

From: [Drummond, April](#)
To: [=yPlanningMembers](#)
Subject: FW: CUP for Deer Ridge clubhouse building
Date: Monday, June 5, 2023 11:31:41 AM

Please find the comments received after the packet published. Thanks!

Best,
AD

From: Jodi Marfia [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, June 3, 2023 9:19 AM
To: Web Planning Division <Planning@brentwoodca.gov>
Subject: CUP for Deer Ridge clubhouse building

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

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I wholeheartedly encourage the council and city to allow this project to go through as envisioned.

Jodi Marfia

22 year resident, 17 year Deer Ridge resident, local Realtor, and past Planning Commission member

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From: [Drummond, April](#)
To: [=yPlanningMembers](#)
Subject: FW: Deer Ridge Clubhouse Revitalization
Date: Monday, June 5, 2023 11:31:34 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Lucas [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, June 3, 2023 10:56 AM
To: Web Planning Division <Planning@brentwoodca.gov>
Subject: Deer Ridge Clubhouse Revitalization

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Planning Commission,

Regarding the agenda item to review the previously approved permit regarding the Deer Ridge clubhouse. I urge you not to waste any more time and money. You approved it, let's move on. The project is a win for the Deer Ridge community and the city of Brentwood. Sean McCauley always delivers extremely high quality projects. This restaurant will be beautiful with a Napa type look and feel. Every Deer Ridge resident I have spoken with is in favor and extremely excited for the opening of the restaurant. I know you're familiar with Sean's many projects that benefited our city. I'm very thankful that he has stepped in to enhance and beautify the failed golf course clubhouse. Please let Sean move forward.

Jeffrey Lucas
Deer Ridge Resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Drummond, April](#)
To: [=yPlanningMembers](#)
Subject: FW: UPDATED letter regarding Deer Ridge CUP
Date: Monday, June 5, 2023 11:31:24 AM

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From: Jodi Marfia [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, June 3, 2023 12:44 PM
To: Web Planning Division <Planning@brentwoodca.gov>
Subject: UPDATED letter regarding Deer Ridge CUP

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

I sent a letter earlier - I'd like to amend it to add the following:
Commissioner Flohr should recuse himself from any vote on this as he lives very close to the property in question. I don't know where Commission Sparling is in relation to the property, but he also lives in the neighborhood and could possibly also have to recuse himself.

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To: [=yPlanningMembers](#)
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From: Elizabeth Zaragoza <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, June 3, 2023 3:21 PM
To: Web Planning Division <Planning@brentwoodca.gov>
Subject: Deer Ridge Project

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear Brentwood Planning Commission,

I am a Deer Ridge resident and I love my community. I am very very excited for this clubhouse project to continue and to be opened up for our city! This will be a huge adventure for all of us in Brentwood to have a place to enjoy our community and city. Sean has always done an extraordinary job with any project he takes on. It is already looking so much better with all the grape vines and flowers he has planted. The clubhouse has been abandoned for so long that it was concerning because kids were breaking in and vandalizing the property. This is a beautiful location to make our city that much more beautiful. Families will love to come here to enjoy a bite to eat. I am also not opposed to a wedding venue if that's what is in the plan. This will attract more people to come and visit our beautiful farm land town. This is also bring more people to visit our beautiful orchards we have to offer for u-pick. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Alfredo & Elizabeth Serrano.

From: [Drummond, April](#)
To: [=yPlanningMembers](#)
Subject: FW: Deer Ridge Old clubhouse new Restaurant
Date: Monday, June 5, 2023 11:31:09 AM

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From: Sandra Ybarrolaza [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, June 3, 2023 3:54 PM
To: Web Planning Division <Planning@brentwoodca.gov>
Subject: Deer Ridge Old clubhouse new Restaurant

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Planning Commission

We are 20 year residents of Deer Ridge and are looking forward to the new restaurant and beautiful landscaping.

Please do not delay, the improvements are already making a difference in bringing this neighborhood to life again.

My Family is excited and ready for somewhere close to eat and within walking distance of our house.

We support McCauley and his vision for this venue. Please do not delay or stop this project.

