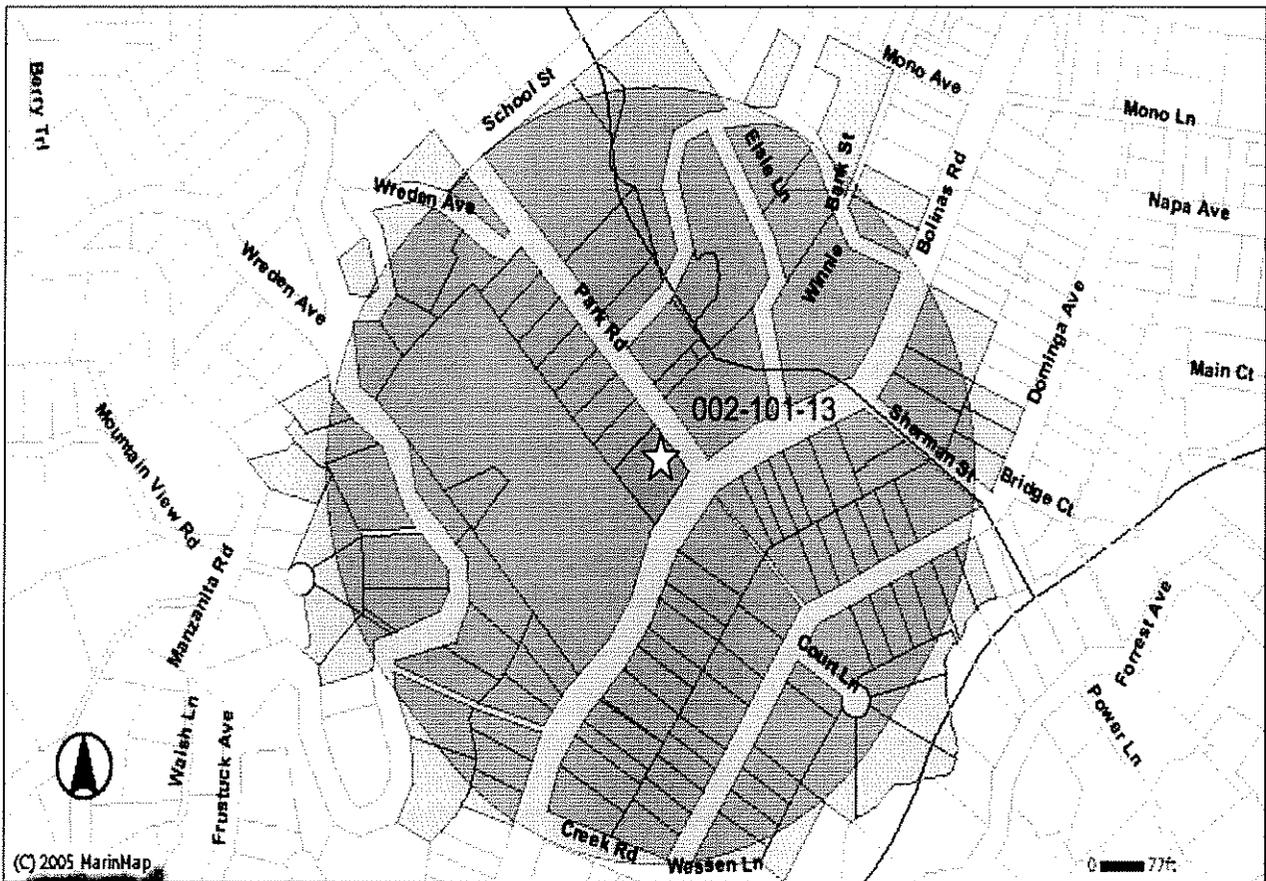


**TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
STAFF REPORT  
Department of Planning and Building Services**

**TO:** Fairfax Town Council  
**DATE:** October 3, 2012  
**FROM:** Jim Moore, Director of Planning & Building Services  
**LOCATION:** 150 Bolinas Road; Assessor's Parcel No. 002-101-13  
**PROJECT:** Changing 7-11's hours to remain open 24 hours per day  
**ACTION:** Appeal of Use Permit Approval; Application # 79-UP-33  
**APPELLANT:** Misty Moreno  
**OWNER:** Richard N. Matthews Trust



**150 BOLINAS ROAD**

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**AGENDA ITEM #**

## **BACKGROUND**

On May 19, 2011, the Planning Commission issued a modification to the Use Permit for the 7-11 at 150 Bolinas Road (the "Owner"), which allowed the Owner to operate 24 hours per day subject to various conditions. One of the conditions was that the modification be subject to a review six months later to assess the impacts of the store remaining open 24 hours per day. The review occurred at the November 17, 2011 Planning Commission meeting, at which the Planning Commission imposed additional conditions on the Owner, including a second six month review to assess impacts. The Planning Commission conducted the second review on May 19, 2012, at which time the Commission granted final approval of the Use Permit modification for the Owner to operate 24 hours per day, subject to all of the previously imposed conditions as well as certain additional ones.

Misty Moreno filed an appeal of that decision on May 24, 2012. The Town Council held its hearing on the appeal on July 11 and September 5, 2012, and then continued the hearing until October 3 to allow the Planning Staff to investigate options for resolution.

Testimony and documentary evidence was submitted at the Town Council's hearing that shows that since the granting of the Use Permit, the Police have indicated that the extended hours have not led to any increase in incidents in the area directly related to the business' remaining open all night: the number incidents reports went down. This is presumably due to the additional security cameras, lighting and the 24 hour presence of 7-11 staff (i.e., "eyes on the street").

After the July 11, 2012 Council meeting staff visited the site and consulted with the Appellant and Owner. Staff concluded that the only way to eliminate not only the 12:00 midnight to 6:00 am noise but noise throughout the day and evening, is to allow for the construction of a sound wall between the properties. At the September 5 meeting, the Appellant stated she would not build a sound wall at her own expense, and staff was again directed to investigate other options and hold further discussions with the parties involved.

Please find attached to this report, as **Exhibit A**, the brief September 5<sup>th</sup> staff report; and as **Exhibit B** the July 11, 2012 detailed staff report to Town Council - with relevant attachments from that report.

## **DISCUSSION**

Soon after the September 5<sup>th</sup> 2012 appeal hearing before Town Council, staff met with the Owner, who agreed to pay for the construction of a sound wall between the properties at the same height and outline of the existing wood fence (which they had earlier constructed as a condition of approval for the all-night operations) and the Appellant's "lattice" fence on the adjoining property line.

Staff recommends that the Council, based on the evidence presented at the public hearings, deny the appeal but add a condition of approval to the 7-11 use permit modification requiring that Owner shall, at its expense, provide a six foot sound wall on the adjoining property line from the

sidewalk to the front face line of the residence, jumping to eight feet on the south side property line as outlined by the existing “lattice” fence on the property line (from the face of the residence toward the back property line); the final design of which will be subject to Planning & Building staff approval and which shall be installed within six (6) months.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. Open the public hearing and take public testimony.
2. Close the public hearing.
3. Move to deny the appeal, uphold the decision of the Planning Commission modifying the use permit, and add the condition that Owner construct the sound wall as described above.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Exhibit A – September 5, 2012 Staff Report
- Exhibit B – July 11, 2012 Town Council Staff Report with attachments
- Exhibit C – Minutes from the July 11<sup>th</sup> Town Council Meeting
- Exhibit D – Petition provided to Town Council and staff on September 5, 2012 .....

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
STAFF REPORT**

**Department of Planning and Building Services**

**TO:** Fairfax Town Council  
**DATE:** September 5, 2012  
**FROM:** Jim Moore, Director of Planning & Building Services  
**LOCATION:** 150 Bolinas Road; Assessor's Parcel No. 002-101-13  
**PROJECT:** Changing 7-11's hours to remain open 24 hours per day  
**ACTION:** Appeal of Use Permit Approval; Application # 79-UP-33  
**APPELLANT:** Misty Moreno  
**OWNER:** Richard N. Matthews Trust



**150 BOLINAS ROAD**

## **BACKGROUND**

A Use Permit to allow the 7-11 business to stay open twenty-four (24) hours a day was reviewed and discussed by the Planning Commission on four (4) occasions with only one family, the immediate neighbors at 9 Park Road, appearing to speak against the proposal. Numerous conditions on the business were put in place to minimize impacts of the business having the extended hours on the neighbor at 9 Park Road. Since the granting of the Use Permit, the Police have indicated that the extended hours have not led to any increase in incidents in the area directly related to the business' remaining open all night.

On July 11, 2012 the Town Council heard this appeal and directed staff to investigate if any additional recommendations could be made to mitigate the situation for the appellant. Please find attached to this report, as **Exhibit A**, the July 11, 2012 detailed staff report to Town Council (with relevant attachments from that report).

Please note: The Park Road neighborhood is an area with lots of activity, some of which occurs late into the night - being located near the Fire and Police Stations, the Youth Center, Peri Park and the Women's Club.

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## **DISCUSSION**

Soon after the July 11, 2012 appeal hearing before Town Council staff visited the site, had an informal conversation with the appellant, and has concluded that the only way to eliminate not only the 12:00 midnight to 6:00 am noise – but noise throughout the day and evening, is to allow for the construction a sound wall around the front and south side of 9 Park Road.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Open the public hearing and take public testimony.
2. Close the public hearing.
3. Move to uphold the decision of the Planning Commission: and grant the appellant a fence height variance for a six foot sound wall on the front property lines from the face of the residence forward, jumping to eight feet on the south side property line from the face of the residence to the back property line; the final design of which will be subject to Planning & Building staff approval.

