

Appeal Board Rec'd April 15, 2019

Submitted by: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]  
To: [Calgary SDAB Info](#)  
Subject: [EXT] LETTER IN REGARDS TO CLUB MÉNAGE APPEAL [REDACTED]  
Date: Monday, April 15, 2019 2:30:35 PM

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LETTER IN REGARDS TO CLUB MÉNAGE APPEAL [REDACTED]

Dear Subdivision and Development Appeal Board,

We are writing to voice our objection to the appeal against the order: [REDACTED] on the continued use the property [REDACTED] as a social organization.

We have been aware of what kind of "social" organization said property has been engaging in for over 4 years. We have lived at our current address for 40 years and were appalled that Ménage was able to operate in our beloved family neighborhood.

On their website, Club Ménage advertises their mission "is to empower people to demystify, explore and celebrate their sexuality, and provide a safe place for fantasies to become reality."

An organization such as this that advertises patrons to "to invite all your friends into this sexy new world" (this quote is taken directly off the website) no doubt brings a divisive, sexually driven group of individuals into our area. This is a residential neighborhood! There are families with young children and teenagers living in single family dwellings on that and surrounding streets. Plus a Catholic church and elementary school are within a half a block from the house. We are opening up our children and our residents to possibly dangerous situations.

Patrons are encouraged to bring their own alcohol, therefore drinking and possibly drug use are taking place on the premises. Members and friends are parking in front and all around on surrounding streets. They are walking in our area going to and from their destination and their vehicles. There is much more traffic than what would be expected in a residential neighborhood, especially on the nights when an "event" is being held. Our streets are not safe as a result.

As well there has been an increase in crime (thefts in the neighborhood). Whether this can be attributed to activity in and around Ménage is in question.

We need to have our safe, clean and worry free Silver Springs back!  
We appeal to you the Subdivision and Development Board to allow that to happen.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe and Kathleen [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad Kathleen

[REDACTED]

Appeal Board Rec'd April 16, 2019

Submitted by: [REDACTED]

**Cody, Kimberly**

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**From:** John [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019 9:29 AM  
**To:** Calgary SDAB Info  
**Subject:** [EXT] Regarding [REDACTED]

I would like to make a statement against appeal [REDACTED].

Given that Club Menage is operating like a business or funded organization by selling tickets to events held in the home, and given that the activities held there can have a negative impact on the neighbourhood, I have the opinion that the appellant should be required to have a permit to operate such an organization and comply with all relevant laws and bylaws or otherwise cease operations.

Please let me know if this is a valid submission.

John [REDACTED]

Appeal Board Rec'd April 18, 2019

Submitted by: [REDACTED]

April 15, 2019

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

Appeal number [REDACTED]

Appeal against an order [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to voice our concerns regarding the presence of a residential home being used as a "social organization" in our community of Silver Springs. The house has been home to four separate families since 1979, each of which have been good neighbors to us. In one instance the family had children the same age as our own and they became good friends. Now the owner of the house has turned it into a "swingers and kink playground club", and he keeps to himself.

The website for the business indicates its mission is "to empower people to demystify, explore and celebrate their sexuality". This is not a legitimate mission to be pursued in a suburban neighborhood.

Silver Springs is a residential neighborhood – single family dwellings with young, impressionable children and teenagers. Children from the area walk up [REDACTED] right past # [REDACTED] to reach their elementary school, W. O. Mitchell and the playgrounds within its boundaries. A Catholic church is a mere three houses distant from # [REDACTED], and the school is next door to the church. Liquor stores and marijuana stores must by city bylaw be situated away from schools. Surely this type of operation should not be allowed so near.

A far wiser location for this enterprise would be in a more business oriented area or out in the country where children are less likely to walk by and there would be ample parking. The website indicates there is "no parking available onsite", which means patrons of this business are parking on [REDACTED] Road and the surrounding streets. Some of these cars are still parked there the following morning congesting our streets and affording people of questionable character more opportunity to meet with children.