Thank you

Gabe and Sandy Ybarrolaza

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Drummond, April](#)
To: [=yPlanningMembers](#)
Subject: FW: Deer Ridge Club House
Date: Monday, June 5, 2023 11:30:59 AM

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Best,
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-----Original Message-----

From: Theresa Thoresen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, June 3, 2023 3:58 PM
To: Web Planning Division <Planning@brentwoodca.gov>
Subject: Deer Ridge Club House

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear Planning Committee,
I have lived on Deer Ridge golf course for 10 years. I am fully in favor of Sean McCauley's efforts to open a restaurant in the old country club - along with beautification of the surrounding property. Please please let him continue. Why anyone is against this is beyond me.

Please listen to the majority of residents in this neighborhood. We are for the revitalization!

Theresa Thoresen
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Drummond, April](#)
To: [=yPlanningMembers](#)
Subject: FW: Deer Ridge Clubhouse Revitalization
Date: Monday, June 5, 2023 11:30:50 AM

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Best,
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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 3, 2023 4:39 PM
To: Web Planning Division <Planning@brentwoodca.gov>
Subject: Deer Ridge Clubhouse Revitalization

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Planning Commission,

I'm writing regarding the agenda item to review the permit for the Deer Ridge Clubhouse. I would urge you to continue forward with the previous permit, to build a restaurant. We're excited to see Seans vision come to life. It's certainly a win for our neighborhood, and everyone I've spoken to is thrilled with the idea. Why waste more time and money when the majority of residents are for the improvements? Please allow Sean to move forward.

Respectfully,

Angela Young
Deer Ridge Resident
Sent from my iPhone
(Please excuse any typos)

From: [Drummond, April](#)
To: [=yPlanningMembers](#)
Subject: FW: Deer Ridge
Date: Monday, June 5, 2023 11:28:38 AM

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Best,
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-----Original Message-----

From: DAVID ANDERSON [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 3, 2023 7:28 PM
To: Web Planning Division <Planning@brentwoodca.gov>
Subject: Deer Ridge

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Planning Commission,

Our family strongly supports the clubhouse project. Many Deer Ridge residents I've spoken to are excited and impressed with how fast the project is moving along. With Sean MaCauley's proven track record of revitalizing local properties, we couldn't be more grateful to have his team working in Deer Ridge. Hope you consider this in your upcoming discussions on Tuesday's meeting.

Thanks,
Dave & Priscilla Anderson
Deer Ridge Residents

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Drummond, April](#)
To: [=yPlanningMembers](#)
Subject: FW: Deer Ridge Clubhouse Restaurant
Date: Monday, June 5, 2023 11:28:19 AM

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Best,
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From: Camille Gallegos [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, June 4, 2023 12:38 PM
To: Web Planning Division <Planning@brentwoodca.gov>
Subject: Deer Ridge Clubhouse Restaurant

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Planning Department,

As a resident of the Deer Ridge neighborhood, I am writing to express my support for the restaurant and the improvements to the surrounding property.

It is a waste of time for the Planning Department to explore whether or not the CUP is sufficient for the activities happening on the site. What Sean McCauley has planned, will revitalize our neighborhood. In the span of two months, he has made more progress than the current owner of the abandoned golf course...Please step aside, and let this fantastic project proceed!

Camille and Richard Bakerian
[REDACTED]

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device
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From: [Drummond, April](#)
To: [=yPlanningMembers](#)
Subject: FW: Deer Ridge Clubhouse Project
Date: Monday, June 5, 2023 11:28:09 AM

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From: Chris Shaw [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 4, 2023 9:12 PM
To: Web Planning Division <Planning@brentwoodca.gov>
Subject: Deer Ridge Clubhouse Project

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Hello Planning Commission,

I am writing in support of Sean McCauley and the vision for his restaurant at the formerly rundown, frequently vandalized eye sore that was the abandoned clubhouse in our neighborhood. I have lived in the Deer Ridge neighborhood for 5 years, seeing the beautiful golf course shutdown permanently and the land around our homes turn from lush green grass to mostly weeds. The work that Sean and his crew have done in such a short time to restore the clubhouse and surrounding area has reinvigorated our neighborhood — from everyone that I have spoken to, we are excited about this and see his vision as a huge win for our community. Please do not waste time and resources on creating barriers for this project to reach completion. We especially DO NOT want to go back to having an abandoned building that the community is forced to monitor for fear of the next vandalism attack. I believe and have faith that you are not so unreasonable and will do the right thing. Let's have Sean McCauley and his team move forward with his vision.

