From: stacy miller
To: Public Submissions

Cc: <u>Joshua Wong</u>; <u>Judy Jamieson</u>

Subject: [EXT] Courtyard 33 PROPOSAL - Redesignation

Date: Monday, October 01, 2018 8:34:11 AM

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from: CAWard8 - Brieanne

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date: Wed, Mar 7, 2018 at 11:44 AM

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To: Public Submissions

Cc: Lisette Perreault; Judy Jamieson: Joshua Wong
Subject: [EXT] Fwd: Courtyard 33 PROPOSAL - Redesignation

**Date:** Monday, October 01, 2018 8:53:25 AM

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Lisette Perresult & Garth Babcock from 3304 22 St SW would also like to be included in this submission.

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**Date:** October 1, 2018 at 8:29:19 AM MDT

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From: propertymanagement
To: Public Submissions

Subject: [EXT] October 9, 2018 Public Hearing Item LOC2017-0391 CPC2018-0812

**Date:** Monday, October 01, 2018 1:51:20 AM

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Calgary AB T2T 1Z8

Calgary AD 121 120

September 25, 2018

Office of the City Clerk

The City of Calgary

700 Macleod Trail SE

Calgary AB T2P 2M5

Dear Office of the City Clerk,

# RE: October 9, 2018 Public Hearing Item LOC2017-0391 CPC2018-0812

Please inform the City of Calgary Mayor and the Councillors that as the owner of the property immediately adjacent to the subject site

we are in favor of this project and support the application presented before you today.

Regards,

John Shykula

Shyfam Holdings Ltd.

propertymanagement@shaw.ca

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From: <u>Brett McDermott</u>
To: <u>Public Submissions</u>

 Cc:
 info@engagecourtyard33.com; Emily Ferguson

 Subject:
 [EXT] RE: October 9 Public Hearing: LOC2017-0391

**Date:** Monday, October 01, 2018 12:00:01 PM

#### Hello,

This letter is to support the Courtyard 33 application (LOC2017-0391) taking place in Marda Loop. As a small, local business owner (Neighbour Coffee, Our Daily Brett Market + Cafe, Salon Fine Catering + Events) I believe this project holds benefits for the both the community and the city. With features of large windows, inviting retail spaces, an architectural design that is both visually interesting and inviting to neighbours I feel this project will support positive, well thought out future growth in Marda Loop.

Courtyard 33 will help see Calgary and this community continue to grow, creating greater diversity of housing options and in achieving the objective of inner-city density, as laid out by the City of Calgary.

Our Daily Brett is moving to Marda Loop as well. We are expanding on our brand 4 blocks from our current location as we strongly believe in Marda Loop as a community. With this move, I am excited to see thoughtful projects like this come to life and bring much needed density to the inner city.

Thanks for your time.

Best,

Brett McDermott 403.973.7780 Good.Honest.Food www.ourdailybrett.com From: Sebastian Sztabzyb
To: Public Submissions

Cc: <u>info@engagecourtyard33.com</u>

Subject: [EXT] October 9 Public Hearing: LOC2017-0391

Date: Monday, October 01, 2018 8:55:09 AM

Attachments: rndsqr.pdf

To City of Calgary Councillors and the Mayor,

Please see my attached letter of support for the Courtyard 33 application (LOC2017-0391).

Regards, Sebastian Sztabzyb

Sebastian Sztabzyb // Co-founder Phil & Sebastian Coffee Roasters 618 Confluence Way SE, Calgary, AB T2G 0G1 o.403.261.1885 m.403.612.2266 philsebastian.com @philandseb

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To City of Calgary Councillors and the Mayor,

I am writing in support of the Courtyard 33 application (LOC2017-0391). After viewing the plans and renderings I feel this project will add to the growing vitality of the Marda Loop area. With no current multifamily projects on 33 Avenue which engage the public, Courtyard will reinforce the strong sense of community already present through it's large open courtyard and communal spaces, retail shops, and various dwelling units. The quality of the architectural design is uncommon in our city and will be a talking point for many visitors, and a unique welcome home for residents. It will aid in furthering growth, turning 33rd Avenue into a main street and a thriving pedestrian realm.