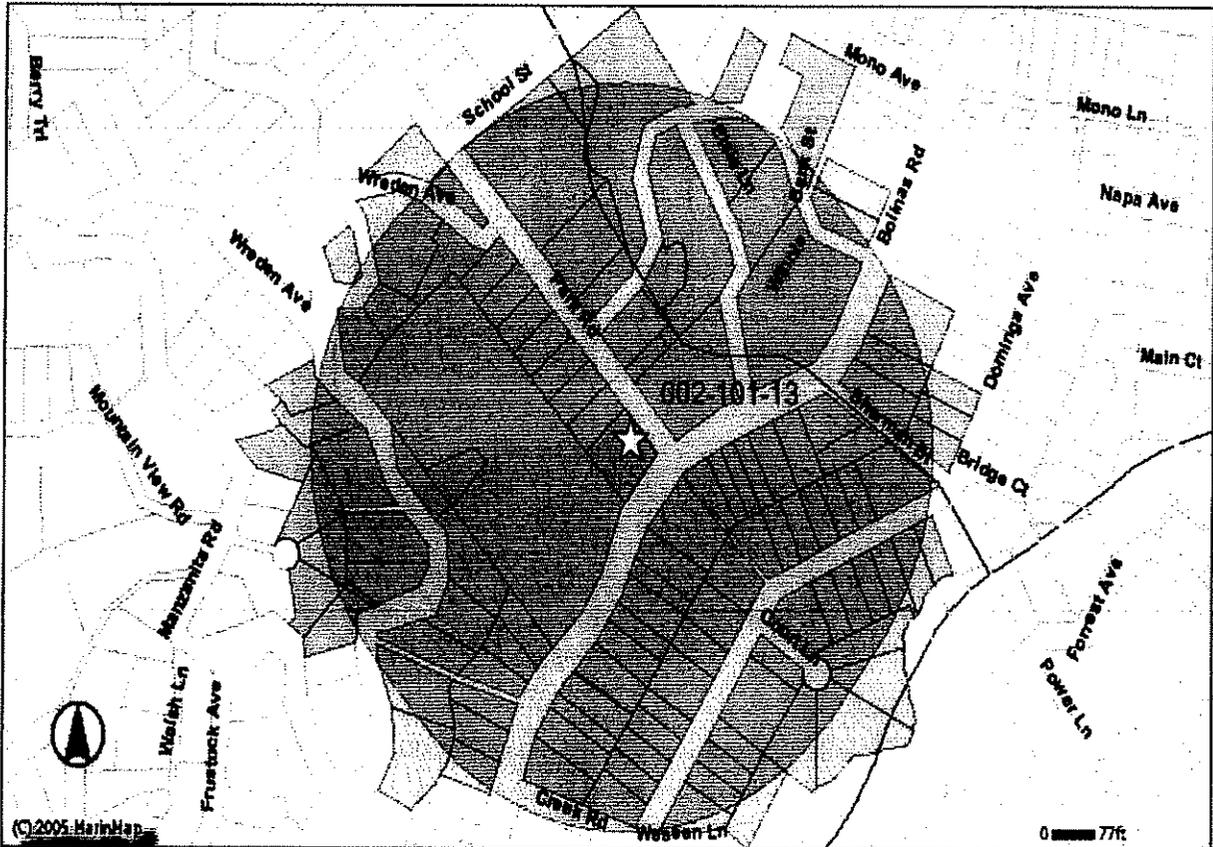
## **ATTACHMENTS**

- Exhibit A – July 11, 2012 Town Council Staff Report with attachments.  
Exhibit B – Minutes from the July 11, 2012 Town Council meeting.

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
STAFF REPORT**

**Department of Planning and Building Services**

**TO:** Fairfax Town Council  
**DATE:** July 11, 2012  
**FROM:** Linda Neal, Senior Planner  
**LOCATION:** 150 Bolinas Road; Assessor's Parcel No. 002-101-13  
**PROJECT:** Changing 7-11's hours to remain open 24 hours per day  
**ACTION:** Use Permit Review; Application # 79-UP-33  
**APPLICANT:** Rajiv Uppal  
**OWNER:** Richard N. Matthews Trust  
**CEQA STATUS:** Categorically exempt, § 15301



**150 BOLINAS ROAD**

## BACKGROUND

On April 21, 2011 the Planning Commission held the original public hearing to review 7-11's request to modify their Use Permit to stay open twenty four (24) hours a day. After taking public testimony from the neighbors at 9 Park Road, the Commission continued the matter for one month to obtain a report from the Police Department on the number of complaints/incidents that had occurred in the 7-11 parking lot between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 AM during the prior 6 months of the year. They also suggested that the applicants come up with a plan to minimize the possibility of incidents occurring during the new hours.

On May 19, 2011 the Commission again discussed the proposal with the following new information:

(1) The applicants proposed implementing mitigation measures to minimize incidents in the parking lot that included; a) installation of cameras to provide surveillance of the parking lot with the monitor at the cashier counter; b) closing off the two parking spaces immediately adjacent to 9 Park Road from 9:00 PM to 6:00 AM so no vehicles can enter the area; and, c) rescheduling deliveries that used to come Monday night at 11:30 PM to come on Tuesday mornings.

(2) The Police Department reported that 9 calls were received in the last year relating to noise complaints from the 7-11 parking lot (See **Exhibit B - # 1**, Report from Sergeant Stuart Baker).

After again hearing only testimony from the immediate neighbors at 9 Park Road against the requested modification, the Commission approved the project subject to a six (6) month review to assess the impacts of the store remaining open 24 hours (**Exhibit C #2** – minutes from the May 19, 2011 meeting).

The approval was subject to the following conditions:

1. The Use Permit for the extended hours shall be reviewed at the November 17, 2011 Commission meeting. Information provided will include a report from the Fairfax Police Department documenting any incidents related to the operation of 7-11.
2. No alcohol shall be sold after midnight.
3. Deliveries shall occur during the day.
4. Some type of native water conserving landscaping treatment shall be installed and be maintained in the planter at the southeast corner of the parking lot. The applicant shall provide a landscaping bond to the Town or evidence that they have entered into a contract with a landscaping company for at least one year until the landscape material becomes established.
5. The landscaping at the corner shall be maintained at a height not to exceed 36 inches to ensure that visibility at the corner of Park Road and Bolinas Road is not obstructed.

6. The parking spaces immediately adjacent to 9 Park Road shall be chained off at 9 PM.
7. The side of the parking lot not visible to the employees shall be monitored by camera.
8. The applicant shall continue to comply with all the requirements of the Fairfax Fire Code.

The Planning Commission held the six (6) month review hearing on November 17, 2011, again taking testimony from the neighbors at 9 Park Lane and obtaining a report of police incidents from the Fairfax Police Department (Exhibit B #2– report from Chief Morin). Although there was not an increase in noise or other disturbance incidents that could be directly attributable to 7-11's expanded hours, the Commissioners scheduled another six (6) month review for May 19, 2012 (Exhibit C #3, minutes from the November 17, 2011 meeting). They also added the following additional conditions to their May 19, 2011 Use Permit approval as follows:

1. The applicant shall re-post the, "No Alcohol Sold After Midnight or Before 6 AM" sign inside the store
2. A sign shall be erected outside the front of the store that reads, "Idling of Vehicle Engines Prohibited".
3. The applicant shall erect a public posting board where public notices can be posted.

At the third public hearing on the matter, that included a report from Chief Chris Morin (included in Exhibit B as item # 4), the Planning Commission granted final approval of the Use Permit Modification to allow 7-11 Convenience store to remain open 24 hours on May 17, 2012 subject to the original May 19, 2011 conditions, the subsequent November 17, 2011, conditions and following new, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 conditions (Exhibit C #4 – minutes from the 5/19/12 meeting). Which include:

1. The applicants shall construct a solid fence between the side of the building and the sidewalk, at a height and location to be reviewed and approved by the Planning Department, to screen 9 Park Road from the headlights of vehicles parking and accessing the 7-11 parking lot at night. Any additional fence height deemed necessary by the Planning Department to serve the role of the fence as a separation between the commercially zoned and residentially zoned sites is approved.
2. A second no idling sign, in addition to the one posted on the front of the building, shall be posted on the northeastern side of the structure.
3. The landscaping beds along the northern side of the parking lot, adjacent to 9 Park Road, shall be landscaped and irrigated with native, drought tolerant plants. These beds are subject to the same maintenance requirements/bond requirement described in condition number 11 below.
4. A no parking sign shall be erected indicating that parking parallel to the chain blocking off the two parking spaces that are chained off between 12 midnight and 6 am, is prohibited.
5. Additional lighting shall be placed on the new fence directed towards the northwestern

corner of the property where people tend to urinate. The lights shall be shaded and directed away from 9 Park Road.

## **APPEAL**

The appellant, owner of 9 Park Road, has appealed the Planning Commission's approval of the Use Permit and her reasons for appealing the decision are contained in **Exhibit A**.

Please Note: **Exhibit D** includes signatures of persons in favor of 7-11's Use Permit Modification.

## **DISCUSSION**

7-11 is located across the street from the Ross Valley Fire Department Fairfax Station House 21 and the Fairfax Police Department. It also is located on the west side of Bolinas Road, one of the more heavily trafficked thoroughfares in Town. Sherwood Oak, one of the larger apartment complexes in Town, is located immediately to the south and west.

The Use Permit to allow the business to stay open twenty-four (24) hours has been reviewed/discussed by the Commission four (4) times now with only one family, the immediate neighbors at 9 Park Road, appearing to speak against the proposal. Numerous conditions have been put in place to minimize impacts of the business having the extended hours on the neighbor.

The Police have indicated that the extended hours have not led to any increase in incidents in the area directly related to the business' remaining open all night. The Park Road neighborhood is an area with activity that occurs late into the night - being located near the Fire and Police Stations and with a lot of foot traffic around two (2) AM when the bars close down.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Open the public hearing and take public testimony.
2. Close the public hearing.
3. Move to uphold the decision of the Planning Commission and approve the requested Use Permit modification to allow 7-11 to remain open 24 hours a day subject to the Commissions conditions of approval.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Exhibit A – Appellant's appeal application

Exhibit B – Reports from the Fairfax Police Department

Exhibit C – Minutes from the 4/21/11, 5/19/11, 11/17/11 and 5/17/12 Planning Commission meetings

Exhibit D – Signature list of persons in favor of the requested Use Permit Modification

Exhibit E - Business owner's supplemental information



# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

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TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## NOTICE OF APPEAL

MAY 24 2012

### FOR STAFF USE

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Date: 5/24/12 Fee: \$ 500.00  
Appl.# \_\_\_\_\_  
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Action: \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of the appeal procedure is to provide recourse in case it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement, permit, decision or determination by any administrative official, advisory body or commission in the administration or enforcement of the City Ordinances. Any person aggrieved by the action of any administrative official, advisory board or commission in the administration or enforcement of any ordinance in the Town Code may make verified application to the Town Clerk in the manner prescribed by the Town Council within ten (10) days of action that is appealed.

**FEE:** Fees are set by resolution of the Town Council. See fee schedule for current application fees.

### PLEASE PRINT

Appellant's name Misty Moreno

Mailing address 9 Park Rd/Fairfax Zip: 94930 Day phone 415-6927

Property Address: same

I appeal the decision of: (list board, commission, or department and decision, for example: Planning Commission denial of variance) application # \_\_\_\_\_

Planning Commission - for approving 7-11 to open 24hrs.

The following are my reasons for appeal:

I feel that this decision is denying my rights to have a peaceful home life, to sleep w/ my back window open, and still sleep thru the night - to rise early, refreshed & ready for work.

hereby declare that I have read the foregoing Notice of Appeal and know the contents thereof. I further declare under penalty of perjury that the information supplied by me is true and correct.