Chris Shaw
Deer Ridge Resident

From: [Drummond, April](#)
To: [=yPlanningMembers](#)
Subject: FW: Deer Ridge Clubhouse
Date: Monday, June 5, 2023 11:27:52 AM

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From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 8:56 AM
To: Web Planning Division <Planning@brentwoodca.gov>
Subject: Deer Ridge Clubhouse

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To conclude this was a vibrant clubhouse with a restaurant and a beautiful setting in the past. Please don't waste the time or precious city funds debating a non issue.

Respectfully

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From: [Drummond, April](#)
To: [=yPlanningMembers](#)
Subject: FW: Deer Ridge Clubhouse Restaurant
Date: Monday, June 5, 2023 11:27:28 AM

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Best,
AD

From: LISA PEDRINI [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 10:13 AM
To: Web Planning Division <Planning@brentwoodca.gov>
Subject: Deer Ridge Clubhouse Restaurant

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to acknowledge my FULL SUPPORT for Sean McCauley to renovate the Deer Ridge Club House into a much wanted restaurant venue.

Our Clubhouse has been abandoned for years, and is now an open playground for vandalism, homelessness and drugs. It's alarming, that if trespassers accidentally or purposely start a fire, the damage caused would be incomprehensible due to dry weeds & high winds. Lives could be lost, homes destroyed, home values would plummet and who is ultimately accountable?

I purchased my home in 2006 to live in a green, lush, golf community. That was taken from us with no repercussions as we watched the greens deteriorate and our beautiful front entrance transfer to dust and weeds. It's literally been YEARS and nothing has been done.

It is a blessing, that Sean McCauley is willing to invest in our community. His documented success with projects within the City of Brentwood and neighboring cities speaks for themselves. In only a few weeks, the transformation that Sean and his team have done is AMAZING! Why would anyone want to stop this vision? I feel it is a personal conflict and she be noted as such.

I am kindly asking the City of Brentwood to **please let Sean McCauley move forward with his plans to add a restaurant as he envisioned, without further delays or setbacks.** Benefits in doing so will improve real estate value, add and retain business within the City of Brentwood while offering a quality dining experience, compared to the overpopulated fast food franchises.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Pedrini



From: [Nolthenius, Erik](#)
To: [Drummond, April](#)
Subject: FW: Closed Deer Ridge golf clubhouse
Date: Monday, June 5, 2023 3:18:50 PM
Attachments: [Dear Planning Commission_CUP.docx](#)

From: Wimberly, Margaret <mwimberly@brentwoodca.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2023 2:57 PM
To: Morris, Alexis <amorris@brentwoodca.gov>; Nolthenius, Erik <enolthenius@brentwoodca.gov>; Ogden, Tim <togden@brentwoodca.gov>; Brower, Damien <dbrower@brentwoodca.gov>
Subject: FW: Closed Deer Ridge golf clubhouse

FYI – it doesn't appear that you were copied on this.

From: Clifton Fagerquist [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 03, 2023 1:27 PM
To: Roberts, Anita <aroberts@brentwoodca.gov>; Sparling, David <dsparling@brentwoodca.gov>; Zeigler, Dirk <dzeigler@brentwoodca.gov>; Flohr, Rod <rflohr@brentwoodca.gov>; Brand, Kristopher <kbrand@brentwoodca.gov>; Bryant, Joel <jbryant@brentwoodca.gov>; Mendoza, Jovita <jmendoza@brentwoodca.gov>; Meyer, Susannah <smeyer@brentwoodca.gov>; Pierson, Pa'tanisha <ppierson@brentwoodca.gov>; Oerlemans, Tony <toerlemans@brentwoodca.gov>; Wimberly, Margaret <mwimberly@brentwoodca.gov>
Subject: Closed Deer Ridge golf clubhouse

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear Planning Commission and City Council:

I wish my comments to be included as part of the official record of the Planning Commission meeting to be held on June 6, 2023, as part of either public comments or in matters related to the closed Deer Ridge clubhouse.