Phil & Sebastian was one of the first coffee shops in Marda Loop, prior to establishment, and has seen first-hand the evolution of this area. As a resident of the area and a neighbouring business, I am thrilled to see a project like this in the plans and hope that you will approve its application. Marda Loop and Calgary will benefit from a well thought out project that serves the people and additional businesses, backed by a developer looking to change our city for the better.

Regards,

Sebastian Sztabzyb

Co-Founder, Phil & Sebastian Coffee Roasters

From: Sebastian Sztabzyb
To: Public Submissions

Cc: <u>info@engagecourtyard33.com</u>

Subject: [EXT] October 9 Public Hearing: LOC2017-0391

Date: Monday, September 24, 2018 12:10:57 PM

## To City of Calgary Councillors and the Mayor,

I am writing in support of the Courtyard 33 application (LOC2017-0391). I have seen the plans and rendering and feel this project will add to the growing vitality of the Marda Loop area.

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Regards, Sebastian Sztabzyb

Sebastian Sztabzyb // Co-founder Phil & Sebastian Coffee Roasters 618 Confluence Way SE, Calgary, AB T2G 0G1 0.403.261.1885 m.403.612.2266 philsebastian.com @philandseb From: <u>Mike Ward</u>
To: <u>Public Submissions</u>

Cc: <u>info@engagecourtyard33.com</u>

Subject: [EXT] RE: October 9 Public Hearing: LOC2017-039

Date: Thursday, September 27, 2018 4:57:31 PM

Attachments: LOC2017-0391 Letter of Support (3).pdf

To City of Calgary Councilors and the Mayor,

Please see attached for my letter supporting the Courtyard 33 application (LOC2017-0391) scheduled for the October  $9^{th}$  public hearing.

Thanks, Mike Ward

Co-founder

The Brewer's Apprentice Inc.

Residence and mailing address:

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September 27, 2018

RE: October 9 Public Hearing: LOC2017-0391

To City of Calgary Councillors and the Mayor,

I am writing in support of the Courtyard 33 application (LOC2017-0391).

### About us

The Brewer's Apprentice is a retail merchant of specialty beers in Calgary. Our mission is to simplify the craft beer experience by providing the best beers in the city and connecting the people of Calgary to our many great craft breweries - giving the breweries a chance to share their beer and their stories. With 48 brews on tap, we pride ourselves on creating incredible experiences for all craft beer lovers, from the long-time enthusiast to the new beer explorer. We're passionate about our industry and in an effort to share that appreciation, we offer a variety of educational events, including specialty tastings and brewery visits.

### Courtyard 33 + The Brewer's Apprentice

As an owner of The Brewer's Apprentice, and a neighbouring community member, I am excited about the vision of Courtyard 33 – particularly its architectural design and community-inspired, mixed-use courtyard concept. At our East Village location, we have found success in what may be considered an unassuming alleyway. The alley's design offers a unique, visually appealing pedestrian pathway that contributes to the customer and community experience. I believe the courtyard, a hopeful second home, will create a similarly vibrant retail experience for Marda Loop patrons.

We are supportive of this venture and wish to express our interest in partnering with the project as a long-term retail tenant. For those who have not visited our East Village location, I have included some images of our space – indicative of the high-quality engaging atmosphere and specialty beer experience we aim to re-create in Marda Loop.

Sincerely,

The Brewer's Apprentice Inc.

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Mike Ward Co-founder



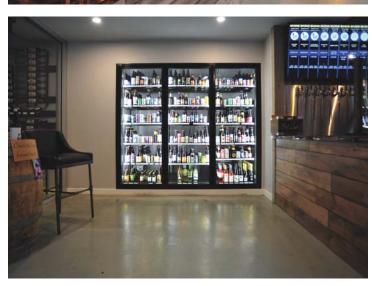
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To: <a href="mailto:Public Submissions">Public Submissions</a>

Subject: October 9, <web submission> LOC2017-0391

Date: Friday, September 28, 2018 2:10:12 PM

September 28, 2018

Application: LOC2017-0391

Submitted by: Celia Meunier

**Contact Information** 

Address: 2620 25 Street SW

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#### Feedback:

