CITY OF AUSTIN Board of Adjustment/Sign Review Board Decision Sheet

DATE: Monday, November 10, 2014	CASE NUMBER: C15-2014-0146
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Y Stuart Hampton 2 nd the Motion	
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Y Vincent Harding	
N Will Schnier - Melissa Hawthorne-(C))
Y Sallie Burchett)O1)
APPLICANT: Mo Harry and Stephanie Garret OWNER: BVM Crossfit	.t
ADDRESS: 6711 BURNET LN	
VARIANCE REQUESTED: The applicant has Planning and Development review Departme Determination for Personal Improvement Ser Outdoor Sports and Recreation for the use a General Commercial Services – Mixed Use – Plan zoning district	nt's decision that the Land Use rvices is more appropriate than this site in a "CS-MU-CO-NP",
BOARD'S DECISION: The public hearing was cl motion to Deny the Staff Interpretation and Gran below, Board Member Stuart Hampton second on nay); GRANTED AS STATED BELOW WITH T	t approval of the application, as stated a 6-1 vote (Board member Will Schnier
 Described use is an outdoor recreation uprovided, move to reverse staff's decision is not a personal fitness use. 	ise based on the testimony and pictures that this is an outdoor recreation use and
FINDING:	
(1) There is reasonable doubt or difference o	f interpretation as to the specific intent
of the regulations.	
(2) The resulting interpretation will not grant a	a special privilege to one property
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From:

Nancy Butlin

Sent:

Monday, October 27, 2014 12:10 PM

To:

Heldenfels, Leane

Subject:

Crossfit Appeal in Brentwood Neighborhood

Attachments:

Crossfit Appeal.pdf

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A concerned neighbor in Brentwood, Nancy Butlin (512) 699-8222

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Note: any comments received will become part of the public record of this case Comments: Your address(es) affected by this application Your Name (please print) Daytime Telephone: Public Hearing: Board of Adjustment, October 27th, 2014 Contact: Leane Heldenfels, 512-974-2202, leane heldenfels@austintexas.gov Case Number: C15-2014-0145, 6205-A Burnet Road 6102 LAIRO DR Rawara Year RODYN MCGARTY men they is 入 7 (me 100 yas (300 ft) from Carrie Milans -525 Signature ove an outlear spects 572-771-6611 homotous agen with our near aropped werken Z. least home with 55,00 7 back chock Moran trucky 💢 I am in favor 43 U I object Del 10/23/14 Date down / hurba andolo

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Leane Heldenfels City of Austin-Planning & Development Review Department/ 1st Floor

P. O. Box 1088

Austin, TX 78767-1088

Or fax to (512) 974-2934

Or scan and email to leane.heldenfels@austintexas.gov

From:

Robyn McCarty - Colymnes Court Minkmet

Sent:

Friday, October 24, 2014 8:01 AM

To:

Heldenfels, Leane

Subject:

BOA appeal, CrossFit Central, 6205A Burnet Rd--case C15-2014-0145

Attachments:

20141024_BOA reply_CrossFit_REM.pdf

Please find attached my response to the appeal regarding land use determination for CrossFit Central, case C15-2014-0145. I support the appeal and believe that Outdoor Sports & Recreation is the proper designation for the activities that CrossFit Central engages in; they do NOT properly fit into the Personal Improvement Services category. I will be at the hearing Monday,10/27.

Thank you. Robyn McCarty 6102 Laird Dr.

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Case Number: C15-2014-0146, 6711 Burnet Lane Contact: Leane Heldenfels, 512-974-2202, leane heldenfels@nustintexas gov Public Hearing: Board of Adjustment, October 27th, 2014

Peter Glasser

Your Name (please print)

6706 Modesto

Your address(es) affected by this application

Daytime Telephone: (512) 663 -0135

Comments: The sound than emanates from BVM
Crossfit at 6711 porret law, just beyond my back
fence is much louder than any "Fitness studio"
on our neighborhood. The zoning plan is
designed to protect nearby residences from
these types of noises. Crossfit is rengamiscategorized and we are suffering very real
effects in our home.