Executed this 24 day of May, 2012

SIGNATURE OF APPELLANT: Misty Moreno

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Linda Neal

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**From:** Stuart Baker  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 30, 2011 10:04 AM  
**To:** Linda Neal  
**Subject:** Calls for service - 150 Bolinas Rd  
**Attachments:** 7-11 Calls for service.xls

Linda,

Per our recent discussion, I have carefully compiled a list of calls for service related to the 7-11 at 150 Bolinas Rd. I have filtered the calls down to noise or other "quality of life" complaints which we have received within the past 12 months between the hours of 10pm and 6am. I was only able to find 10 calls and I exported them to a spreadsheet for your review. On the far right column, I added a "Notes" section where I gave a very brief description of what the issue was. Please feel free to share this information as it is subject to public records review and let me know if you need anything further.

Stuart

*Sergeant Stuart Baker*  
*Fairfax Police Department*  
*144 Bolinas Rd*  
*Fairfax, CA 94930*  
*(415) 453-5330*  
*(415)457-8769 fax*  
[www.fairfaxpd.org](http://www.fairfaxpd.org)

100718010	NOISE	7/18/2010	02:26:38	150 BOLINAS RD	Loud subjects
100718033	NOISE	7/18/2010	23:36:48	150 BOLINAS RD	Loud subjects
100719037	NOISE	7/19/2010	22:43:52	150 BOLINAS RD	Loud Vehicle
100727039	NOISE	7/27/2010	22:42:56	150 BOLINAS RD	Loud subjects
100815006	NOISE	8/15/2010	02:20:10	150 BOLINAS RD	Loud subjects
101127001	NOISE	11/27/2010	00:11:49	150 BOLINAS RD	Loud subjects - left in vehicles 1-2 minutes later
110116003	NOISE	1/16/2011	01:01:12	150 BOLINAS RD	Loud Vehicle
110123001	NOISE	1/23/2011	00:01:10	150 BOLINAS RD	Loud subjects
110402002	NOISE	4/2/2011	00:22:15	150 BOLINAS RD	Loud subjects

**Linda Neal**

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**From:** Chris Morin  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2011 4:23 PM  
**To:** Linda Neal  
**Cc:** Jim Moore  
**Subject:** RE: 7-11  
**Attachments:** 150 Bolinas.xls; 150 Bolinas filtered.xls

Linda,  
I have attached two data sheets.

One lists all activity at the 7-11 location over the past 12 month period showing 87 incidents. The second is the first list filtered down to only include "disturbance" type activity at the same location showing 37 incidents. At the bottom of the last page of each sheet I have listed what the call codes mean.

This may give the planning commission a good snapshot of activity, however a more detailed view of the actual 37 "disturbance" type calls would probably narrow that down even further as a number of them may have nothing to do with the 7-11 Store itself, but rather just the address was listed in some of those incidents.

There were no incidents associated with 9 Park Road during the same 12month period.

We can give a greater breakdown if needed.

Chris

**Christopher Morin**  
**Chief of Police**  
**Fairfax Police Department**  
**144 Bolinas Road**  
**Fairfax, CA 94930**  
**415.453.5330 415.457.8769 (fax)**

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**From:** Linda Neal  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2011 3:21 PM  
**To:** Chris Morin  
**Cc:** Jim Moore  
**Subject:** 7-11

Chief Morin,

The Planning Commission has asked us to obtain, if possible, a list of incidents with police involvement occurring in and around the 7-11 parking lot and 9 Park Road for the last year. The owner of 9 Park Road told the Commission that she has a lot of trouble with people from 7-11 littering, loitering and making a lot of noise around her home. She feels that the extended hours will only increase her problems although most of the Commissioners seemed to think that having the store open all the time would decrease the problems. Is this information you can provide easily or will it be a real hassle?

Linda

**B #2**

FAIRFAX POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT ALL ACTIVITY  
7-11 Store, 150 Bolinas Road, April 24, 2010 thru April 24, 2011

Case No.	Code	Date	Time	Location	Officer
100502010	WRNTCRIM	5/2/2010	08:19:12	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100502011	415	5/2/2010	08:25:09	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100502020	THEFT	5/2/2010	15:03:03	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100506033	1182	5/6/2010	21:44:03	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100513002	107T	5/13/2010	00:20:10	150 BOLINAS RD	
100517014	647F	5/17/2010	17:48:31	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100526029	107T	5/26/2010	23:21:30	150 BOLINAS RD	
100529032	MED	5/29/2010	16:50:52	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100531026	107T	5/31/2010	20:11:01	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100604033	415	6/4/2010	18:44:14	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100604042	NOISE	6/4/2010	21:39:17	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100609011	12500	6/9/2010	09:37:40	150 BOLINAS RD	
100612030	WITHSUBS	6/12/2010	14:38:02	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100612040	415	6/12/2010	17:16:13	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100612068	107T	6/12/2010	22:38:48	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100613011	647F	6/13/2010	02:24:39	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100619038	415	6/19/2010	19:49:14	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100625021	AOA	6/25/2010	18:27:55	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100627001	107T	6/27/2010	00:00:42	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100630018	JUVE	6/30/2010	21:35:32	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100704024	CITASST	7/4/2010	12:35:03	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100710040	NOISE	7/10/2010	17:19:52	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100716003	WITHSUBS	7/16/2010	02:16:56	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
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100727039	NOISE	7/27/2010	22:42:56	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100729043	DUI	7/29/2010	21:54:33	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100811013	FOUND	8/11/2010	12:40:37	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11

FAIRFAX POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT ALL ACTIVITY  
 7-11 Store, 150 Bolinas Road, April 24, 2010 thru April 24, 2011

100813034	911	8/13/2010	23:02:15	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100815006	NOISE	8/15/2010	02:20:10	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
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100901039	INFO	9/1/2010	22:12:36	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100904034	107T	9/4/2010	21:56:40	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
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101007010	107T	10/7/2010	08:44:23	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
101010031	UNWANTED	10/10/2010	18:19:51	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
101017031	WITHSUBS	10/17/2010	19:19:42	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
101025013	1062	10/25/2010	11:37:17	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
101025026	TRAFFIC	10/25/2010	18:11:00	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
101026007	107T	10/26/2010	03:04:35	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
101104013	1124	11/4/2010	09:41:12	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
101117045	WITHSUBS	11/17/2010	22:37:43	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
101127001	NOISE	11/27/2010	00:11:49	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
101129023	107T	11/29/2010	21:48:48	150 BOLINAS RD	
101208018	107T	12/8/2010	13:46:46	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
101211029	107T	12/11/2010	23:10:16	150 BOLINAS RD	
101224007	107T	12/24/2010	10:50:50	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
101224016	1062	12/24/2010	13:18:28	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
101226014	1062	12/26/2010	13:24:30	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110111026	WITHSUBS	1/11/2011	19:43:55	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110115023	107T	1/15/2011	22:47:43	150 BOLINAS RD	
110116003	NOISE	1/15/2011	01:01:12	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110121047	107T	1/21/2011	23:19:34	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110123001	NOISE	1/23/2011	00:01:10	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110123002	WITHSUBS	1/23/2011	01:03:59	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11

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**7-11 Store, 150 Bollnas Road, April 24, 2010 thru April 24, 2011**

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110131026	WITHSUBS	1/31/2011	19:50:22	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110202013	107T	2/2/2011	14:10:02	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110213001	107T	2/13/2011	00:30:45	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110213025	107T	2/13/2011	20:23:49	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110216030	647F	2/16/2011	21:41:11	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
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110306003	647F	3/6/2011	01:32:03	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
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110312044	WITHSUBS	3/12/2011	22:54:31	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110317029	SUSPCIRC	3/17/2011	18:57:38	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110320025	107T	3/20/2011	09:51:46	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110324034	1091	3/24/2011	21:38:48	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110327012	12500	3/27/2011	13:01:26	150 BOLINAS RD	
110329016	CITASST	3/29/2011	14:19:59	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110330026	1091	3/30/2011	17:53:11	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110402002	NOISE	4/2/2011	00:22:15	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110410021	107T	4/10/2011	18:18:45	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110414002	THEFT	4/14/2011	02:11:51	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110419005	1124	4/19/2011	04:53:51	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110423014	107T	4/23/2011	12:27:36	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110423015	415	4/23/2011	12:59:46	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11

415 - Disturbance

647F-Drunk Person

WITH SUBJ- Checkin on susp person

JUVE - Juvenile Issue

NOISE- Noise Complaint

911 - 911 call from location

107T - Officer Generated Car Stop

1091- Animal Complaint

12500 Officer Generated Car Stop

WRNTCRIM - Warrant Arrest

1124 - Abandoned Vehicle

Theft - Theft

WITHSUBS- Checkin on susp person

SUSPCIRC- Susp Circumstance

1062 - Meet with Citizen

AOA- Assist Other Agency

FAIRFAX POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT NOISE OR OTHER DISTURBANCE TYPE ACTIVITY  
 7-11 Store, 150 Bolinas Road April 24, 2010 thru April 24, 2011

100502011	415	5/2/2010	08:25:09	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100502020	THEFT	5/2/2010	15:03:03	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100517014	647F	5/17/2010	17:48:31	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100604033	415	6/4/2010	18:44:14	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100604042	NOISE	6/4/2010	21:39:17	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100612030	WITHSUBS	6/12/2010	14:38:02	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100612040	415	6/12/2010	17:16:13	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100613011	647F	6/13/2010	02:24:39	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100619038	415	6/19/2010	19:49:14	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100630018	JUVE	6/30/2010	21:35:32	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100710040	NOISE	7/10/2010	17:19:52	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100716003	WITHSUBS	7/16/2010	02:16:56	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100716007	NOISE	7/16/2010	07:04:20	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100718010	NOISE	7/18/2010	02:26:38	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100718033	NOISE	7/18/2010	23:36:48	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100719037	NOISE	7/19/2010	22:43:52	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100721037	JUVE	7/21/2010	18:18:36	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100727039	NOISE	7/27/2010	22:42:56	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100813034	911	8/13/2010	23:02:15	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100815006	NOISE	8/15/2010	02:20:10	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100827019	911	8/27/2010	16:50:10	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
100912024	XPAT	9/12/2010	16:16:37	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
101117045	WITHSUBS	11/17/2010	22:37:43	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110111026	WITHSUBS	1/11/2011	19:43:55	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110123002	WITHSUBS	1/23/2011	01:03:59	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110123010	WITHSUBS	1/23/2011	06:38:02	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110131026	WITHSUBS	1/31/2011	19:50:22	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110216030	647F	2/16/2011	21:41:11	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110306003	647F	3/6/2011	01:32:03	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110311009	WITHSUBS	3/11/2011	10:41:57	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110311027	WITHSUBS	3/11/2011	22:22:47	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11

FAIRFAX POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT NOISE OR OTHER DISTURBANCE TYPE ACTIVITY  
7-11 Store, 150 Bolinas Road April 24, 2010 thru April 24, 2011

110312044	WTHSUBS	3/12/2011	22:54:31	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110317029	SUSPCIRC	3/17/2011	18:57:38	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110402002	NOISE	4/2/2011	00:22:15	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110414002	THEFT	4/14/2011	02:11:51	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11
110423015	415	4/23/2011	12:59:46	150 BOLINAS RD	7-11

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**Linda Neal**

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**From:** Chris Morin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 01, 2011 9:46 AM  
**To:** Jim Moore  
**Cc:** Linda Neal  
**Subject:** RE: Review of 7-11 Use Permit

Jim

Although I always try to avoid meetings If needed I could attend the 11/17 meeting (but if they didn't ask don't offer!!!!!!)

