

Ann Machado - Re: Day Care 161 Clinton St. Withdraw?

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Date: 3/5/2015 9:32 AM
Subject: Re: Day Care 161 Clinton St. Withdraw?

Hello Ann,

I wish to withdraw and cancel the hearing for the 161 Clinton St Day Care.

Thank you for all of your help!
Lynn Rutter

On Mar 5, 2015, at 8:23 AM, Lynn Rutter <lynn.rootsnshoots@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Ann,

Is it possible to talk with you today? I am reluctant to proceed with tonight's hearing with the three negative messages written by 161 Clinton St neighbors.

However, my approach was to hand out surveys, request feedback and talk with neighbors. With the 11 surveys I delivered 7 were returned stating "not a problem" and had favorable responses. The neighbor that abuts us directly in the back yard on 155 Hartley St, the LeDues who are retired, see and hear us the most and they are very supportive as you will see from their comments on the attached survey summary.

I expected the response from Chris Gilman and Karen Pitts, their attacks have been going on way before the preschool opened. I would however, like an opportunity to respond to their assessment as many of their statements are grossly inaccurate.

The Greenlaws, 159 Clinton St, have always expressed very favorable comments, saying, they never hear us and love to have kids in the neighborhood, so this came as a big surprise.

I do not know Nancy Polito on 177 Clinton but she lives adjacent to the dentist and across the street from the Vet Center, I am sure she hears noise from them and from traffic on Steven's Ave. We however are 3 houses away and haven't had any interactions.

I believe the reason for the GreenLaw and Polito objections are the fear of a large school. Unfortunately the fixed structure of the licensing suggest that it will be an actual "Day Care" suggesting long hours and lots of children.

My intention is to not negatively impact our neighborhood but to create supportive community for children within a neighborhood that they can walk to from their homes and extend to local business, and neighbors and utilize public places. I do not want change the quality of my existing preschool and want to have only 8 children to help compensate for financial loses when families withdraw or are unable to pay. We have an 180 day school schedule that run 9-3.

I should have requested neighbors to write to you in my support. They will however be in attendance and their comments are reflected on this attached survey. Will they have an opportunity to speak?

Did you want me to bring pictures or slides?

Attached is the summary of the survey and the letter that I distributed to all neighbors.

Would it be possible for you to call me this morning? I will need to finalize my decision to attend or withdraw.

Thank you,
lynn

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