As a Deer Ridge resident, I want to reiterate my vociferous opposition to allowing the closed Deer Ridge golf clubhouse to be opened as a restaurant/bar. The conditional use permit (CUP) granted for a golf clubhouse in 2000 (to service a golf course) is in no way equivalent or appropriate for a restaurant/bar. A golf clubhouse (as part of a golf course) is *not* equivalent to a restaurant/bar. Deer Ridge is a suburban residential neighborhood situated close to several local schools. It is ridiculous to allow further commercialization of a residential neighborhood. It sets a dangerous precedent that, if allowed to happen, will only encourage further commercial activity at that location.

A restaurant/bar will result in a dramatic increase in drunk drivers on Foothill Drive and Deer Ridge. It will also result in greater police presence to deal with traffic, noise, disturbances, and incidents because of having a restaurant/bar in a residential neighborhood. The mindset of some Deer Residents is naïve and foolish: “What could go wrong?” they ask. The truth is a lot can go wrong, and if such people used just a little foresight and imagination, they would realize what an incredibly foolish idea it is to have a restaurant/bar in a residential

suburban neighborhood, but “against stupidity the gods themselves strive in vain”.

Deer Ridge is not a gated community nor is it a 55+ community, i.e., it is a residential suburban neighborhood where young couples raise their families: toddlers, young children, pre-teens, and teenagers. Deer Ridge is not a Napa- or Las Vegas-style resort for adults, nor should it be allowed to become one.

The Planning Commission and the City Council should soundly reject any attempts at re-use, re-purposing, re-zoning of the closed golf clubhouse and golf course of Deer Ridge for a restaurant/bar (or any other commercial activity).

Sincerely,
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From: [Robert Juracich](#)
To: [=yPlanningMembers](#); [=yCouncil Members](#); [Ogden, Tim](#); [webCityClerk](#)
Subject: Deer Ridge Project
Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 6:29:13 AM

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Good morning,

I am writing in full support of the renovations at the former clubhouse. This is a best case scenario for Deer Ridge and it adds value to the neighborhood. I love the open space and transformation of the former golf course back to a natural landscape, but the clubhouse was an eyesore and was being vandalized regularly.

If you haven't seen the project in person, I encourage you to drive by there and go take a look at what has been done already. It looks fabulous. The building, landscaping and surrounding area look beautiful again.

Every neighbor and friend I have personally spoken with fully supports this project. I think it would be great if you would poll the actual residents of Deer Ridge to see what they want before you make rash decisions that affect the community and their needs.

There was a straw poll on Facebook for about 24 hours and it garnered 79 votes. 78 of which were for the olive trees, vines and restaurant.

We do not want more housing in our neighborhood and this is the start of solidifying a viable use for the land.

Please do not stand in the way, or find a way to shut this down.

Respectfully,
Bobby Juracich

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Melissa Souza](#)
To: [=yPlanningMembers](#)
Subject: Deer Ridge Project
Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 9:47:44 AM

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Hello,

My name is Melissa Souza and I am a long-time resident of the Deer Ridge Complex. I have personally witnessed many of its iterations. I would like to let the planning commission know that my husband and I are both completely in support of what Sean McCauley proposes to do with the clubhouse and its surroundings.

Prior to Mr. McCauley's ownership, the clubhouse had been vandalized and the surroundings remained very unkempt leading to fire danger for all residents. Creating a restaurant at the clubhouse's current location is a brilliant idea and will provide the city with revenue and much needed local jobs. Taking out the weeds and planting grape vines and olive trees in its place will lower fire danger, provide beautification, and property value.

Everyone that I have spoken with is excited about this new project. Please allow Mr. McCauley to continue his endeavors to enrich Deer Ridge and the City of Brentwood. I know that the planning commission will see this as a huge win for everyone and the best solution that has been proposed for the Deer Ridge Neighborhood. Please do not waste any time or resources on this project - save it for something more worthwhile.

Thank you,
Melissa Souza
11 Year Deer Ridge Resident

From: [Gale_Darin](#)
To: [Drummond_April](#)
Cc: [Morris_Alexis](#); [Ogden_Tim](#); [Wisinski_Katherine](#)
Subject: FW: Facebook Conversations: Deer Ridge
Date: Monday, June 5, 2023 5:37:51 PM
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FYI... Including you in this email since you were not in the original distribution list.