Having said that, checking our records from May 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:01am to date (as it is not 11/9 yet) there are only 3 incidents that are directly related to the store.

05/28/11 12:01am Juveniles gathered in parking lot. Officers arrived within 1 minute and did not locate them

10/15/11 02:12am 8-12 people yelling. Officers arrived within 2 minutes and did not locate anyone

10/16/11 01:52am Loud talking. Officers arrived, subjects contacted and agreed to move along.

I will check again on 11/10 for any additional incidents.

Note: There are a total of 14 incidents that are connected to the address in my CAD system. However other than the three listed above the remaining 11 incidents were not a result of the store being open, but rather an address used in the CAD system or an officer following and pulling over cars at that location.

Let me know if this information in this format will suffice with an update on 11/10/11

Chris

Christopher Morin  
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**From:** Jim Moore  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 01, 2011 9:20 AM  
**To:** Chris Morin  
**Subject:** FW: Review of 7-11 Use Permit

Hi Chris,

**B#3**

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
STAFF REPORT**

**To: Planning Commission**  
**From: Christopher Morin, Chief of Police**  
**Date: May 17, 2011**  
**Subject: Incidents In and around the 7 – Eleven Store, 150 Bolinas Road (Use Permit Review)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Planning Commission should review the following statistics and information, and then make a decision regarding the 24 hour use permit.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Planning Commission meeting on November 17, 2011, it was requested that the Fairfax Police Department compile statistics related to the 7-Eleven store at 150 Bolinas Road, and any related activity along Park Road. The parameters are as follows:

- 1) Activity for the twelve months before the Use Permit was approved on May 19, 2011.
- 2) Activity for the twelve months after June 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.
- 3) A report on how this area is policed.

This was a complicated and detailed request that took over ten hours of staff time to complete. The data is much too complicated to outline in detail in a staff report, and involves well over 1000 pages of data to print, compile and explain. Therefore the below data is a "snapshot" of information. The Police Chief is present to explain the details of the outlined data.

**DISCUSSION**

It should be noted that in the commission's first request, they requested data for the 12-month period starting after June 1, 2011. That cannot be accomplished because the May meeting is two months prior to the end of the requested 12-month period. Therefore in order to prepare and have this data ready, a cut-off date of May 1, 2012 was used. That data follows:

**12 month period, May 19, 2010 thru May 19, 2011:**

There were 573 total incidents logged by the police department along Park Road, including 150 Bolinas Road (The 7-Eleven Store). Those incidents are broken down as follows:

16 total incidents at 150 Bolinas Road broken down as:

- 6 noise complaints by citizens.
- 10 officer initiated activities not logged as noise or disturbance issues.

561 total incidents along Park Road broken down as:

**YOUTH CENTER**

- 268 officer initiated building/security checks of the Youth Center
- 2 officer initiated checks of occupied vehicles near the Youth Center.

**B #4**

**WOMEN'S CLUB**

- 265 officer initiated building/security checks of the Women's Club
- 1 citizen report of an intoxicated person near Women's Club (not located)
- 1 citizen request for advice at the Women's Club

**PERI PARK**

- 19 officer initiated security checks at Peri Park
- 1 citizen report of people arguing in the park
- 4 officer initiated contacts of people in the park after dark

**10 month period, June 1, 2011 thru May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012:**

There were 569 total incidents logged by the police department along Park Road, including 150 Bolinas Road (The 7-Eleven Store). Those incidents are broken down as follows:

20 total incidents at 150 Bolinas Road broken down as:

- 2 noise complaints by citizens
- 15 officer initiated activities not logged as noise or disturbance issues
- 3 officer initiated contacts or stops that were tagged at this address but are not related at all

549 total incidents along Park Road broken down as:

**YOUTH CENTER**

- 260 officer initiated building/security checks of the Youth Center
- 2 citizen reports of noise near the Youth Center
- 1 officer initiated contact
- 1 officer initiated public intoxication arrest

**WOMEN'S CLUB**

- 258 officer initiated building/security checks of the Women's Club
- 1 citizen request for advice
- 1 officer initiated vehicle check (light left on in a car)
- 1 officer initiated traffic stop

**PERI PARK**

- 19 officer initiated security checks at Peri Park
- 5 officer initiated contacts with people in the park after dark

**ATTACHMENTS**

None

Lisa Hunt, Claus Circle, said that the Good Earth had been a great neighbor and that it would not be a good venue for a night club.

## CONSENT ITEMS

A Member of the public requested that the item concerning extending the open hours of a 7/11 store be removed to the regular agenda.

M/S, Hamilton/O'Neil, Motion to remove 150 Bolinas Road, Application # 79 UP-33, to the Regular Agenda

Ayes: All

1. 150 Bolinas Road; Application # 79-UP-33; Request for a modification of a previously approved Use Permit to allow the existing 7-11 convenience store to remain open 24 hours; Assessor's Parcel No. 002-101-13; Highway Commercial CH Zone District; Richard M. Matthews Trust, owner; Rajiv Uppal, applicant; CEQA categorically exempt, §15301.

Senior Planner Neal presented the staff report, when she noted that the request for extended hours had been circulated amongst the agencies who would be concerned. Ms. Neal said that the Police Department had not expressed concern, and she discussed ways of mitigating potential impacts. Ms. Neal said that staff supported the request for reasons in the staff report.

In response to Vice-Chair Hamilton, Ms. Neal said that a violation of the Noise Ordinance could trigger revocation of a Use Permit.

In response to Commissioner Lacques, Ms. Neal said that she had not researched noise problems or criminal activity related to another 7/11 store that was based in the County.

Applicant's representative, Sammy, who said that he worked at the store for 10 hours a day, said that they would ensure there would be no shouting. He said there were cameras that monitored people and that they would call the Police if there were any problems. Sammy said that people wanted supplies during the night, which they could provide and that there appeared to be few people against extending their hours compared to the number who were noticed.

In response to Commissioner Lacques, Sammy said he could not quantify the amount of potential night business. Sammy said that he would be willing to curtail the sale of alcohol at midnight.

Commissioner O'Neill noted that the sale of alcohol was prohibited after 2 a.m. by State law.

In response to Chair Ketcham, a 7/11 representative estimated that the store could expect 15 – 20 customers during nighttime hours based on the number of people who visited their stores at night in Mill Valley.

Chair Ketcham opened the public comment period.

Misty Moreno, 9 Park Road, discussed noise disturbance in the vicinity of the store, and said that she did not support extended hours in a residential area.

Peter Mareno, 9 Park Road, noted that the store was on a busy corner where there was a lot of noise already without the store being allowed to operate all day and all night.

Chair Ketcham closed the public comment period.

In response to Commissioner O'Neil, Ms. Neal said that a Police Department report could be obtained that would identify the areas which particularly caused noise and litter. She noted that there was a public park nearby which could be responsible for some of the noise.

Commissioner Ramsay said that he was not inclined to support all night open hours because he had been woken at 2 a.m. due to noise when bars closed.

Vice-Chair Hamilton said that it was possible the noise issues were an existing problem, and she suggested that there might be a way of resolving the issues such as enhanced monitoring, car parking ticketing, etc., while being able to grant the permit.

Commissioner Lacques said that noise was an important consideration. He supported limiting the sale of liquor to before midnight, restricting parking in the parking lot and that if the Use Permit were granted, then it should be revisited in six months.

Commissioner LaMotte said that she was in favor of continuing the item for further discussion. She thought that there could be other aspects in the neighborhood that could be causing noise.

Commissioner Hall said that noise was part of the territory when people lived downtown, but that extended hours would exacerbate the problems. Furthermore, the store was in a residential area.

M/S, Hamilton/LaMotte, motion to continue Application # 79-UP-33, a request for a modification of a previously approved Use Permit to allow the existing 7-11 convenience store to remain open 24 hours at 150 Bolinas Road in order to obtain additional information from the Police Department with regard to noise disturbance and to discuss with the applicant conditions they would be amenable to adhering to in order to mitigate some of the noise and vagrancy problems.

Ayes: All

Town of Fairfax Planning Commission Minutes  
Fairfax Women's Club  
Thursday, May 19, 2011

**Call to Order/Roll Call:**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Morgan Hall  
Shelly Hamilton (Vice-Chair)  
Brannon Ketcham (Chair)  
Peter Lacques  
Shelby LaMotte  
Ryan O'Neil  
Peter Ramsay

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jim Moore, Planning Director  
Linda Neal, Senior Planner  
Joanne O'Hehir, Minutes-Secretary

Chair Ketcham called the meeting to order at 7.32 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

M/S, Lacques/Hamilton, Motion to approve the Agenda.

AYES: All

Commissioner LaMotte arrived at 7.33 p.m. and Vice-Chair Hamilton arrived at 7.34 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No-one from the public came forward to speak.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

1. 150 Bolinas Road; Application # 79-UP-33: Continued consideration of a request for a modification of a previously approved Use Permit to allow the existing 7-11 convenience store to remain open 24 hours; Assessor's Parcel No. 002-101-13; Highway Commercial CH Zone District; Richard M. Matthews Trust, owner; Rajiv Uppal, applicant; CEQA categorically exempt, § 15301.

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Senior Planner Neal presented the staff report. She discussed the incidents/complaints in the Police report that had occurred during the past year between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., which the commissioners had requested at the previous meeting. Ms. Neal also discussed additional security measures and the reasons staff were able to recommend approval of the modification to the Use Permit, which were contained in the staff report.

Commissioner Hall and Ms. Neal discussed the need for the original Use Permit. Ms. Neal noted that landscape maintenance was part of the agreement and that the store owners had recently made improvements.

Commissioner O'Neil and Ms. Neal discussed the Police call-outs and Ms. Neal noted that 10 call-outs in the past year were directly attributed by the Police Department to the 7/11 store.

Chair Ketcham and Ms. Neal discussed noise monitoring in relation to the Police Department.

Rajiv Uppal, applicant, discussed additional camera installation and noted that nighttime deliveries had been changed to daytime deliveries at the store. He said that they had chained off parking spaces nearest to the immediate neighbor between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Mr. Uppal and Commissioner Hall discussed the business and property ownership.

Commissioner Lacques discussed his liquor concerns with Mr. Uppal, who agreed that they would not sell liquor after midnight. Commissioner Lacques said he believed that approximately one noise complaint each month during late night hours was significant.

Chair Ketcham opened the public comment period.

