



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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LIQUOR LICENSE NOT APPROVED

A number of residents have found an envelope in their letter boxes containing a letter from Len Pfister, Liquor Licensing Consultant commissioned by KwikSpar to secure a liquor license for the premises in Parkmore Mews on 11th Street.

A copy of the letter is displayed for your information on the website www.parkmore.org.za

To understand the process, we have summarised the relevant sections of the Gauteng Liquor Act, 2003 which include that "any person may lodge an objection, and the objection shall fully state the reasons thereof and contain the full names of the person or institution objecting, together with the full address and contact details etc. The latter must apply to those supporting the application.

The applicant shall, within a period of 7 days of receipt of the objection lodge his written response by submitting a copy to both the local liquor board and the persons who lodged the objection".

Len Pfister lodged their response 15 days after the date due. They are asking for you as objectors to "condone" their breach of process.

"This local liquor board may convene a hearing to consider any applications and objections, and all interested persons, including the applicant and any person who has lodged an objection, shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and may be represented by a person of their choice".

The reference to the legal case of *Bulk Deals Six cc v Chairperson, Western Cape Liquor Board* outlines how a judge ruling in one situation is accused of over-emphasising the role of the residents in granting a licence, suggesting that our residential objection may not be sufficient to stop the granting of a license.

David Gooding of Sandton Video, has spent 3 days at the Joburg Liquor Board writing out all 490 individual objection names and contact details from their letters lodged, noting the recognition of the 500 metre Montrose and Stepping Stones Schools. The PCA is identifying those names as genuine Parkmore residents

The PCA as an objector will not support "condonation"

If the majority of us residents do not want this bottle store, then we must **STAND TOGETHER** and work through the application process to the conclusion we seek.

Visit www.parkmore.org.za to find out about eBlockWatch and log on FREE. It gives us an exciting crime combating resource we can all use to our benefit.

EXCITING NEWS COMING TO 12th, 13th and 14th STREETS . . . WATCH THIS SPACE IN THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO!

WHEN MIGHT IT HAPPEN?

The PCA has been approached by an developer with a proposal to preserve the green space, remodel George Lea Park to create new sports facilities, plus 4 to 8 storey mixed use (offices, apartments, shops) development along Holt Street West, and possibly incorporating properties along 6th Street. (see aerial photograph below)



The PCA has listened to the ideas and made no response, no comment, nor commitment. Please note, there is no tangible design or costed proposal, no feasibility study has been done, it is just a vision.

YOU NEED TO KNOW AND TALK ABOUT IT

As residents, we always knew that some day a developer would come along and ask and/or insist on change to our suburb. This is why the PCA commissioned Craig Pretorius to produce a Precinct Plan for Parkmore (which is about a month away from full CoJ approval).

Sandton Sports Club is working hard to renew the lease of George Lea Park from Jhb Property Company. The lease for George Lea Park is up for renewal and will go out to tender soon, which presents a threat to our green space.

The PCA views this proposal not as a threat but as an opportunity to open discussion and debate amongst residents. It is worth remembering that if it is not this developer, it would well be another in the future, so let's prepare by talking about it openly - **let the PCA have your thoughts, please!**