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From:

Inga Marie Carmel 🖮

Sent:

Friday, October 24, 2014 12:06 PM

To:

Heldenfels, Leane

Subject:

case # C15-2014-0146, 6711, 6711 Burnet Ln

Dear Ms. Heldenfels

I'm writing to you in support of the appeal to case # C15-2014-0146, 6711, 6711 Burnet Ln. The owners of the house behind BVM Crossfit are friends of mine. I've see over the year the trauma inflicted on this family from the noise from Crossfit.

My understanding is that Crossfit is allowed to do business so close to a residential area because it is claims to be a "personal improvement service", that may very well be the case—however this personal improvement is primarily outdoors, or at least with the large garage style doors open, and is undeniably recreation and sport. "Personal improvement" in this case seems to involve a lot yelling, very loud music, dragging things in the (public) street, beating on tires and slamming weights, among other disruptive activities—this isn't a regular gym with 4 enclosed walls. I know they start at 5AM, and often continue until 7PM —through the family's dinner and homework time. Neighborhood attempts at working things out with Crossfit have failed. I've heard repeated that the activity at Crossfit shakes their whole house, and the noise is constant from before dawn until after dusk.

The Mikela and Peter's family and neighbors are asking that the use determination for this business be changed from "personal improvement service" to "outdoor sports and recreation" — which is in fact what it is— they are outdoors and no one will deny that this is a sport or recreation. The Brentwood Neighborhood Plan is supposed to be a protection against this kind of inappropriate use in a residential area.

This isn't about Crossfit or it's legitimacy as a form of exercise or even lifestyle, I have good friends who are Crossfitters — it's about what use is allowed in a residential neighborhood, the protections zoning is supposed to have, and how invasive a neighborhood business is. This business clearly needs to move to an area where the customers can practice Crossfit without severely impacting the health and sanity of the people who live there.

I sincerely hope you will consider this appeal and change the use determination for BVM Crossfit from "personal improvement service" to "outdoor sports and recreation".

Thank you.

Inga Marie Carmel

From:

Joseph Acosta 🗰

Sent:

Thursday, October 23, 2014 9:01 PM

To:

Heldenfels, Leane

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Subject:

Crossfit/Gyms

Dear Ms. Heldenfels,

RE: Case # C15-2014-0146 6711 Burnet Lane

Please consider the appeal in this case. I have worked in an office near a couple of gyms. The noise coming from these gyms is unbearable. It is hard for me to believe that the dragging of large metal rims across asphalt and the banging of heavy weights on barbells is permitted in neighborhoods. The City must change the zoning of these businesses.

Thanks,

Joseph Acosta 1507 Alguno Rd Brentwood Neighborhood

From:

Cindy Brummer cells by many and a second

Sent:

Thursday, October 23, 2014 3:14 PM

To:

Heldenfels, Leane

Subject:

Crossfit use determination

Hello,

I am a resident in the Brentwood neighborhood and I cannot attend the meeting on Oct. 27 in regards to case # C15-2014-0146.6711 Burnet Lane.

I would like to tell you why I favor an appeal. I was a patron of a Crossfit gym from 2009 to 2013 (more than 5 years), and I attended a 5:30am class twice a week. Except on very cold mornings, the doors were always open and the music was playing at loud volumes (until neighbors complained). Weights were thrown on the floor and the coaches were yelling to make themselves heard over the din. I began wearing earplugs because the sound of the crashing weights hurt my ears.

I was told by the gym that they were working with neighbors to reduce the disruption, but I'm sure the sound must have been deafening. Police were often across the street, measuring the sound level.

I have a barbell and weights at home, and I regularly lift weights on my back porch, but I am careful to be very quiet so I don't disturb my neighbors, because weights dropping are extremely loud. Crossfit gyms do not do the same. A lot of the equipment is meant to be used OUTSIDE, from rowing machines to boxes, pullup bars, rings, kettlebells, weights....

A crossfit facility is not the same as a personal trainer. The entire point is to workout inside AND outside -- and the entire point is to be loud and grunt and scream and drop weights.

I enjoyed my time in Crossfit, and I have nothing against fitness. But neighborhoods are not the place for these kinds of businesses. I feel very sorry for the neighbors I woke up when I crashed my weights at 5:45am.