Misty Moreno, Park Road, said that she appreciated the improvements but they are too little, too late. She discussed the reasons she did not support a franchise business and the problems with trash. She said she did not support all night open hours. She discussed a list of incidents she presented to the commissioners.

Ms. Neal noted that the site had been a convenience store since the 1970s and that it was in the Highway Commercial zone, which allowed formula stores.

Peter Parish, Murial Place, noted that disruptions seemed to happen at night when no-one was present on the property and that 24 hour-opening would mean someone would be present.

Chair Ketcham closed the public comment period.

Vice-Chair Hamilton and Planning Director Moore discussed how a change in the zoning code could affect an established business.

Commissioner Lacques said there was another 24-hour convenience store in town and that this was not a suitable location for a store to remain open all night. He believed that it would affect the neighbors and be an incompatible use.

Commissioner Ramsay noted that the store had collected about 200 signatures in support of all-night open hours and that people worked at different hours and needed access to things at different hours. He noted that someone would be on the premises and said that he was not inclined to disrupt the business.

Commissioner Hall noted that most of the problems were generated at night and that he believed it would be worse in the early hours of the morning after the bars closed. He believed that midnight was long enough for the store to remain open and that he would not want the Town of Fairfax to be the kind of town which was open all night long. He did not support extended open hours.

Commissioner LaMotte said that it would not be fair to lay the problems of bars and activities in town on the store. She expressed her concern with the area being lit all night long, which she said encouraged energy and activity, and that she believed midnight was late enough for closing. She said she did not know whether six additional hours would outweigh the perceived or actual detriment that could be caused.

Commissioner O'Neil said that some neighbors would lose some of their quality of life with 24-hour opening, but that there were other residents who had nighttime needs. He believed that the applicant would be making a big concession not to sell alcohol after midnight and that the local community supported the store and would benefit by it, even if it was owned by a corporation.

Vice-Chair Hamilton noted that the store provided an amenity for some people, although she did not believe the community needed a large, well-lit street corner at night. However, she said that it was not known with true certainty how much the problems would worsen if the store hours were extended. She noted that the store had local patronage.

Chair Ketcham discussed the call-outs and he agreed with Vice-Chair Hamilton that that the extent of the possible problems caused by longer opening hours after the bars closed were not known. He noted that many of the locals signed the petition for longer open hours, although he said that he had not seen any demonstration that people would like a 24-hour town.

Vice-Chair Hamilton and Ms. Neal discussed revocation of a Use Permit. In response to Commissioner Lacques, Ms. Neal noted that both tenants and property owners had been notified of the application.

Commissioner Hall discussed his concerns that other businesses might request 24-hour opening.

M/S, Lacques/Hall, Motion to deny Application # 79-UP-33, continued consideration of a request for a modification of a previously approved Use Permit to allow the existing 7-11 convenience store to remain open 24 hours at 150 Bolinas Road.

A roll call was taken:

Ayes: LaMotte, Ketcham, Hamilton, Ramsay, O'Neil

No: Hall, Lacques

Discussion took place on adding further restrictions to the Use Permit.

M/S, O'Neil, Ramsay, Motion to approve Application # 79-UP-33, continued consideration of a request for a modification of a previously approved Use Permit to allow the existing 7-11 convenience store to remain open 24 hours at 150 Bolinas Road based on the findings and conditions in the staff report, with the following added conditions:

1. No alcohol shall be sold after midnight
2. Deliveries shall be made during daytime hours and not during nighttime hours
3. The Planning Commission shall review the Use Permit at the meeting in November and review Police Department reports that would include any incidents associated with the store.
4. Landscaping to be installed and maintained along with the site lines along Bolinas and Park.

A roll call was taken:

Ayes: LaMotte, Ketcham, Hamilton, Ramsay, O'Neil  
No: Hall, Lacques

Chair Ketcham read the appeal rights.

2. 40 Forrest Terrace: Application # 11-04: Request for a Use Permit to legalize an unpermitted expansion of a single-family residence and Variances of the minimum and combined Side Yard Setbacks to legalize an unpermitted deck; Assessor's Parcel No. 002-091-01; Residential Single-family RS 6 Zone; Harold Lezzeni, Architect; Julian and Martha Pearl, owners; CEQA categorically exempt, § 15301(e) and 15305(a).

Senior Planner Neal presented the staff report. She noted that the new owners were requesting a Use Permit to legalize a portion of the basement that had been converted to a bathroom and laundry room and the decks, which had been built up to the northern side property line. Ms. Neal also noted that significant excavation would not be necessary or the removal of vegetation. She discussed the applicant's need for discretionary permits for reasons in the staff report.

Ms. Neal said that staff could support the legalization of the living space in the basement because it would not result in the whole structure being out of proportion or character with other properties in the neighborhood. However, Ms. Neal noted that staff could not make findings to support the side setback variance for the decks for various reasons, which included a large, level front yard and a veranda that already provided outdoor useable space.

The applicant, Julian Pearl, said that they had not realized the decks were an issue when they bought the property. He said he had spoken to the neighbors who were directly affected and that they had no objections.

2. 150 Bolinas Road; Application # 79-UP-33; Six (6) month review of a Use Permit modification to allow 7-11 to remain open twenty-four (24) hours; Assessor's Parcel No. 002-101-13; Highway Commercial CH Zone District; Richard M. Matthews Trust, owner; Rajiv Uppal, applicant; CEQA categorically exempt, \$15301

Senior Planner Neal presented the staff report. She noted that staff had not received complaints that related to the store being open during the additional hours from 12 midnight through 6 a.m., although the Police Department reported that they had received two complaints which related to noise created by the store during those hours. They also reported that nine complaints had been generated during the same hours the previous six months when the store had been closed. Ms. Neal said that staff therefore recommended approval to allow the store to remain open for twenty-four hours a day, subject to the original conditions of approval.

In response to Commissioner O'Neil, Ms. Neal said that they had not been provided with the names of the complainants.

Commissioner Coley and Ms. Neal discussed the landscaping, which Ms. Neal noted had been maintained.

Chair Ketcham opened the public comment period and Commissioner O'Neil and the applicant, Mr. Uppal, discussed store sales between 12 midnight and 6 a.m. and the alcohol sales ban after midnight.

Commissioner Lacques and Mr. Uppal discussed the removal of the signs related to the banning of alcohol sales after midnight.

Ms. Neal and Commissioner Hall discussed the conditions relating to a Use Permit with regard to complaints. Ms. Neal said that if the conditions of approval were violated, the applicant's Use Permit could be withdrawn.

Misty Moreno, 9 Park Road, discussed the noise caused by people gathering in the parking lot outside the store well after midnight and other ways in which the quality of her life had been impeded by the store being open 24 hours a day.

In response to Chair Ketcham, Ms. Mareno said that they were disturbed by noise in the early hours of the morning. Previously, when the store had closed at midnight, they had been disturbed before that hour.

In response to Commissioner Lacques, Ms. Mareno said that the chaining off of the parking space closest to their home had been an improvement but that they were frequently awoken by music coming from cars in the summer.

In response to Chair Ketcham, Planning Director Moore said that they would have asked the Police Chief to be present had there been a request from the one of the commissioners. Staff had



not thought it necessary because the number of disturbances had been reduced according to the data provided by the Police Department.

Peter Mareno, 9 Park Road, said that he had made two single calls in one day. He discussed his complaints that related to people gathering at 2 a.m. in the morning after the bars had closed, in addition to the problems of noise caused by cars idling. He requested that the open hours be restricted.

Chair Ketcham closed the public comment period.

Commissioner Coler and Ms. Neal discussed the loitering problems in the parking lot brought up by Mr. Marino.

Ms. Neal discussed the call statistics provided by the Police Department with commissioners Lacques and O'Neil.

In response to Chair Ketcham, Planning Director Moore suggested that they might like to continue the item in order to request the presence of the Police Chief to discuss the noise issues and additional mitigating measures.

Commissioner O'Neil commented on the improvements made by the store's personnel but questioned the overall benefit to the community of extended hours of operation.

Commissioner Hall said that he believed the extended hours exacerbated the noise in the vicinity since people gathered in the parking lot. He noted that there had been fewer calls to the Police Department, but that certain neighbors felt the extended hours were a problem which affected their quality of life.

Commissioner Lacques noted that improvements had been made but he felt some negative effects might exist in a wider area which the Police Department had not been asked to comment upon. He said that the burden of the neighbors seemed to outweigh the benefits of the shop being open all night, which did not seem to do a lot of business between midnight and 6 a.m.

Commissioner Coler concurred with the previous commissioners' comments that there did not appear to be any great benefit gained by the shop remaining open all night. Given the concerns voiced by some of the neighbors, she said she would support a further review of the all night open hours in six months. Commissioner Coler said she would like the Police Department to comment on noise and car idling issues and whether or not it could be ascertained if more people gathered in the parking lot after the bars closed than had done previously when the store had closed at midnight. She said that she would also encourage the applicant to present some ideas to ameliorate the situation that seemed to be affecting the quality of life for some neighbors.

In response to Chair Ketcham, Ms. Neal said that Peri Park closed at dusk.

General discussion took place on the way forward. Commissioner Hall and Mr. Moore discussed the effects on the zoning for the property if the updated General Plan is adopted. Mr. Moore

noted that the store would have to meet different criteria if they made a new application for extended hours after the adoption.

While Commissioner Lacques said that he favored denying the extended open hours, Commissioners O'Neil and Coley believed that there appeared to be fewer problems than previously existed and that the application should not be denied solely on the complaints heard this evening. They supported a six month review with a request to obtain input from the Police Chief.

Following discussion, staff were requested to obtain data from the Police Department related to noise and use after midnight along Park Avenue near the park and youth center for the year that preceded the store's extended open hours. They also requested the same data for the past six months, since the store's extended open hours, and to monitor the next six months until the issue is again reviewed.

Mr. Moore said that he would try to get additional lighting added to the exterior of the youth center.

Discussion on mitigating conditions took place amongst Commissioners.

M/s, O'Neil/Coley, Motion to continue Application # 79-UP-33, a six-month review of a Use Permit modification to allow 7-11 to remain open twenty-four hours at 150 Bolinas Road for another period of six months with the following conditions:

1. That "No idling" and "No alcohol" signs be erected;
2. A community bulletin board be erected outside the store;
3. That the Police Department be asked to provide the information discussed relating to noise and use after midnight along Park Avenue and for the Police Chief to be present at the next meeting.

A roll call was taken:

Hall:	Aye
Lacques:	Aye
Ketcham:	Aye
Coler:	Aye
O'Neil:	Aye

The item passed unanimously and the Chair announced that staff should be consulted if anyone wished to appeal the decision.

Chair Ketcham announced a 3-minute break at 8.55 p.m. and Vice-Chair Hamilton joined the meeting.

AYES: All

Chair Hamilton read the appeal rights.