Why is a business of this type allowed in a one hundred percent residential neighborhood? The owner of this business had the responsibility to make the residents of Silver Springs aware of his intentions four years ago when he set up the business. Instead he chose to conceal that fact. An indication that he was well aware of how offensive its presence would be. Not a good way to endear oneself with the neighbors and the community as a whole.

A question of note: Has the owner been granted a business license to operate at this location? If so, a sign on his lawn to indicate same has been noticeably absent.

We respectfully submit this,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Appeal Board Rec'd April 18, 2019

Submitted by: [REDACTED]

April 18, 2019

My name is Rick [REDACTED] and I live at [REDACTED] NW. My wife [REDACTED] and I have lived at and owned this residence since 1989.

I would like to thank you for letting me express my concerns regarding this appeal.

It is my understanding that an RC-1 designation means the residences in this neighbourhood are to be used primarily for living purposes only. It is also my understanding that by laws are in place to ensure this; and the City of Calgary has the authority to enforce these by-laws.

I choose to live in a RC-1 designated neighbourhood so I do not have to put up with issues that I am now experiencing on a regular basis due to Club Menage operating at Mr Mills's residence at [REDACTED] NW.

These issues include noise and disturbances at all hours of the day and especially late at night, increased traffic, and parking issues.

Club Menage customers park in front of my residence and all up and down our street for lengthy periods of time and even overnight.

As our house is adjacent (to the north) of Mr Mills residence, Club Menage customers continually create a disturbance as they are arriving and leaving Mr Mills's residence. This includes loud boisterous talking, slamming of car doors, revving of car/truck engines, loud music from parked cars, and partying outside the residence. On numerous occasions, after being woken up late at night, I have had to ask them to please quit hanging out in front of my house and either go back inside Mr Mills's residence or go home.

I am always reluctant to take action like this because I have had Club Menage customers make obscene gestures to me when looking out the window to investigate and most of the time these customers appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Mr Mills may have the right and freedom to operate Club Menage but he also has the obligation and duty to abide by the zoning bylaws established by the city of Calgary.

If Mr Mills wants to continue to operate Club Menage then he should relocate it to a suitably zoned area in Calgary so as to not infringe on the peace, harmony and rights of citizens such as myself that are adhering to the by-laws.

Thank-you

R [REDACTED] and M [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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July 15, 2019  
 Subdivision and Development Appeal Board  
 Appeal number [REDACTED]  
 Appeal against an order [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



LETTER IN REGARDS TO CLUB MENAGE APPEAL [REDACTED]

Dear Subdivision and Development Appeal Board,

We are submitting our concerns regarding the appeal against the order: [REDACTED]  
continued use of a "social organization" at [REDACTED] NW

We live [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]

This is how we have been impacted and what we have witnessed over the last several years.

- cars parked up and down the streets sometimes blocking part of our driveway
- being woken up at 1:30 am by participants leaving Menage ringing our doorbell
- participants peeing at the side of the residence
- a man leaving the residence pulling up his pants and doing up his zipper
- lots of afternoon rendezvous
- people smoking throwing cigarette butts on ground
- people arguing when leaving the residence
- signage and light on for business almost every weekend

We do not enjoy relaxing in our living room and looking out our front window and watching people come at all hours of the day and evening entering the back gate at Menage. it is disturbing to say the least. We would like our neighbourhood back to where we could be proud and feel safe of our surroundings.

sincerely,

[REDACTED]

July 14, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: [REDACTED] NW

It has been brought to our attention that there is a "social dwelling" (aka swingers club, Club Menage) in our community that brings us great concern for the health and safety of our children and our community. We live near this "social dwelling" and have young children; it is highly inappropriate for my children to be exposed to this type of business. We bought our house in a safe suburban home for a reason, so we could raise our children knowing they could play outside, build relationships with the neighbours and we would know they were in a safe and caring environment. This type of "social dwelling" is built on the business of infidelity, and if permitted to operate in a residential area, the City of Calgary would be condoning the use of a sex house for the purpose of profit within meters of an elementary school.