Cindy Brummer 1205 Payne Ave. Austin, Texas 512-653-7651

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C15-2014-0146

From:

Katie Malinski

Sent:

Wednesday, October 22, 2014 9:58 PM

To:

Heldenfels, Leane

Subject:

case # C15-2014-0146 6711 Burnet Lane

Dear Ms. Heldenfels,

I just wanted to voice the opinion that I support my neighbor's request to have the Crossfit (etc) businesses be categorized under zoning that is more restrictive. IE, "outdoor sports and recreation" is the better zoning determination for those types of services.

thank you, Katie Malinski, Brentwood neighbor

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I/WE Mo Harry Stephanie Garrett on behalf of myself/ourselves as Sect. 5 authorized
Agent for <u>Concerned neighbors</u> / Breatwood NA affirm that on 22 nd
Day of September, 20 14, hereby apply for an interpretation hearing before the Board of
Adjustment.
Planning and Development Review Department interpretation is: That the two Crossfit facilities should remain under
Personal Improvement Services (see attached letter
from Jerry Rusthoven at PDRD).
I feel the correct interpretation is:
Brentwood Neighborhood thinks Crossfit facilities should
be categorized as Outdoor Sports and Recreation
(see affached letter from Mo Harry and Stephanie Garrett
to the Board).

NOTE: The board must determine the existence of, sufficiency of and weight of evidence supporting the findings described below. Therefore, you must complete each of the applicable findings statements as part of your application. Failure to do so may result in your application being rejected as incomplete. Please attach any additional support documents.

1. There is a reasonable doubt of difference of interpretation as to the specific intent of the regulations or map in that:
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SignedPrinted
Mailing Address
City, State & Zip Phone

September 22, 2014

Leanne Heldenfels Planning & Development Review Department One Texas Center, 5th Floor 505 Barton Springs Road Austin, TX 78704

Re: Appeal of Crossfit Use Determination (PDRD File No. UD-2014-0003)

Chairman Jack and Members of the Board:

I am submitting this brief in support of the above-referenced appeal, with the full support of the Brentwood Neighborhood Association. For reasons explained below, we ask the Board of Adjustment to overturn PDRD's determination, dated September 8, 2014, which incorrectly concluded that outdoor activities occurring at BVM Crossfit (6711 Burnet Lane) and Crossfit Central (6205 Burnet Road) are "Personal Improvement Services" within the meaning of City Code § 25-2-4(50).

SUMMARY OF NEIGHBORHOOD'S POSITION

Consistent with Crossfit's national business model, both of the Burnet Road facilities advertise themselves as "sports facilities" and include substantial outdoor activity as part of their regular operations. The constant and ongoing disturbance these activities cause to the adjacent residential neighborhoods, which are located immediately behind both facilities, is incalculable. A standard Crossfit workout occurs primarily outside, or in partially enclosed space, and includes shouting, music, weight dropping, and other high-intensity activities that flood the adjoining single-family neighborhoods with noise and cause adjacent residences to literally vibrate.

It is our contention that these outdoor activities, which are professionally supervised, are more in the nature of "Outdoor Sports and Recreation" than "Personal Improvement Services." The term "fitness studio," as used in the definition of "Personal Improvement Services," clearly contemplates a traditional gym located within an enclosed structure, rather than exercise activity occurring outdoors. When the City Council adopted the current definition in the Land Development Code, the style of high-intensity outdoor activity that Crossfit has popularized across the nation simply did not exist as part of a standard gym or "fitness studio."

In rejecting our position, PDRD case manager Jerry Rusthoven mistakenly argues that because "some larger health facilities" include outdoor pools, Crossfit's high-intensity outdoor workouts must be treated as falling within the definition of "Personal

Improvement Services." This is a false comparison, however, because pools are an "accessory structure" that is "customary and incidental" to a traditional gym or fitness studio. High-intensity outdoor workouts like those supervised by Crossfit, on the other hand, are a relatively new development in the fitness industry and are not what one traditionally expects to find occurring on the outdoor portion of a gym or fitness studio. Therefore, the workouts that Crossfit conducts outside, or in partially enclosed spaces, fail to satisfy the "customary and incidental" test required by City Code § 25-2-891 (Accessory Uses) in order for an activity to be regarded as "accessory" to a principal use.

For these reasons, we ask the Board to overturn PDRD's determination and issue an interpretation that the definition of "Personal Improvement Services" does not include conducting standard workout activities, such as weight lifting, outside of the enclosed structure. When conducted outside, such activities fit more clearly within the definition of "Outdoor Sports and Recreation."