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From: Marisol Valles [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 5:29 PM
To: Gale, Darin <dgale@brentwoodca.gov>; Flohr, Rod <rflohr@brentwoodca.gov>; Sparling, David <dsparling@brentwoodca.gov>; Roberts, Anita <aroberts@brentwoodca.gov>; Brand, Kristopher <kbrand@brentwoodca.gov>; Zeigler, Dirk <dzeigler@brentwoodca.gov>
Subject: Facebook Conversations: Deer Ridge

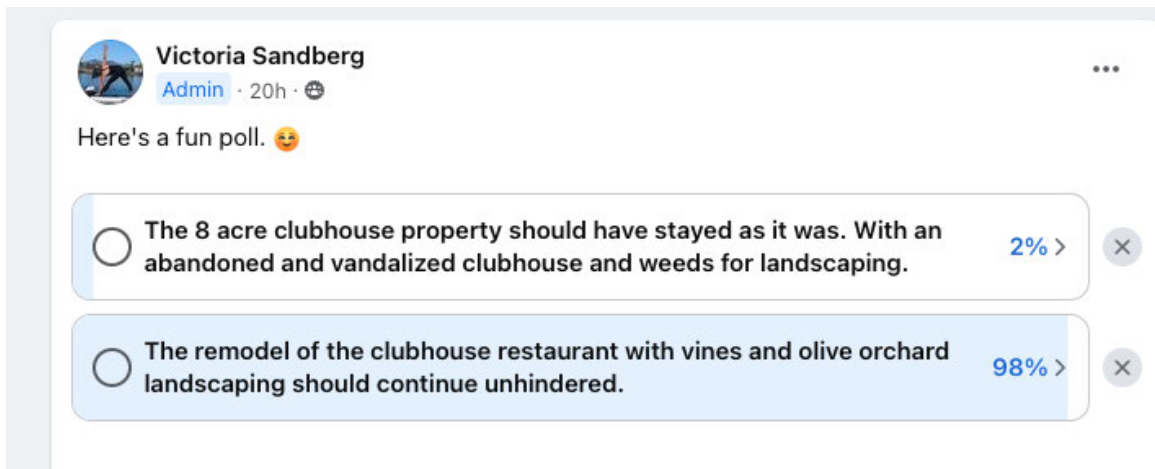
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I want to add some additional light to the Deer Ridge Clubhouse, as many of you may not be on our private Facebook groups. Victoria Sandberg is misinforming or twisting items to residents of Deer Ridge.