I am concerned regarding the height as well as the deficiency regarding the parking for this building. The have planned 63 units and 65 tenant parking stalls which includes visitor parking. The plan is for mixed commercial use. The neighbourhood is significantly lacking in adequate parking and often the employees and the patrons of a building of this magnitude are forced to park on the street. The on street parking is in high competition for the neighbouring high density units. The builders need to be forced to accommodate for the full building usage. The planned 2 levels of parking is meager and a bare minimum! If the developer cannot or is unwilling to prevent issues with the current neighbouring tenants the height or number of units must be decreased. Density can be an amazing thing for a neighbourhood as long as the usable (dwelling and commercial) encourages the new tenants to put down roots. The current buildings and developments are lacking the foresight for long term habitation. As soon as there is a life change whether it is the addition of a partner or family member the dwelling and parking space becomes limiting and the family unit leaves. The developers need to be forced to provide for the ease of use for the whole life of the building. The majority of households have 2 vehicles. Their current plan would force half of those vehicles on the street. If someone has a special event, there would be no more parking available. The flow of traffic in the area is significantly hindered due to the poor planning and foresight of the builders and developers. Since the proposal is on a corner lot they have to consider the flow of traffic of both streets impacted. Since the neighbouring LYFE building will be completed soon and there is no current solid traffic access for that building from NB 22 Ave SW (It is a one way street in the south bound direction) those tenants would be forced to head N on 21ST SW. Has there been consideration regarding how vital this intersection will become for both the 63 units of the current proposal as well as the residents of the LYFE building? The flow of traffic in this neighbourhood has been ignored by the development companies repeatedly over the last 6-8 years. This issue of maximum density without forethought is causing the current neighbouring residents a major amount of contention. The builders need to be held accountable for their creation long after they are gone and have been paid. The neighbourhood is attractive and dynamic because of the people who

live there. They are of the area and spend their time and effort to culture the space. If the developers are continuously allowed to maximize building size while minimizing thought for life in the future the tenants will change every few years. If they do not build for the dynamic people who live in the area and want to stay and spend time there. The culture and attractiveness of the area will wither and die. Density can be amazing as long as it is done in such a way to build connections with neighbours and encourage people to build a home and a neighbourhood instead of causing rifts and forcing people to leave because of a solvable issue created by a developer unwilling to think of the bigger picture. Thank you for you time regarding this matter,

From: <u>Chris Stevenson</u>
To: <u>Public Submissions</u>

Cc: <u>info@engagecourtyard33.com</u>

Subject: [EXT] RE: October 9 Public Hearing: LOC2017-0391

Date: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 1:03:05 PM

Attachments: <u>CRTYRD Letter.pdf</u>

To City of Calgary Councillors and the Mayor,

I am writing in support of the Courtyard 33 application (LOC2017-0391). Please see attached for my letter of support.

Thanks!

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September 13, 2018

RE: Proposed Development @ 2240, 2236, 2232 - 33 Avenue SW (LOC2017-0391)

To City of Calgary Councillors and the Mayor,

The reason I'm writing this letter is to support and thank RNDSQR and their team for bringing some creativity and "intent" to Multi Family/Condo living in the Marda Loop area. I don't want to criticize previous projects but there are NO multifamily buildings on 33rd Ave that engage (welcome?) the public or incorporate a sense of community.

As a multifamily building owner/manager I have a good grasp of the effect that community has on a building. I worked hard at creating community in my buildings and when I got it right, the results were positive and long lasting. Less turn over, less confrontations, happier tenants and a waiting list to get into the building. One of the ways to nurture this effect was to provide communal areas. The communal area in Courtyard 33 is amazing and will not only create a desirable building but will add to the "attractions" of Marda Loop. Heck, visitors will show up in Marda Loop just to see the interesting architecture and lets face it, interesting architecture is hard to come by in this neck of the woods.

I'm sure the Community Association will be concerned with traffic but I welcome more traffic as this is the only way we will get traffic slowing measures on 21st and 22nd Street. (The request for speed-bumps on 21st Street was declined by the City as there was not "enough" traffic to warrant them).

In closing, I just want to acknowledge RNDSQR's courage and vision as it shows they are thinking further ahead than just how much profit per square foot it can produce. This project is bringing much needed creativity, urban culture and population to a grossly under-utilized section of 33rd Ave.

Sincerely,

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