FACTUAL & LEGAL BACKGROUND

The attached letter from the Brentwood Neighborhood Association, dated August 7, 2014, describes efforts taken by the neighborhood to work with Crossfit and the continued disruptions that result from activities at both of the Burnet Road facilities. Because these efforts have failed to produce meaningful improvements, I requested a formal determination from PDRD as to whether Crossfit's outdoor activities fall within the definition of "Personal Improvement Services" or "Outdoor Sports and Recreation."

On September 8, 2014, PDRD case manager Jerry Rusthoven issued a determination that Crossfit's activities constitute "Personal Improvement Services." We are appealing PDRD's determination. As explained below, the activities conducted by Crossfit outdoors and in partially enclosed spaces are more in the nature of "Outdoor Sports and Recreation."

Activities Occurring at Crossfit Facilities

Both of the Crossfit facilities addressed in this letter, which back up to single-family residences, advertise themselves as "sports facilities" and include substantial outdoor activity as part of their regular operations. Whether due to lack of adequate interior space or for enhanced atmosphere, Crossfit clients conduct most of their workouts outside or in an area that is only partially enclosed. As a result, all of the accompanying noise floods the surrounding neighborhood. This noise includes music,

¹ A use or activity can only be regarded as "accessory" to a principal use if it is "incidental to and customarily associated with a principal use."

shouts and grunts of encouragement and, perhaps most disconcertingly, weight dropping which causes nearby residences to literally vibrate.

The culture of Crossfit is unlike other fitness gyms. Clients are encouraged to lift more than they can safely handle and drop the weight from above their heads to the ground. The resulting impact sounds much like thunder and shakes the ground, causing adjacent houses' windows and walls to reverberate. These noises go on outdoors seven days a week, often as early as 5 am and, in the case of Crossfit Central, until 9 pm, even on holidays. This past Thanksgiving and Christmas, for instance, BVM, the Crossfit behind my house, had such workouts all day long, disrupting our family gatherings.

Applicable Land Use Definitions

The outdoor component of Crossfit's operations, which include activities occurring outside and in partially-enclosed areas, do not fall within the definition of "personal improvement services", which is defined under Chapter 25-2 as:

"Use of a site for the provision of informational, instructional, personal improvement, and similar services of a non-professional nature. This use includes photography studios, driving schools, health or physical fitness studios, reducing salons, dance studios, and handicraft or hobby instruction."

While most traditional gyms can fairly be described as "health or physical fitness studios", the Crossfit facilities addressed in this letter do not fit that definition for two primary reasons.

First, Webster's Dictionary defines "studio" as a "workroom" or "a room or building" for such activities as music or film production, artwork and so on. A health or fitness studio, therefore, would have to be located entirely within an enclosed structure in order to qualify as a "studio" under the common definition. Traditional "physical fitness studios" like Planet Fitness, Gold's Gym, or the YMCA, would seem to fall within this category of indoor "studio" instruction. However, because so many of Crossfit's activities occur outdoors, or in partially enclosed buildings, they simply are not health or fitness studios in the conventional sense.

Second, Crossfit employs certified professionals to conduct trainings for large groups of clients, rather than truly "personal improvement" activities geared more towards individual clients and conducted on a non-professional basis. This aspect of Crossfit's business model, coupled with its substantial outdoor component, distinguishes it from a traditional gym where individuals go to work out individually or with a personal trainer.

For these reasons, it is clear that "Outdoor Sports and Recreation" is a much more accurate description of Crossfit's activities than "Personal Improvement Services." As defined under City Code Chapter 25-2, "Outdoor Sports and Recreation" is:

"A recreational use conducted in open, partially-enclosed, or screened facilities. This use includes driving ranges, miniature golf courses, golf courses, swimming pools, tennis courts, and outdoor racquetball courts."

Crossfit's operations fit this definition because, in addition to occurring primarily outside or in partially-enclosed areas, the noise generated by their training sessions is more similar to that of an outdoor racquetball court than a traditional gym or fitness studio. As explained above, these activities include weight dropping and dragging large tires.