## **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

2. 150 Bolinas Road; Application # 79-UP-33: Continued review of an approved Use Permit modification to allow the existing 7-11 convenience store to remain open 24 hours; Assessor's Parcel No. 002-101-13; Highway Commercial CH Zone District; Richard Mathews Trust, owner; Rajiv Uppal, applicant; CEQA categorically exempt, § 15301.

Senior Planner Neal presented the staff report. Ms. Neal provided background information on the previous two hearings, and she noted that the applicant had complied with the original conditions of approval, and also the three subsequent conditions of approval. For those reasons, Ms. Neal said that staff could recommend approval of the modification to the use Permit with the conditions laid out in the staff report.

Police Chief Christopher Morin presented his report. He noted that he had provided the data requested by the Commissioners at the previous meeting, which included information that related to activity attributable to the 7/11 store and along Park Road, from midnight to 6 a.m., during the year before the extended opening hours and the year afterwards. Chief Moran discussed the types of complaints and he noted that they were not necessarily attributable to the store.

Police Chief Morin and Commissioner Coler discussed the number of incidents that occurred at 150 Bolinas Road both before and after the store's extended hours. Chief Morin said that he did not believe there was a significant difference between the 16 incidents that occurred prior to the extended opening hours and the 20 that occurred afterwards. He noted that some of the incidents were contacts between the Police and members of the public, where no wrong had taken place. However, he said that all contacts with the public and all incidents were logged.

In response to Chair Ketcham, Chief Morin said he believed that the number of incidents related to the store had remained virtually the same as those that had taken place a year prior to the extended store opening hours.

Commissioner Hall arrived at 7.30 p.m.

Chief Morin and the commissioners discussed noise complaints, when Chief Morin noted that they received many more complaints from other establishments downtown.

Applicant, Rajiv Uppal, noted they had complied with all the conditions and would continue to do so. He discussed some supplemental materials he had provided to the commissioners in support of his application.

Chair Hamilton opened the public comment period.

Misty Moreno, 9 Park Road, discussed landscaping on the Park Road side, which she said had not been maintained. Ms. Marino discussed noise issues and the problems of members of the public urinating on their side of the fence. Ms. Marino asked the Commissioners to rescind the modified Use Permit.

Chair Hamilton closed the public comment period.

Commissioner Kehrlein suggested that a solid fence between Ms. Marino's property and the store's property be erected to mitigate some of the issues raised.

Commissioner Coler noted that landscaping along Park Road had not been discussed and suggested that the store should maintain that side of the property. She agreed with the idea of a fence and suggested that a "no parking" sign be placed on the front of the store building.

Commissioners Ketcham, Lacques and Hall were in agreement to a fence being erected as an additional condition of approval. Commissioner Hall noted that there seemed to be support for the extended opening hours, with opposition from just one source.

Chair Hamilton noted that there had not been a significant increase in incidents, noise, and loitering due to the extended opening hours and that she could therefore support the application, along with the additional condition that a fence be erected between Ms. Moran's side and 150 Bolinas Road.

Commissioner Lacques said that the statistics had not seemed to have materially changed since the extended opening hours and that he would support the application.

M/s, Coler/Hall, Motion to approve Application # 79-UP-33, the continued review of an approved Use Permit modification to allow the existing 7-11 convenience store to remain open 24 hours at 150 Bolinas Road, with the conditions adopted at the previous two hearings and the following additional conditions:

1. That a solid fence be erected between 150 Bolinas Road and 9 Park Road, the height to be determined by staff, with special dispensation to exceed the height limit, if necessary, to mitigate car head lamp problems specific to 9 Park Road.
2. Landscaping treatment shall be installed in the established planting beds on Park Road and the .....removed on the south east corner and replaced with planting beds.
3. A "No parking" and "No idling" sign shall be attached to the building adjacent to the two spaces that are chained off after 9 p.m.

A roll call took place:

Kehrlein: Aye  
Coler: Aye  
Ketcham: Aye

Hamilton: Aye  
Lacques: Aye  
Hall: Aye

The motion passed unanimously and Chair Hamilton read the appeal rights.

3. 6 School Street Plaza, Suites 100 and 110; Application # 12-09, Request for a Use Permit to operate a spa that provides sensory deprivation tank treatments Assessor's Parcel No. 002-112-13; Limited Commercial CL Zone District; Fred Ezazi, Ezazi and Associates, owner; Kimberly Palczynski, applicant; CEQA categorically exempt, 15301(a).

Senior Planner Neal presented the staff report. She noted that the ordinance that governed spas and hot tubs had not been updated since the 1970s, and that regulations for sensory deprivation tanks did not seem to exist in the United States. However, Ms. Neal noted that they were regulated in Canada and that guidelines had been provided from the Alberta Health Department.

Ms. Neal said that the Assistant Town Attorney had suggested the conditions of approval be made specific to this particular use.

Ms. Neal and Commissioners Lacques and Coler discussed water disposal, which Ms. Neal noted would be drained into the sewer system.

Kimberly Palczynski, applicant, discussed the chemicals that would be used in the tanks, which she said would not be hazardous.

In response to Commissioner Hall, Mr. Ezazi, property owner, said that the tanks would be laid on concrete slab.

Ms. Palczynski and Commissioner Lacques discussed the materials that she intended adding to the water in the tanks, and she confirmed she would not be proposing to use chlorine.

Ms. Palczynski and Commissioner Coler discussed the operational requirements that were included with the materials provided to the Commissioners, the purification chemicals she proposed using and various sanitary issues.

General discussion between the commissioners and Ms. Neal ensued regarding the regulation of sensory deprivation tanks. Ms. Neal noted that County health standards did not exist.

A discussion took place on the proposed materials that were anticipated being used in the tanks. Commissioner Hall noted that the Planning Commission governed land use and should not get involved in specifying the kinds of chemicals and materials the tanks would use.

The applicant discussed the use of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (hydrogen peroxide) and the cleaning process.



**Petition to Expand Hours of Operation at 7-Eleven, 150 Bolinas Rd., Fairfax to 24 Hours**

TOWN OF FAIRFAX

Details of Lead Petitioner:

Name: Sammy  
 Address: 200 Bolinas Rd, Apartment #4, Fairfax Ca 94930  
 Phone: 415-457-2282

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Signature of Lead Petitioner: Sammy

Name	Address	Number of Signatures	Signature
Greg Steptoe	200 Bolinas #49 (415) - 233 - 0722	2	Greg Steptoe
Michael McCarty	38 Wreden Ave (415) - 425 - 8891	4	Michael McCarty
Mark Harms	110 SCENTIC	1	Mark Harms
Paul PT	93 M... ..	1	Michael Petersen
Rebecca Burkha	52 PARK RD 415 320 3882	1	Rebecca Burkha
Mike Lazz	10 CANYON	4	Mike Lazz
RACHEL STOVER	44 1/2 CREEK RD.	2	Rachel Stover
Cherise Madden	PO BOX 76, POB 3079054	2	Cherise Madden
Sammy	21 Willbore S... ..	5	Sammy
John Ch... ..	111 Sun... ..	1	John Ch...
Wild Fruit	PO BOX 457-7746 847	5	Wild Fruit
Linda Howard	2515 SFD... .. Blvd	5	Linda Howard
April Thompson	23 MAR... .. Ave	2	April Thompson
RUDY CONTRATTI	17 NAPA AVE	2	Rudy Contratti
John Crozier	275 Cascade Dr	2	John Crozier
Jack Irvine	69 Hillside	2	Jack Irvine
Jenni Moses	200 BOLINAS	2	Jenni Moses
Eudun E Berger	42 pond... ..	2	Eudun E Berger
John... ..	30 CREEK RD	3	John... ..
Moore Allen	415 596 169 5	3	Moore Allen
Michael Kotchov	415 233 5668	1	Michael Kotchov
Randanae Kede	415-209-4600	2	Randanae Kede
Connor Hanley	415 454-3007	5	Connor Hanley

Kathleen Currell 415-435-9459

Sammy 415 721 7624

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NAME	ADDRESS / Telephone	NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD	SIGNATURE
MURRAY HOTTAKES	68 WEEBNA AVE.	2	[Signature]
Sallyanne Ash	22 Live Oak Ave	3	[Signature]
Eric Weinstock	121 Meenaa Ave.	1	[Signature]
William Hughes	371 FORREST AVE	4	[Signature]
Andrea Steptoe	200 BOLINAS RD #49 Fairfax	2	[Signature]
ERIN MONTANA	200 BOLINAS RD #81	4	[Signature]
Adam Demash	30 Woodland Rd	3	[Signature]
John Seattle	55 Cypress Dr	3	[Signature]
[Signature]	Frustruck Ave.	2	[Signature]
TAT BROCKWELL	73 SCORFIELD	2	[Signature]
Judy Anderson	38 Taylor Drive	2	[Signature]
T. M. Frazier	200 Frustruck	3	[Signature]
G. Odell	19 SEWELL RD #1	1	[Signature]
Carl Mink	108 A Meefrag Park	3	[Signature]
[Signature]	100 BOLINAS RD	2	[Signature]
Adam Clair	200 BOLINAS RD	2	[Signature]
Jennifer Bilo	8 Fawn Ridge	8	[Signature]
Tom Bruce	21 Bolina Vista	1	[Signature]
[Signature]	34 Akeden	2	[Signature]
ARTHUR PIRELLI	1608 ST ANTHONY DRIVE Blvd.	2	[Signature]
Jason Fedar	31 Geary St	5	[Signature]
Levi Tobias	341 Cascade Dr	5	[Signature]
Tamiko Wilson	3 Frustruck Ave	5	[Signature]
Al Smith	88 Wood Lane	1	[Signature]
Bernard M	378-9355	2	[Signature]
[Signature]	454-6162	1	[Signature]
Hermann Dumps	31 Wood Lane FFA	2	[Signature]
[Signature]	415-209-9840	3	[Signature]
ALLISON Clark	73 Mitchell Dr. Fairfax	5	[Signature]
JACOB PAVONE	97 wood LN	3	[Signature]

