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Planning Board agenda item #2

Planning Board members,

On behalf of my family I object to the request by 521 Fleming St for alcohol sales exception. We are concerned about the impact that this will have on the neighborhood and it violates a City Ordinance regarding its proximity to a local Church and funeral home.

Furthermore, there is an issue regarding parking. It seems likely that our business parking lot will be used by patrons of the Drunken Mermaid and this will be a negative impact for us. We would ask that the owners place signage on each of their tables warning that their guests are under threat of being towed if they have parked in our parking lot during business hours.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jimmy Weekley

President

Fausto's Food Palace

522 Fleming St.

Key West, FL. 33040

305 296 5663

January 19, 2016

City of Key West  
Planning Board

**RE: Beer and Wine License at 521 Fleming Street**

Dear Planning Board Members,

I am writing to voice my support for the approval of a beer and wine license for this location. It is my understanding that this will continue to be a restaurant with beer and wine as an accessory use that will enhance the dining experience for locals and visitors alike.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marilyn D. Wilbarger".

Marilyn D. Wilbarger



12/22/2015

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Thomas Mack, Jr. . I want to express my support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. I feel that it will be a perfect fit for the neighborhood and help to draw a nice clientele to a quaint commercial block.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Mack, Jr.", written in a cursive style.



12/22/2015

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Terese Perez . I want to express my support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. I feel that it will be a perfect fit for the neighborhood and help to draw a nice clientele to a quaint commercial block.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terese Perez". The signature is written in a cursive style.

ISLAND ANTIQUES  
536 Fleming St.  
Key West, FL 33040

1/13/16

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Joyce Boynton, owner and operator of Island Antiques, at 536 Fleming Street. I would like to voice my approval and support for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. I feel Thirsty Mermaid will be a fabulous addition to the list of Fleming Street businesses and it will be a nice draw which I foresee complimenting our lovely neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration,

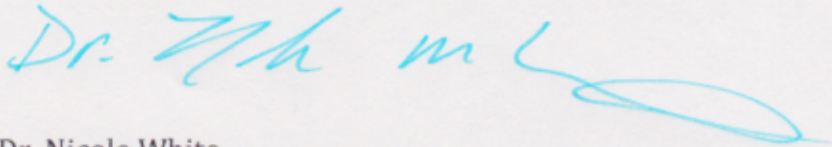
January 14, 2016

Dr. Nicole White  
1106 White Street  
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Dr. Nicole White, I am the owner and operator of White on White at 1106 White Street. I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great addition to the neighborhood and be well received by our local community as well as tourists alike.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dr. Nicole White", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Nicole White  
305.741.7705

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Raymond J. Vazquez. I am a Broker Associate with Truman & Co. Real Estate at 1205 Truman Avenue, Key West.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Raymond J. Vazquez', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Raymond J. Vazquez  
(305) 395-1777

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Matthew Morello. I am an owner and operator of Kilwins Chocolates Fudge and Ice Cream, at 505 Duval Street.

I wanted to take the time to share some thoughts on the new investment and creation of Thirsty Mermaid. I wanted to voice my absolute approval and support for the recent application they have presented for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I cannot express enough words of endorsement for this request.

Our confections shop is somewhat new to Key West. We are coming up on our 5th anniversary of being open on Duval. Countless hours and dedication have been invested in the success of our store and also towards the success of Key West and Duval Street. My morning commute to work is a short walk down Fleming to Duval. I pass by Faustos and Assortments every single day. Unfortunately, I also walk by Living Dolls. There are several store fronts on this block between Simonton and Duval that bring great quality traffic and contribute towards the overall image of Key West that bring tourists and locals coming back.

I know this concept would be a fabulous addition to this corridor of Fleming Street. Judging by the other business interests of this group, they will knock this out of the park as well. I have tried to think of any type of negative impact a beer and wine license would bring to this location and I am at a loss. Duval street is a mere half block away and the full bar at Marquesa the same.

I would be saddened to hear that these locals who are investing money into a corner that needs to be filled with a thriving business, not be granted their request for beer and wine. It would only be a positive for this block.

Respectively,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Morello". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'M'.

Matthew Morello





Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Michael Marrero, I am the Executive Artistic Director of the Key West Theater at 512 Eaton St. I wanted voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great addition to our community and be enjoyed by tourists and locals alike. We look forward to having them as our neighbors.

Sincerely,

Michael Marrero  
Executive Artistic Director

512 Eaton Street  
Key West, Florida 33040

[thekeywesttheater.com](http://thekeywesttheater.com)

**Doug and Amy Bradshaw  
1107 Windsor Lane  
Key West, FL 33040**

January 15, 2016

City of Key West Planning Board  
3140 Flagler Ave  
Key West, FL 33040

**RE: Thirsty Mermaid support letter**

Dear Planning Board Members,

Our name is Doug and Amy Bradshaw. We live at 1107 Windsor Lane and have been full time residents and business owners of the City of Key West for over 14 years. We want to voice our approval and support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street (Thirsty Mermaid). We truly feel that it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Sincerely,