RELIEF REQUESTED

Where a use is not classified, or potentially falls into more than one category, City Code Section 25-2-2 (*Use Determinations*) authorizes PDRD to assign "the appropriate use classification based on the characteristics of the proposed use and the similarities, if any, of the use to other classified uses." When acting on an appeal, the Board of Adjustment sits in the shoes of PDRD and must apply the same standard in determining the appropriate use classification.

We request that the Board reverse PDRD's determination of September 8, 2014, and issue an interpretation that weight-lifting and other conventional workout activities must occur within an enclosed fitness studio in order to qualify as "Personal Improvement Services." To the extent such activities occur outside, or in partially enclosed spaces, we ask the Board to rule that such activities constitute "Outdoor Sports and Recreation."

If granted, we believe that our requested interpretation would better further the goal of ensuring compatibility between commercial and residential uses that is central to the *Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan*. However, our interpretation would not have the effect of prohibiting outdoor swimming pools or accessory uses that are "customary and incidental" to a conventional gym.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mo Harry

Stephanie Garrett

cc: Brentwood Neighborhood Association

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NOTICE OF APPEAL INFORMATION

· Austin City Code 25-1-461 (see page 2 of 2 for appeal process)



Planning and Development Review Department

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Appeal Process

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§ 25-1-461 APPEAL.

- (A) A person may appeal a stop work order, remove or restore order, revocation, or suspension issued under this division by giving written notice to the accountable official not later than the third day after:
 - (1) the stop work order or remove or restore order is posted; or
 - (2) the person receives notice of the revocation or suspension.
- (B) The notice of appeal must contain:
 - (1) the name and address of the appellant;
 - (2)a statement of facts;
 - (3) the decision being appealed; and
 - (4) the reasons the decision should be set aside.
- (C) The accountable official shall hear the appeal not later than the third working day after the appeal is filed. The appellant, the appellant's expert, and the department may offer testimony to the accountable official.
- (D) The accountable official shall affirm or reverse the department's decision not later than the second working day after the hearing. The official shall give written notice of the decision and a statement of the reasons for the decision to the appellant.
- (E) The appellant may appeal the accountable official's decision to the Land Use Commission or appropriate technical board by giving written notice to the accountable official and the presiding officer of the Land Use Commission or appropriate technical board not later than the third working day after receiving notice of the decision. The notice of appeal must contain the information described in Subsection (B).
- (F) The Land Use Commission or appropriate technical board shall hear the appeal at the next regularly scheduled meeting following receipt of the notice of appeal. An appeal is automatically granted if the Land Use Commission or appropriate technical board does not hear the appeal before the 21st day following receipt of the notice of appeal.
- (G) A stop work order, remove or restore order, suspension, or revocation remains in effect during the pendency of an appeal under this section. Source: Section 13-1-69; Ord. 990225-70; Ord. 010607-8; Ord. 031211-11.

By signing this document, I attest to having read and understand my rights as granted by the Land Development Code for the process for appealing a stop work order, remove or restore order, revocation, or suspension.



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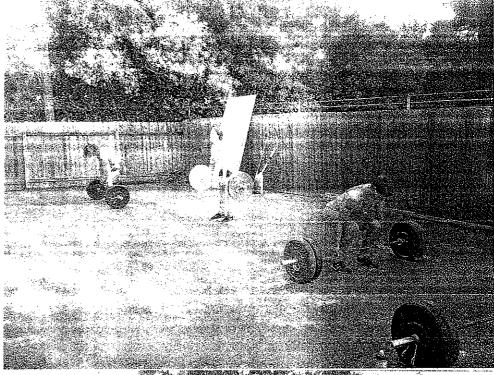