Due to the discreet nature of the location of this business (aka a residential home) it is our fear minors may be allowed to enter the premise unaware of the intentions and sexual nature of the home/business. How will the City of Calgary enforce and ensure no minors be allowed on or within a residential property? Everyday young children walk past this "social dwelling" to get to elementary school; these children run the risk of being exposed to many dangers and age inappropriate sights. For instance there is the potential of i) clientele that are coming and going from the property that are under the influence ii) harmful substances (i.e. alcohol/drugs) being left on the property/side walk/alley where children could find them iii) sexually explicit attire due to theme parties (i.e. blasphemy party on Good Friday where attendees were dressed as sexy nuns and priests). If this business is permitted to continue, the City of Calgary should require that all surrounding schools be notified for the dissemination of information to each student's families of the business and its activities.

This home is known for late night parties with loud music and people coming and going at all hours of the night. It is disruptive to my children, our family, and to the community. This business will increase traffic in the area having negative safety implications as well as reduce parking for primary residents within the community. Therefore the "social dwelling" should be held responsible for providing its patrons with private parking as to not impact on the surrounding residence.

This type of business has no place in a residential community, does not belong near an elementary school and does not belong in the community of Silver Springs. We sincerely hope that the attention that this appeal deserves is given, and the voices of the residence in the community are heard.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Dave & Chelsea [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



LETTER WITH REGARDS TO CLUB MENAGE APPEAL [REDACTED]

Dear Subdivision and Developmental Appeal Board,

We are writing to voice our objection to the appeal against the order: [REDACTED] on the continued use of the property [REDACTED] NW as a Social Organization.

We became aware of the kind of "social" organization this dwelling has been engaging in for 4 years now and have had to tolerate and endure all the challenges this business has brought into our once peaceful and quiet neighborhood. These challenges include parking congestion, increased late night noise, increased traffic in the neighborhood and the lure of sexually promiscuous individuals to our neighborhood.

Should these individuals wish to explore their sexuality through swinging and attend workshops such as the "Learn to Squirt" workshop advertised on the Ménage website, our neighborhood, or any neighborhood, is not the appropriate location for this type of business to occur.

We have three young adult daughters still living at home that often cannot park in front of our home when returning late from work on 'event' nights. Thus, they are required to park far from our home and walk some distance to get home while often encountering guests entering or exiting this social club. As parents, this gives us great cause for concern as we do not know if these people are intoxicated or what state of mind they may be in after engaging in, or having been a spectator of, explicit sexual activities. Their website states that they wish to "provide a safe place for fantasies to become reality" for their guests but they cannot account for what their guests do, and to whom they may do it to, in the neighborhood once they leave the Ménage swingers club.

St. Peters Church and two elementary schools are just houses away from this club. Although it is assumed that most of their events occur in the evening, they have rooms available for rent by the day or the week as listed on their website. Thus, there is increased risk to our children which can be affected by the increased traffic and presence of sexually promiscuous people present in the neighborhood at any given time. Also, using our church as spill over parking for a sex club is offensive and inappropriate to say the very least!

Furthermore, as a home- owner, I also have concerns about what the presence of this sex club will have on the property value of our Silver Springs homes. I imagine that if this sex club becomes common knowledge, this will diminish the resale value of our homes if we can in fact sell them at all.

It is for all these reasons that I implore you to uphold the closure of this club and deny this appeal so we can continue to live, work and play within our community with the peace of mind that we once had.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim and Cynthia [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Appeal Board Received February 13, 2020  
Submitted by: C. Elofson with the CA



## SILVER SPRINGS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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October 2, 2019

To Whom it May Concern,

Re: Appeal Number [REDACTED]

We, the Silver Springs Community Association Board of Directors, would like to express our support of the decision of the City of Calgary Development Authority to re-classify the business at [REDACTED] NW as a social organization. We understand the disruption of quality of life and nuisance the business has caused residents and we agree with the residents' position that the subject business should be closed or moved elsewhere.

Yours truly,

Cydney Elofson  
President  
Silver Springs Community Association Board of Directors