Amy Spielberg



Doug Bradshaw



Savlen Gallery  
417 Southard Street  
Key West, Florida 33040  
#603.369.7662

**Dear Planning Board Members,**

**My name is Donna-Lee Savlen. I own and operate Savlen Gallery at 417 Southard Street. I'd like to show my approval and support for the recent application for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I believe it will be a wonderful addition to the neighborhood. Bringing commerce and enjoyment to both the local community and tourists alike.**

**Thank you,**

**Donna-Lee Savlen**



Savlen Studios  
513 Fleming Street – Suite 8  
Key West, Florida 33040  
#603.369.7662

**Dear Planning Board Members,**

**My name is Peter Michael Savlen. I own and operate Savlen Studios at 513 Fleming Street – Suite 8. I'd like to show my approval and support for the recent application for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. With such reputable and conscientious proprietors, you can be assured this could only be a great addition to the neighborhood. Sure to be well received by our local community and tourist alike.**

**Bringing a touch of class along with higher foot traffic to one of the most eclectic and unique neighborhoods in Old Town.**

**Thank you,**

**Peter M. Savlen**

To whom it may concern,

My name is Emma Harlow and I am a permanent resident of Key West since June of 2005 and have worked for the US Navy all 10 years. In July of 2015 I purchased my first home on Southard Street and in doing so have committed myself to the amazing island for the long hall. This island is my home and I love it for so many reasons: living on the coast near the water, the amazing restaurants and bars, the overwhelming support of the locals and the friends/family that I have met.

Over the past 10 years I have had the privilege in knowing Tommy and Kristen, the owners of the Thirsty Mermaid. I am writing in support of their business, their dream and their passion. They have enriched this island with a number of other successful restaurants that are family friendly, serving locally caught fish, providing a professional staff and loving experience. The businesses that they run are not just for the tourists, they have such a strong and loyal following from the local community and are committed to supporting other local businesses and causes that I am proud to call them friends. To ensure that they continue to improve this island they need to run a successful restaurant and with that serve beer and wine. This is not a bar. The Thirsty Mermaid is just like any other restaurant in Key West, on and off Duval Street. The success of a restaurant does not like just in the food sales.

With this said, I truly hope that these amazing people are given what they need to provide a successful restaurant and continue to support, improve and thrive in a town that has such a high turnover. As a resident of this silly little island, I want to see more people like Kristen and Tommys that are in love with the island and in love with giving back to the people who live here. Please feel free to call or email with any follow up questions.

Sincerely,

Emma Edgar Harlow

emma.harlow@navy.mil

(305) 395-2767

## 521 Fleming Public Comments 01 21 16

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 1:55 PM

Dear Planning Board Members,

I'm writing on behalf the whole team of White Orchid Studios to support the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists!

Thank you,

Lena Perkins

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From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 1:22 PM

To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

Subject: Thirsty Mermaid support letter 141

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> Dear Planning Board Members,

> My name is Keith St. Peter, I am the owner/operator of Kojin Noodle Bar at 601 Duval St (#4). I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent "beer and wine" application for 521 Flemming St.

> I believe it will be a welcome addition to the neighborhood, for both locals and tourists alike. Thank you.

> Sincerely,

> Keith St. Peter

**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2016 12:54 PM  
**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>  
**Subject:** thirsty Mermaid support letter 140

"Dear Planning Board Members,  
My name is Nick Doll. I am the owner and operator of Nick Doll Photography at 622 Grinnell St. My wife, Jenn Doll, and I wanted to voice our approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Thank you, Nick & Jenn Doll

From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2016 8:38 AM  
To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>  
Subject: Thirsty Mermaid support letter 135

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> To fellow Key Westers and Planning Board Members:  
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> I have known Kristen Onderdonk for 7 years and let me say there is no one that cares more about doing things the right way for the citizens of Key West and the many vacationers that come here.  
> I have owned a retail store on Petronia St. for going on 3 years.... "Mikey Mo's Wearable Art."  
> I have gotten to know many store owners.  
> Frankly, there are those who couldn't care less about anything but making a buck, and there are those who have class, integrity and a genuine love for this city.  
> Kristen falls under that second category. The "Thirsty Mermaid" should meet with your approval because it will be a great addition to this town .  
> I would not write this letter on behalf of Kristen if I felt anything other than that.  
> This establishment would be an A+ addition for us as a city who wants first class establishments owned by first class people.  
> Thank you for your consideration Please, do the right thing.  
> Michael Moschel  
> Mikey Mo's

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From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 9:28 AM

To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

Subject: Thirsty Mermaid support letter 130

> Dear Planning Board Members,

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> My name is, Elizabeth Podlucky. I am the General Manager of Island Dogs Bar at 505 Front Street.

> I would like to express my support of approval for the applied beer and wine license for 521 Fleming St. I believe this establishment will bring a high quality of local and visiting people alike. The dignified business that resides at 521 Fleming Street will draw a higher quality of customers and will be incredibly beneficial to the surrounding community and beneficial to all. Please take my approval into consideration and provide a Beer and Wine license to 521 Fleming Street. Thank you.

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> Liz Podlucky

> General Manager

> Island Dogs Bar

> 305-509-7136

> 718-551-6211

> [Liz@islanddogsbar.com](mailto:Liz@islanddogsbar.com)