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Name	Address/Telephone Number	Number of People in My Household	Signature
Mike Bernard	1239 Spruce RD	3	[Signature]
Victor Thonw	315 CASCADE	4	[Signature]
Stephen Wilson	44A Bolinas Ave	3	[Signature]
Thomas Peterson	P.O. BOX 154 Fairfax	1	[Signature]
PHILIP ANDERSON	149 DOMINYA	2	[Signature]
Mary Alexandria	160 Cascade	2	[Signature]
John Boykin	143 DOMINYA	1	[Signature]
MICHAEL Allen	7 Mountain View RD.	2	[Signature]
Andrea Patroni	100 Harkerj FFX	2	[Signature]
Eric Sojara	180 Canyon Rd.	3	[Signature]
Carl Ralini	202 Bolinas FFX	1	[Signature]
Ben Cullen	81 MOUNTAIN VIEW FAIRFAX	3	[Signature]
Caroly Shearer	335 Cascade Dr Fairfax	3	[Signature]
WALTER WOOLTON	74 WOODLAND RD.	2	[Signature]
DASON Hoffman	19 Belle Ave Fairfax	4	[Signature]
DAVID CALARDO	21 BOLLINAS RD	1	[Signature]
STEPHEN P. NYE	20 BOLLINAS RD	1	[Signature]
Ron Flores	27 Glen Dr FFX	3	[Signature]
Douglas Jantz	180 Meernaa Ave Fairfax	3	[Signature]
NINA Hill	738 FRIESTON ST	4	[Signature]
Marlo Zernacki	1608 E SPY HILL	2	[Signature]
MAYRA G RAMOZA	1415 879-08-25-	4	[Signature]
VIGNI Garcia	415 933-0157	4	[Signature]
Elizabeth Mitchell	33 Werrin	2	[Signature]
Karen Mitchell	33 Merrin	4	[Signature]
[Signature]	415-786-8641	3	[Signature]
DAVID HOUSTON	15 HODGSON. S.A.	4	[Signature]
Kari Timbarlake	312 Cascade	6	[Signature]
GREG Passolas	94 Parleous AVE	5	[Signature]
CHRIS LIAPINOS	95 Green Hills	2	[Signature]

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Name	Address Telephone Number	Number of Petitions by Hours	Signature
[Signature]	22 Spruce SA	3	[Signature]
Ted Fahlhaber	12 Spruce SA	2	[Signature]
JAMES WHITS	20 Willow	2	[Signature]
Wells Goodwin	1818 Lexington	5	[Signature]
Carl Nelson	68 Wenden	2	Carl Nelson
Scott Dege	22 Paducah	2	[Signature]
John M. [Signature]	12 Spruce SA	2	[Signature]
[Signature]	412-456-9701	4	[Signature]
[Signature]	415-464-7811	1	[Signature]
[Signature]	415-419-6706	6	[Signature]
[Signature]	415-410-1724	6	[Signature]
[Signature]	415-250-7459	3	[Signature]
Clara Reeder	2 Willow 486-1368	5	[Signature]
Bob Reeder	" "	5	[Signature]
James Reeder	POB* 231 S.G. 939-7077	4	[Signature]
Jessica Arriza	12111 Bolinas Fairfax	4	[Signature]
Bruce [Signature]	925-321-3085	4	[Signature]
Paul [Signature]	415-482-9099	2	[Signature]
PATRICK CARSON	415-524-4824	2	[Signature]
Tony [Signature]	415 454 7724	4	[Signature]
[Signature]	415-823-5878	2	[Signature]
Jane Misskelley	417 408 9877	2	[Signature]
Kyriakos Tsoulfas	415-711-971-7456	3	Ktsoulfas
Jeffrey Layton	415 457 4995	2	J Layton
Garrett [Signature]	" " "	2	[Signature]
Brendan Nook	415 686 7111	3	[Signature]
MICHAEL [Signature]	415 458-1670	4	[Signature]
Alex Hodson	415 487-3488	3	[Signature]
[Signature]	415 4259 9379	1	[Signature]
JENNIFER PETTIT	415-250-2416	2	[Signature]

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Name	Address/Telephone Number	Number of Signatures	Signature
Zoe Speidel	403 Cascade	3	Zoe Speidel
Kevin Forrester	309 Cascade	3	K Forrester
Charles Handelman	13 Dean Creek Ct.	4	P. Handelman
DAVID LICON	390 Cascade Dr	4	[Signature]
Laura Dwyer	370 Overbrook Dr	2	Laura Dwyer
Maurice McManus	34 Arroyo Rd	6	Maurice McManus
Annie Yoss	114 Hillside Dr.	4	Annie Yoss
Jennifer Ann Taylor	5 Forest Terrace 415-456-2222	3	JAT
Kristi No	FAIRFAX, CA	3	[Signature]
JAMES HAIN	FAIRFAX, CA	4	[Signature]
Doug Chappell	369 Cascade 415-3363	2	Doug Chappell
TRANK	322 BOLINAS	2	TRANK
DARBYL Johnson	143 LANSING ave Fairfax CA	3	[Signature]
RICK ADAMS	47 TAMALPAIS	2	[Signature]
BRIAN CRANE	573 WISTERIA WAY, SRF	4	Brian Crane
JAN WHYTE	43 WOOD LAWS	3	[Signature]
Casey Jones	2 AZAKA AVE FA	1	[Signature]
Don O'S	342 Cascade St	4	DONOVAN
Thizzy Marley	415 Thizz St.	1	[Signature]
LUNG MENDOZA	415 690 9257	4	[Signature]
MICHAEL YOUNG	415-457-4689	2	[Signature]
ANDREW SMURAG	415-690-9717	3	[Signature]
NICKA CRUSE	415 459 0146	4	[Signature]
Nyar Kavanaugh	415 259-9942 FA	4	[Signature]
Rascal Garmen	415-299-9699	4	[Signature]
Elisan Walker	415 302-8023	4	E. Walker
ASEY McFarland	415 879-5162	3 2	[Signature]
George Pop	33 Creek Rd	3	George Pop
Colin Walker	367 Bolinas RA		Colin Walker
Wm. Fuhin	302 Cascade	2	[Signature]

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Name	Address Telephone Number	Number of People in Household	Signature
Scott Bruneberg	206579-4113	4	[Signature]
Jessica Dice	11707321-5684	5	[Signature]
K. C. Steer	415-2506381	2	[Signature]
Boris Miller	415-577-4898	2	[Signature]
NETA VIBESTA	831-331-3609	3	[Signature]
Amber Lynn	415 457-9644	4	[Signature]
Kathlene Jallo	415 460 6767	2	[Signature]
KIM WILSON	415 577 5160	1	[Signature]
Kye Brewer	415-456-6332	4	[Signature]
Jerry Stike	127 HUNTER	4	[Signature]
Lick Boinstein	230 Cascade	4	[Signature]
WILLIAMS	PINE DR	3	[Signature]
CRAIG DOW	2 Sunview SA	4	[Signature]
Chris Taylor	3111 Cascade	5	[Signature]
Tom Ford	34 MEADOW	2	[Signature]
LINDA BENDER	74 BISSUE	1	[Signature]
Trevor Humpling	7 Wood Lane	4	[Signature]
Claire Linnard	380 Fern Dr	4	[Signature]
JEVS COURBAN	120 GREENFIELD AVE	2	[Signature]
Gregory Gibbs	43 Hillside Dr	2	[Signature]
Michael Chen	387 Bollinas	3	[Signature]
John Frigaard	133 Bollinas	1	[Signature]
John S	44 Cascade	1	[Signature]
KELLY WATSON	805 390 2105	8	[Signature]
RYAN WATSON			
He Ann	112 CROSS	4	[Signature]
Dixie Carl	112 CROSS	4	[Signature]
Wendy Stalling	183 Laurel Dr	4	[Signature]
Shannon Jones	200 Bollinas Rd	3	[Signature]
TIM SASSAN	1 Fern Ridge	8	[Signature]

9 PARK ROAD

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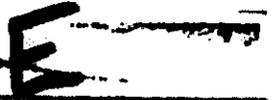
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EXHIBIT #



May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Planning Commission  
Fairfax, CA

I have been a resident of Fairfax since 1980.

The 7-11 at 150 Bolinas Road is a customer friendly store and I strongly recommend that it should be open 24-hours in order to meet the communities needs for grocery and milk products.

*It makes it easier to shop at night*

Name: *Frank...*

Address: *169 Cascade*

Phone #: *415-456-4192*

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Planning Commission  
Fairfax, CA

I have been a resident of Fairfax since 2001.

The 7-11 at 150 Bolinas Road is a customer friendly store and I strongly recommend that it should be open 24-hours in order to meet the communities needs for grocery and milk products.

*and I regularly make nighttime purchases*

Name: Simon Costa

Address: 200 Bolinas

Phone #: 415 457-9324

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Planning Commission

Fairfax, CA

I have been a resident of Fairfax since 9/1/2007.

The 7-11 at 150 Bolinas Road is a customer friendly store and I strongly recommend that it should be open 24-hours in order to meet the communities needs for grocery and milk products.

*and I regularly make purchases at night*

Name: *Bruce Dombosky*

Address: *200 Bolinas Rd #12*

Phone #: *415-524-8389*

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Planning Commission  
Fairfax, CA

I have been a resident of Fairfax since 1998.

The 7-11 at 150 Bolinas Road is a customer friendly store and I strongly recommend that it should be open 24-hours in order to meet the communities needs for grocery and milk products.

and I regularly make late-night purchases

Name: - *Much Bredy*

Address: *95 The Alameda*

Phone #: *415 454-5701*

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Planning Commission  
Fairfax, CA

I have been a resident of Fairfax since 2009.

The 7-11 at 150 Bolinas Road is a customer friendly store and I strongly recommend that it should be open 24-hours in order to meet the communities needs for grocery and milk products.

and I regularly make purchases at night.

Name: Ryan Stonefelt

Address: 200 Bolinas Rd

Phone #:

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Planning Commission  
Fairfax, CA

I have been a resident of Fairfax since 1992.

The 7-11 at 150 Bolinas Road is a customer friendly store and I strongly recommend that it should be open 24-hours in order to meet the communities needs for grocery and milk products.

and I regularly make purchases at night.  
All the time

Name: Joe James

Address: 65 Hickory RD

Phone #: 457-4256

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Planning Commission  
Fairfax, CA

I have been a resident of Fairfax since 2008.

The 7-11 at 150 Bolinas Road is a customer friendly store and I strongly recommend that it should be open 24-hours in order to meet the communities needs for grocery and milk products.

I work 1st; need to eat

Name: Charles Howell  
Address: 214 Pine Dr  
Phone #: 415-302-4451

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Planning Commission  
Fairfax, CA

I have been a resident of Fairfax since 1983.

The 7-11 at 150 Bolinas Road is a customer friendly store and I strongly recommend that it should be open 24-hours in order to meet the communities needs for grocery and milk products.

and I regularly purchase groceries at night

Name: Nik Kulbey  
Address: 771 Canyon Rd  
Phone #: (415) 306-1145

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Planning Commission  
Fairfax, CA

I have been a resident of Fairfax since 2005.

The 7-11 at 150 Bolinas Road is a customer friendly store and I strongly recommend that it should be open 24-hours in order to meet the communities needs for grocery and milk products.

*I regularly make purchases at night.*

Name: *MARIE SPILSBURY*  
Address: *164 MEERMAN AVE*  
Phone #: *(415) 342-9639*

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Planning Commission  
Fairfax, CA

I have been a resident of Fairfax since 2002.

The 7-11 at 150 Bolinas Road is a customer friendly store and I strongly recommend that it should be open 24-hours in order to meet the communities needs for grocery and milk products.