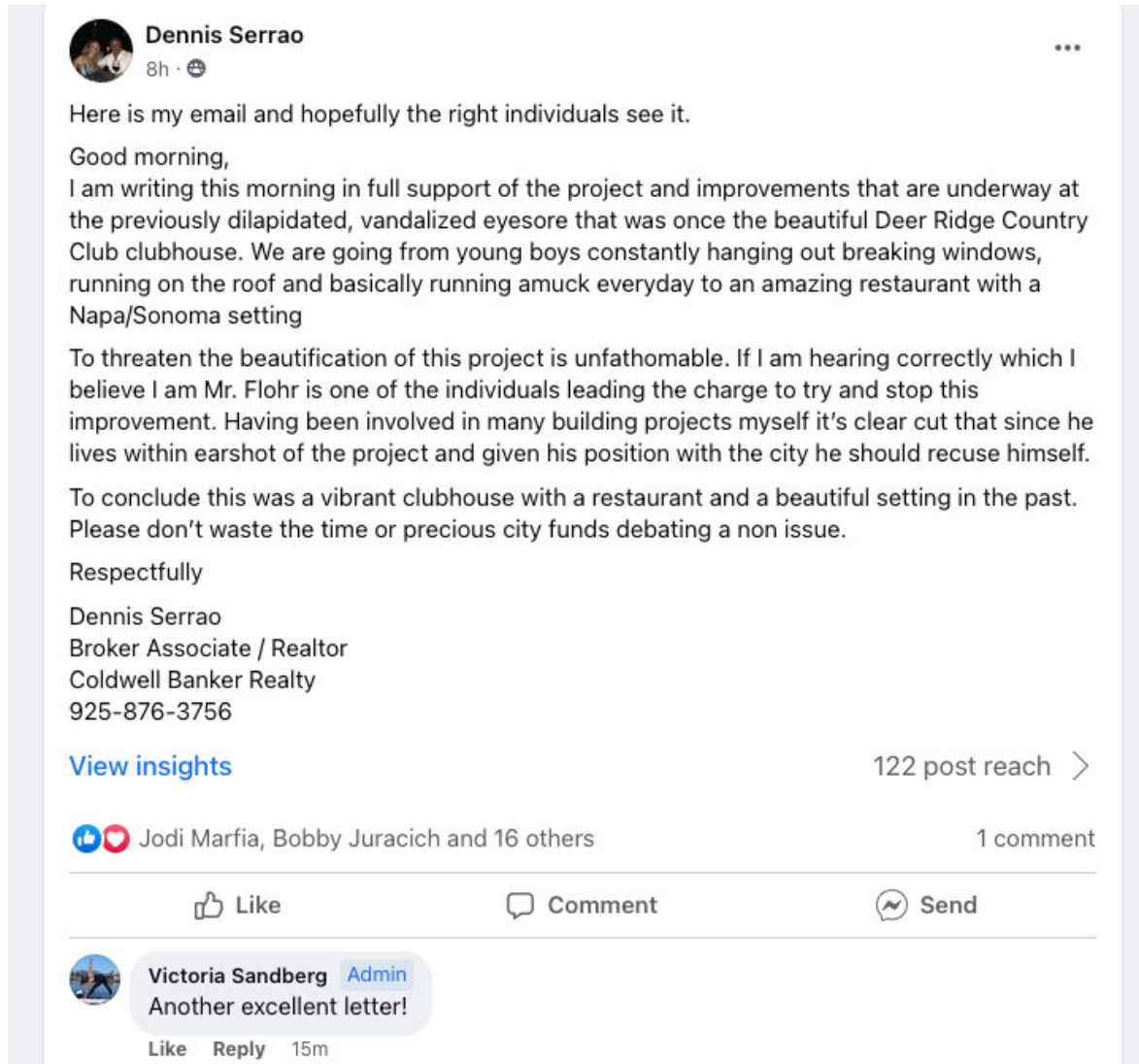
I have added screenshots below of comments from the private group, which I moderate, but Victoria opened it. PLEASE read this all.

The only people that can give a straight answer to the residents, and we need them, are the city staff and planning commission. PLEASE provide accurate statements at the upcoming meeting when discussing Deer Ridge.

The below shows how divisive Victoris is and allows for only two viable options when that is not necessarily true.



Here a resident is blaming Rod Flohr when that is inaccurate. Victoria says it is an excellent letter knowing Rod Flohr is not behind stopping the project but doing his job as a planning commissioner. By the way, Victoria continues the narrative to our residents by reposting a blog where Rod Flohr is blamed for wanting to stop the Restaurant.



Dennis Serrao 8h · 🌐

Here is my email and hopefully the right individuals see it.



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 **Victoria Sandberg** Admin
Another excellent letter!
Like Reply 15m

A post that, like myself, is wondering about the conditions, but Victoria misinforms the resident. Plus Victoria mentioned an elected official trying to stop the project. Which elected official is trying to stop the project?

Like Reply 19h 

 **Peggy Bridges**
I also am excited about the new restaurant. Can't wait! But is it such a bad idea to have the hours stipulated in a conditional use permit? Late nights (past 10 pm) can cause noise disturbances whether music or increased traffic down Foot Hill. Why would getting that stipulated cause such severe delays? I am in support of having this wonderful restaurant! It will be beautiful!

Like Reply 9h

 **Victoria Sandberg** [Author](#) [Admin](#)
Peggy Bridges I'm not sure how easy it is to add hours of operation to a CUP. If that could have been done ministerially, I'm not sure why the elected officials that are driving this never even asked that question. Instead they are looking very hard for reasons that the current CUP isn't applicable at all-if that were true I think it would kill the project entirely. Sean told me he would put hours of operation in the lease. If it can be added ministerially or simply I'm all for it. But that is not what is going on here.

