wonderful to have something on our strategic corner. My neighbors and I live within walking distance to this area and many of my tennis friends and old-time members of the Country Club have indicated what a wonderful idea this was. I was sorry to see our friend, Ralph Cabrera, cop out on the vote by using the flimsy excuse to recuse himself. The new management company is doing a great job in revitalizing our area and club and I do hope you use some common sense in allowing this sidewalk café to operate in full force for the benefit of all our community. Sincerely, <i>Betty + Ken</i> Betty and Ken McDavit
44.	10 13 09	Dorothy Stein	X		From: DorothyMcStein@aol.com [mailto:DorothyMcStein@aol.com] Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 11:55 AM To: Slesnickj@hotmail.com; Slesnick, Donald Subject: Re: Outdoor Dining on North Greenway

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					<i>Hi Jeannette,</i> <i>Just wanted to say that I strongly disapprove of permitting outdoor dining on North Greenway. This is inappropriate for a residential neighborhood. The country club was confined inside with walls surrounding pool and parking so it was not a distraction. I don't agree with the developer that it will be used or successful. I failed to contact Don earlier to tell him how I appreciate his position on this matter. I also want to say that I recognize and applaud all Don does for our City to protect and improve our life style. No doubt I am one of the silent majority!</i> <i>Thanks!</i> <i>Dorothy Stein</i>

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Liberty Entertainment Group
Coral Gables Country Club
997 N. Greenway Drive

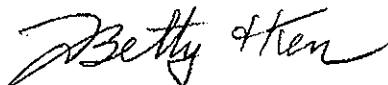
Dear Mr. Di Donato,

For over 42 years I have been a resident, neighbor and past member of the Country Club of Coral Gables. Many of us suggested a sidewalk café on the Granada side so that bicyclists, dog walkers, golfers and runners around the golf course could stop and have a drink and/or something to eat as Bob's Burgers closes at 2:00 P.M. and an outdoor café would be much more relaxing and appealing.. This was many years ago before the Club had to close and I do believe this idea may have saved it. It's about time for this to happen!

Even though many of these friends have died or moved away, we who have been long-time residents and supporters of the Country Club feel this is a marvelous idea and look forward to the implementation thereof.

I have a conflict on Tuesday evening and regret that several of us who support this sidewalk café will be unable to attend this important meeting; however, you may use this letter as our full support.

Sincerely,



Betty and Ken McDavit
1253 Milan Avenue
Coral Gables, FL 33134

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