Name: *Bridget Lee*  
Address: *161 Bolinas Rd*  
Phone #:

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Planning Commission  
Fairfax, CA

I have been a resident of Fairfax since 1970.

The 7-11 at 150 Bolinas Road is a customer friendly store and I strongly recommend that it should be open 24-hours in order to meet the communities needs for grocery and milk products.

Name: WENNY BULERA  
Address: 235 Bolinas  
Phone #:

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Planning Commission  
Fairfax, CA

I have been a resident of Fairfax since 1989.

The 7-11 at 150 Bolinas Road is a customer friendly store and I strongly recommend that it should be open 24-hours in order to meet the communities needs for grocery and milk products.

Name: Daniel Dineen  
Address: 85 Cascade drive  
Phone #: 415 250 8640

RELEVANT PORTION OF JULY 11, 2012 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES:

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4. Approval of Town Council minutes for the May 24, June 6, 20 and 29, 2012 meetings - Town Clerk
- 5. Approval of Financial reports for April, 2012, and adoption of Resolution No. 12-44, a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax adopting amendments to the 2011-2012 Budget - Finance
- 6. Status report on abatements at 6 San Gabriel and 39 Wood Lane - Public Works Manager
- 7. Appointment of Interim Town Manager Anderson as the Fairfax representative to the Board of the Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste JPA - Town Manager
- 8. Adoption of Resolution No. 12-45, a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax setting the terms of office for the Open Space Committee to be four-year terms from the time of appointment of individual members - Town Clerk
- 9. Adoption of Resolution No. 12-46, a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax in opposition to SB 1161 (Padilla) that would remove regulation of Phone Companies that use IP by the California Public Utilities Commission - Bragman
- 10. Adoption of Resolution No. 12-47, a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax authorizing an amendment to the contract with Muni Services to track and report on the newly imposed 1/2 cent sales tax - Finance

M/S, O'Neil/Weinsoff, Motion to approve the Consent Calendar as amended by continuing the June 6th and June 20th minutes to the August Town Council meeting; Item No. 6 will be discussed under the Regular Agenda before Item No. 13; and continue Item No. 8 to the August Town Council meeting

AYES: All

Public Hearings



- 11. 150 Bolinas Road, Appeal of Planning Commission approval of a Use Permit Modification to allow 7-11 to remain open 24 hours a day; Assessor's Parcel No. 002-101-13; Central Commercial CC Zone District; Richard Mathews Trust, owner; Rajiv Uppal, business owner; Misty Moreno, appellant

Senior Planner Linda Neal summarized the staff report and recommended that the Council open the public hearing and take public testimony; close the public hearing; and move to uphold the decision of the Planning Commission to approve the requested Use Permit modification to allow 7-Eleven to remain open 24-hours a day subject to the Commission's conditions of approval.

Planning & Building Director Jim Moore noted that Councilmember Bragman requested that the Town refund the appellants cost.

Police Chief Chris Morin explained that in a 10-month period there were a total of 569 incidents logged by the Police Department along Park Road, including 150 Bolinas Road with a total of 20 incidents as follows: 2 noise complaints; 15 officer initiated activities not logged as noise or disturbance issues; and 3 officer initiated contacts or stops that were tagged at this address, but not related at all.

Mayor Hartwell-Herrero pointed out that there has been some mitigation in regard to noise. Senior Planner Neal responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember O'Neil asked the Chief if this is a good idea and whether or not it will cause more issues. He desired to know the recommendation in regard to the community because he expressed concern for the character of the Town changing. Police Chief Morin did not see this being an issue. He explained that when 7-Eleven was closed there were more noise problems, so from a law enforcement perspective, it is not an issue. He further believed it is a benefit to those that need the service.

Mayor Hartwell-Herrero opened public comment.

Misty Moreno, Park Road resident, believed the situation is worse due to people hanging out and impacting her quality of life. She constantly picks up garbage from 7-Eleven and Skateboarders play out front of 7-Eleven all night. She noted appreciation for the chain, but it does not mitigate the noise, which awakens her and impacts her sleep. She expressed concern for her quality of life and did not believe 7-Eleven is part of the Town. Also, the fence stops the glare from headlights, but not the noise. She further requested that this matter be continued when there is a full Town Council present.

Town Attorney Jim Karpiak pointed out that when there is a quorum, it is in the Council's power to act or delay. Tonight four councilmember's are present, which is a quorum of the Council, so the Council has the ability to act on this matter tonight, if so desired.

7-Eleven employee Sammy installed a fence and chain. He finds it surprising that the vibration from the fire trucks opposite of Ms. Moreno's house is not a disturbance, but a vehicle idling is a disturbance to her. 7-Eleven is doing a great job serving the members of the community. He further noted that sales at night are increasing as well as during the day.

Rajiv Uppal, applicant, indicated that they are complying with the Police Department and the Council. They are doing whatever possible to accommodate the concerns of the neighbors. The night shift employees inform individuals that they are not allowed to loiter.

Ms. Moreno appreciated the convenience of 7-Eleven, but her rest and quality of life has changed due to the hours of operation and believed the 7-Eleven must work within reason.

Kevin Wright, Cascade Drive resident, believed it would be a bad idea to extend the hours of operation since this is a residential neighborhood. He further believed it could become a hazard. Mayor Hartwell-Herrero clarified with staff that 7-Eleven have been operating 24-hours per day for one year. Senior Planner Neal responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Weinsoff would be inclined to roll the hours back. Ms. Moreno has a compelling argument and they must accommodate one another to improve the quality of life. He believed it cuts against the grain of what they are trying to achieve in the neighborhood. He further believed closing between the hours of 12 midnight to 6 a.m. would not be an unreasonable burden.

Councilmember O'Neil stated that the biggest issue is creating a 24-hour Town. There are several signatures of residents in favor of the hours of operation. Several work from home and wake up early. It is not an 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. society. He is not prepared to vote on this matter tonight without considering a 24-hour community. He discussed with the Police Department and the Planning Commission and the actual calls decreased from the extended hours of operation, so having this open is serving the public. He is not comfortable moving forward or against until they better understand the question of a "24-hour Town."

Councilmember Weinsoff believed Fairfax is already a 24-hour Town. The bigger question is, being a 24-hour Town, does it impact individual homeowners who moved in after a particular business but before expanding their hours of operation. Also, there is a different perspective between the Planning Commission guided by the zoning code and the Council, elected by the people to make decisions. He further pointed out that if milk is needed at 2 a.m., the Sir Francis Drake 7-Eleven is open, which is within five minutes away.

Vice Mayor Reed added that the Sir Francis Drake 7-Eleven is within five minutes if in a motorized vehicle. Several houses are close to downtown. There are mitigating measures. It is a major connector street and people are present. He felt skateboarders would continue to congregate whether the store is open or closed, but he is willing to continue the matter to have another voice present.

Mayor Hartwell-Herrero desired to know the motivating factor for the extended hours of operation. Mr. Uppal explained that it was at the request of the community. He pointed out that their sales have increased and that he is invested in the community. He has been a member of the Chamber for the last nine months, so they are doing what they can do to serve the community.

Councilmember O'Neil asked if there is an advantage for an employee to work more hours. Is there a bonus or incentive program. Mr. Uppal responded that 7-Eleven does not care if they are open or closed. They receive their percentage no matter what. If closed from 12 midnight to 6 a.m. it does not affect them because they take their 56%. Employees have nine hour shifts and he hired two other employees during the night shift. He further noted that all employees live in Fairfax. Ms. Moreno stated to her knowledge the main workers came when they bought the 7-Eleven, so employees moved to Fairfax. They were not locals to begin with.

Town Attorney Karpiak stated given that there is an existing use permit, he recommended that Council direct staff to come back with a resolution related to facts and circumstances with legal authority to act, particularly if the Council acts to revoke.

Mayor Hartwell-Herrero indicated that the Police Department show that mitigations have been made and they would continue to review. If incidents are going down by all measures, she is not able to ignore the reports.

Mr. Wright stated once 7-Eleven received the temporary extension, the emphasis was on liquor. He desired a definition in regard to a "24-hour Town." Councilmember Weinsoff pointed out that the

ship has sailed. Fairfax is a Town based on having a good time, but they can balance the rights and protection of the community. It is a delicate balance to remain the best Town in Marin being mindful of the rights protected to those living in neighborhoods. He would move to uphold the appeal, but senses others do not agree.

Mark Bell, Dominga Avenue resident, suggested that the Council continue to explore mitigation measures in regard to sound.

Cindy Ross, Lansdale Avenue resident, understands and has compassion for the neighbors, but a lot of the complaints identified by the Police Department were not directly related to 7-Eleven. She does not regularly shop at 2 a.m., but several occasions when she has, 7-Eleven has been open. She believed it is a benefit to have that convenience. She further hoped there is a way to mitigate the noise to address the concern.

Mimi Newton, Mono Avenue resident, agreed with Ms. Ross's comments. She also appreciated 7-Eleven and felt the location across from the Police Station is best.

Steven Franks, Willow Avenue resident, lives next to Good Earth and understands the concerns in regard to noise. He further pointed out that the Police Department has no enforcement mechanism over noise, which is an issue.

Scott Hochstrasser, Fairfax resident, worked for 7-Eleven and at 2 a.m. it was very difficult to keep people from buying alcoholic beverages. With a 24-hour business, they are inviting that desire to buy alcohol after 2 a.m. The owner should think seriously about taking on that responsibility. He further suggested a reasonable compromise of closing the store at 2 a.m.

There being no further public testimony on this item, the Mayor closed the public portion and brought the matter back to the Council for discussion and action.

Councilmember Weinsoff recommended upholding the appeal and close the 7-Eleven from 12 midnight to 6 a.m.

Vice Mayor Reed understands the concern, but it is very convenient to walk to everything downtown. He believed they must exhaust all mitigation measures in order to keep the sound level down.

Town Attorney Karpiak indicated that action could be taken tonight to impose other conditions or continue for the purpose of coming back and having further consideration of what those conditions might be. Also, the Council has the option of denying the request of the appellants and allow the permit to stand without any new conditions.

Councilmember O'Neil believes there is cause for concern, but has a problem with the 220 signatures of those that feel it is a benefit and the possibility of the situation becoming worse. The area is what it is whether the store is open or not. By closing the store the noise problem will not be solved. The 7-Eleven franchise has done an amazing amount of give to make this work. The most popular item

We, the undersigned residents & home-owners, request the Fairfax Town Council, to carefully consider our opinion, on the long-term effect of our neighborhood, by the 7-11, to remain open for 24 hrs. This is where we make our homes; where we raise our families, & look forward to a quality life, during our down-time, from our busy lives, families & careers.

We firmly believe, that this will be negatively effected, (including property value) due to the close proximity of a 24-hr. convenience store.

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- 6 Patti Passer 393 Scenic Rd FX
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