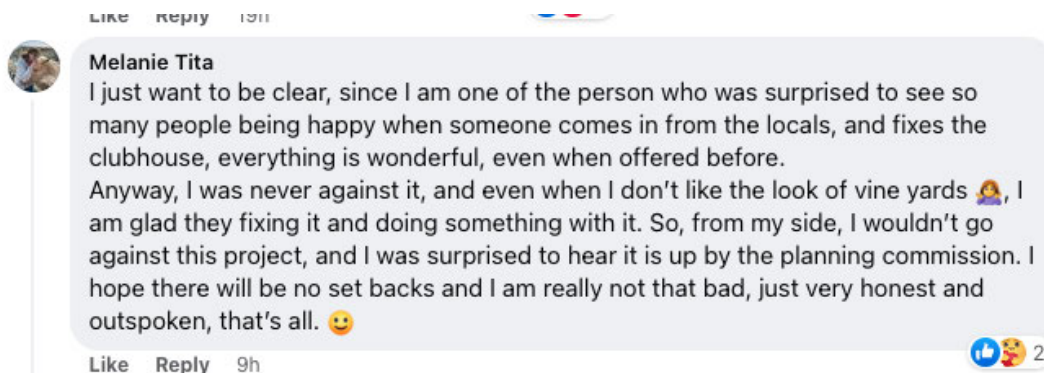
I'm glad you mentioned this 3rd option-I just don't know if it's a real one. It's fine if you can't vote for # 2-I have registered your excitement and support for the project!

Like Reply 8h Edited

Anyone who speaks up to ask legitimate questions about the project is immediately twisted by Victoria or shamed by Sean McCauley. This is why many are staying silent.



The same person who was shamed is now trying to defend herself to be on the good side of Victoria and Sean.



Another person asks legitimate questions, but Victoria twists items to her saying we do need to be on the side of the restaurant.

Victoria uses scare tactics that it's either abandoned or a full-scale restaurant with no conditions.

Cecily Olson
Can you please clarify what the conditional use permit asking for? Since it's already zoned as a restaurant, I wouldn't think approval is needed to reopen one. Aren't typically CUPs for nightclubs, hosting late night parties or staying open past 11, charging cover charges, etc? That's how it is in Walnut Creek at least. As excited as I am to watch the progress and have a nice restaurant here, I'm not sure anyone who lives close to the club house actually wants late and loud music and noise.

Like Reply 2d Edited

Darlene Hinojosa
Cecily Olson I understand that as I live within earshot of the clubhouse, but what are the alternatives if we don't stand behind the current restaurant plan? Abandoned building with kids breaking in and no one taking responsibility for its upkeep. I think it would make a great wedding venue and a few late night parties would be a small price to pay in my opinion. Of course there should be some limits put in place.

Like Reply 2d

Victoria Sandberg Author Admin
Cecily Olson All projects have a CUP and they all have different conditions. This one doesn't have hours of operation.

The clubhouse is in my backyard. 😊 I've talked to Sean and he will put all those stipulations in the lease. It won't be open past 9 or 10. He and whatever restaurant operator he chooses are very interested in being good neighbors because they expect the bulk of their clientele to be Deer Ridge residents.

Like Reply 2d

Cecily Olson
Victoria Sandberg thank you! We've been very excited to watch the progress. I only asked because my husband has plentiful experience in dealing with these in WC and has unfortunately had several negative experiences with operators. I would hate to see what could and should be a great opportunity for our neighborhood turn into something less than ideal. I appreciate you staying on top of everything!!

Like Reply 2d

Victoria Sandberg Author Admin
Cecily Olson I think the review is because Planning Commissioner Flohr is questioning whether the City Staff's opinion was correct that a restaurant is allowable under the existing CUP. The last time, that I know of, a project was reviewed like this, it cost the applicant at least a year's delay and a significant amount of money. To be honest-that is my fear here.

Like Reply 2d

Cecily Olson
Victoria Sandberg I see. Thank you! I'll write my letter as well now that I'm more clear.

Like Reply 2d

From: [Drummond, April](#)
To: [=yPlanningMembers](#)
Subject: FW: Deer Ridge Club House revitalization
Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 3:36:35 PM

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Best,
AD

-----Original Message-----

From: Dave Brys [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 7:30 AM
To: Web Planning Division <Planning@brentwoodca.gov>
Subject: Deer Ridge Club House revitalization

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

We are writing this response due to the reprehensible actions of a few individuals that include city council member Flohr.

We live less than a block away from the club house and have little hope of its future until recently.

Sean McCauley has been a proponent of Deer Ridge since before the devastating acts of the previous owners.

