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Subject: FW: variance application A163/20

From: Greg Riverso <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 5:39 PM

To: Committee of Adjustment <CofA@vaughan.ca>

Subject: [External] variance application A163/20

Good morning,

Please find attached all of my documents relating to Variance Application A163/20. I am OPPOSED to the Minor Variance Application. I hope you take my objections into consideration when reviewing this request.

Thank you,

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City of Vaughan

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Please find this email as **OPPOSED** to the minor Variance as per application # A163/20

Any build on the property should be within the guidelines of the city By-Laws without exception or Variance. Any build outside of these guidelines, that encroach upon the minimum setbacks, set forth by these by laws, will effectively remove and infringe upon all reasonable expectations of privacy in my and or my neighbor's yards.

My name is Greg Rivero. I live on 30 Autumn Ridge Court and my backyard backs on the applicant's backyard. Last spring my neighbors on 21 Twilight Terrace installed a pool in their yard. I do not know the dimensions of the pool, but if I could guess it would be 20ft x 40ft. The pool is 15ft from the fence line to my property. In addition, the pool edge is exactly 38 ft from my rear sliding door. The pool is an inground pool but due to the slope of the land, the pool is level with the top of my sliding rear door. A legal fence was erected but it is the bare minimum chain link fence.

I would like to share how this has affected me and the ability to use my own property. During the warmer months and the pool is open there is constant noise coming from their yard. There is loud talking and at times screaming. In addition, there is constant dog barking (when the dog is out in the yard). There is usually always loud music playing to accompany the screaming. I have written 2 letters in 2020 to try and address these issues with my neighbor but I did not even get a response (I have included a copy of those letters with this package).

As a result of this noise and lack of privacy, I will be forced to erect a solid wood fence on my own property in order to deflect some of this unwanted noise. This should have been done originally when the pool was installed but no consideration was given by my neighbor as to the noise and privacy impact it would have on myself and others.

In short, I have tried to reach out to my neighbor to resolve this is issue without success. I do not oppose people enjoying their own property, but I do take issue when it is to the detriment of everyone who borders the property.

You may ask why I will oppose this variance application? Simply put, I believe the construction of this project will create even more noise than before. It will enhance the ability to entertain and will allow for even more people to use the backyard. In addition, it may be an eyesore for the surrounding neighbors.

Included with this document are 2 other documents that show opposition from 5 other neighbors. Please take this opposition into consideration when reviewing this variance application.

Thank you,

Greg Riverso

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Riverso". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "R".

Dear Neighbor,

June 19, 2020

I live at 30 Autumn Ridge Court and my backyard backs directly on to your backyard (in front of the pool). I am writing in relation to the constant noise that comes from your backyard. This noise includes dog barking, screaming and loud music.

The true motivation to me writing you again is based on an incident that happened on the evening of Thursday June 18th from about 10pm to approx. 2:30am. There were people using the pool, talking loudly (and screaming at times) in addition to music being played. This all happened during hours which most of your immediate neighbors are sleeping. I am not conservative, and I too appreciate gatherings and parties, but I would not host a party at the expense of my neighbors. And not on a Thursday night when most people must work the next day. I could see this on a Friday or Saturday but on a Thursday? This is not fair to me or any of your surrounding neighbors.

If you are unaware of my property, it backs on to the north side of your pool. I can see your pool shed and some chairs from my bedroom window. I have tried to cover the fence with some reeds for privacy, but it is not that effective. I am not so concerned about privacy as I cannot really see anything in your yard. My concern is how any noise you make amplifies and drives down into my backyard and against my bedroom window. Even though you are just using a small Bluetooth speaker, the sound bounces off the water and into my yard. It is literally like I am sitting right beside you. That how clear the sound is. The music issue might be solved if you re-direct the speaker to face South,

longways across your pool and not directly facing my yard. This might help and may be worth a try.

I do realize that you can do what you choose on your own property and I don't want to spoil the party but this has gone on far too long and your constant noise is really disturbing and unfair to me and all of your neighbors. I have written you a letter previous to this but I did not get a response or acknowledgement that you even read the letter so I felt that I needed to follow up with another letter.

I would like to be pro-active and help to be a solution to the problem. If there is any way I can help, please let me know and I will be happy to participate.

I can be reached directly by phone at 

Thanks,

Greg Riverso

Dear Neighbor,

April 21, 2020

I live at 30 Autumn Ridge Court and my backyard backs directly on to your backyard (in front of the pool). I am writing in relation to your dog Lola barking on your property.

The dog barking occurs anytime you let your dog out in your yard. The barking could last 5 minutes, 30 minutes or sometimes even longer. There does not seem to be any reasonable cause for the dogs incessant barking as there is usually no one in sight. When I sit in my yard or do any work, I am bombarded by your dog barking. There have even been times I retreated inside my home due to this disturbance.

You may have previously been unaware of this noise, however it affects me because it can be clearly heard in the habitable areas of my house even with the windows closed. I cannot open any windows at the rear of my home due to the noise.

I am a former dog owner and animal lover. I still have 2 cats, so I am sympathetic to the challenges of pet ownership. I realize that this barking is not Lola's fault. I feel bad for her because she seems frustrated and uneasy all the time. I have tried to talk to her calmly and reassure her that I am not a threat, but she just runs and barks at me.

As the warm weather approaches, I would like to be able to keep the window open or use my backyard to relax without hearing Lola bark non-stop. I have discussed this issue with other neighbors, and we all feel this is a frustrating situation. I am in no way writing this letter on behalf of anyone else. Just on behalf of myself.

I would like to be pro-active and help to be a solution to the problem. If there is any way I can help, please let me know and I will be happy to participate.

I can be reached via email at:

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Thanks,

Greg Riverso