The project should not be delayed and it should be allowed to continue as planned.

Councilman Flohr should recuse himself or the council should censure him from this decision.

Mr. Flohr is the reason why Deer Ridge was given a death sentence due to his inability to negotiate and consider the long term effects his actions have caused to the Deer Ridge community.

Sincerely,

David and Karen Brys

Sent from my iPhone

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From: John Kenney [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 3:54 PM
To: Web Planning Division <Planning@brentwoodca.gov>
Subject: Deer Ridge

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Good afternoon,

As a resident of this community since July 27 of 2002 , the very first family to move into a Deer Ridge, I think it's only fair to allow our clubhouse to be something that we are proud of in our community. There have been so many other failures with our community, even though the city is making an attempt to clean up our community which we are paying for as residents. Please keep this transition with Sean as smooth as possible for all of our sake.



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From: [Drummond, April](#)
To: [vPlanningMembers](#)
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Best,
AD

From: Justen Peek [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 9:18 AM
To: Web Planning Division <Planning@brentwoodca.gov>
Subject: Deer Ridge Clubhouse Project

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear City Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong support for Sean McCauley and his proposed restaurant project at the former Deer Ridge golf club house. I have lived in this neighborhood for over 6 years, and my backyard looks directly at the abandoned clubhouse. I have watched with sadness as the building has fallen into disrepair over the years. It is a blight on our neighborhood, and I am thrilled that Mr. McCauley has come forward with a plan to revitalize it.

I believe that Mr. McCauley's restaurant project will be a great asset to our community. It will provide a much-needed dining option for residents and visitors alike. The restaurant will also create jobs and generate tax revenue for the city. In addition, I believe that the restaurant will help to beautify our neighborhood. The building has been vacant for so long, and it is starting to look rundown. A new restaurant will give the building a new lease on life, and it will make our neighborhood look more attractive.

I urge you to approve Mr. McCauley's restaurant project. It is a win-win for our community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Justen Peek, P.E.
Principal Engineer



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To: [=yPlanningMembers](#)
Subject: FW: Deer Ridge Country Club
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Best,
AD

From: Lars Sandberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 1:26 PM
To: Web Planning Division <Planning@brentwoodca.gov>
Subject: Deer Ridge Country Club

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Chairperson Roberts and Commission Members,

I am writing in support of the project at the Deer Ridge club house property.

Our family has lived adjacent to club house parcel since 2013. Over the past several years we have watched the beautiful golf course turn into an overgrown, weed-infested, vandalized mess. This has negatively affected our quality of life and undoubtedly also neighborhood property values.

I have been impressed by the progress Mr. McCauley has made in two short months. The building has been much improved, and the landscaping will look nice once it has matured a bit. The project gives us hope for a better life.

Using city staff's time to investigate potential project roadblocks would be an example of poor stewardship of taxpayer funds. The city has more important issues to address with its limited resources.

Thank you,
Lars Sandberg

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Subject: Fwd: Deer Ridge
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From: Victoria Sandberg [REDACTED]
Date: June 6, 2023 at 4:26:20 PM PDT
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Subject: Deer Ridge

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Dear Chairperson and commissioners,

A few weeks ago I wrote to tell you about the overwhelming and enthusiastic support the Deer Ridge community has expressed for the restaurant remodel project that Sean McCauley has undertaken at the Deer Ridge Clubhouse. I have now counted 192 unique individuals in our neighborhood Facebook groups who have expressed support for the project. These people aren't all going to email you or come down to chambers and speak, but they count. The residents in Deer Ridge feel like they've won the lottery after years of unfortunate hands being dealt to them.

One day I was up at the clubhouse and came across a gentleman sitting in the shade in his mobility scooter looking out across a newly planted vineyard. I walked up to him and asked him what he thought. He said, "I'm sorry, I don't speak English." I motioned towards the property and made a "thumbs up" gesture. He smiled and gave me a "thumbs up" but then shook his head and gave me an enthusiastic two "thumbs up". That experience kind of encapsulates how the residents feel about this opportunity for their neighborhood.

Please allow the progress to continue under the current CUP. I don't think the impacts of the re-opened restaurant are substantially different from what was permitted for the previous business.

Thank you for your consideration,
Victoria Sandberg