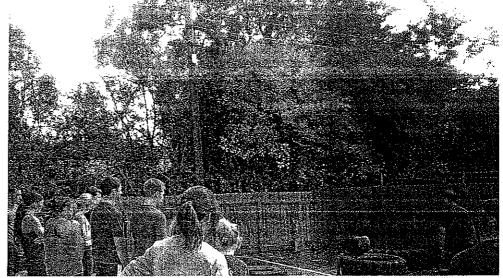


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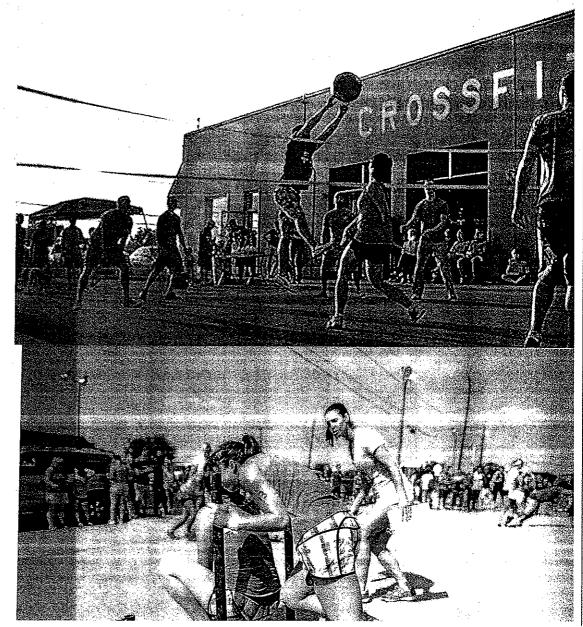


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September 8, 2014

Mo Harry 6704 Meadows Street Austin, TX 78757

Dear Mr. Harry,

The City of Austin Planning and Development Review Department has reviewed the use determination submitted regarding the two Crossfit facilities on Burnet Road (City file # UD-2014-0003). Staff believes that the use as described would fall under the Personal Improvement Services land use classification.

The Austin City Code Section 25-2-4 includes definitions for the following commercial uses:

PERSONAL IMPROVEMENT SERVICES use is the use of a site for the provision of informational, instructional, personal improvement, and similar services of a non-professional nature. This use includes photography studios, driving schools, health or physical fitness studios, reducing salons, dance studios, and handicraft or hobby instruction.

OUTDOOR SPORTS AND RECREATION use is a recreational use conducted in open, partially enclosed, or screened facilities. This use includes driving ranges, miniature golf courses, golf courses, swimming pools, tennis courts, and outdoor racquetball courts.

The activities at Crossfit are those one would find in any other health or fitness studio. The fact that a portion of those activities are occurring outdoors does not change the nature of the use. In the past the Planning Department has determined that outdoor activities such as a swimming pool are permitted under the Personal Improvement Services classification. Some larger health and fitness establishments and some YMCA's have an outdoor pool.

The Outdoor Sports and Recreation use includes softball complexes, outdoor swim centers, golf courses and tennis centers. These are different from a health or fitness club. In addition the staff does not believe that the group trainings held at Crossfit distinguish it from other health and fitness studios as they have similar types of sessions.

While the staff does not concur with you regarding the use determination, we understand the issues and concerns of you and your neighbors. On August 7th the City Council passed a resolution (no. 20140807-096) which directs the staff to evaluate options for better regulating non-amplified sound generated by outdoor recreation and fitness and other activities that result in spikes in noise levels. In addition we are directed to hold stakeholder meetings with the Planning Commission on those options before reporting the results to the City Council. We would appreciate you and your neighbors' involvement in this process as potential changes to the City Code are considered.

Sincerely,

Jerry Rusthoven, AICP

Manager

Current Planning Division

Cc: Gregory I. Guernsey, AICP, Director, PDRD George Adams, Assistant Director, PDRD Chris Johnson, Dev. Svcs. Mgr, DAC, PDRD



Serving Our Neighborhood from 45th St. to Justin Lane and North Lamar to Burnet Road

September 23, 2014

TO: City of Austin Board of Adjustment

RE: Appeal of City Staff Determination regarding "Personal Services" versus "Outdoor Recreation"; CrossFit Gyms at 6205-A Burnet Road and 6711 Burnet Lane.

The Steering Committee of the Brentwood Neighborhood Association concurs with the neighbors directly affected by the two CrossFit gyms noted above in challenging what we believe is a mis-interpretation of City Code. City Staff has historically treated traditional-style gyms (such as Gold's Gym or Planet Fitness) as "Personal Services" and we concur with that designation as the activities at those gyms (e.g. fitness classes, weights and aerobic equipment) exist entirely within a fully-enclosed facility.

However, in the case of the CrossFit businesses (and their model of "Boot Camp" type training), the activities often do NOT occur indoors and when they do occur "indoors" it is with the large garage doors open to the outside. CrossFit classes begin between 4:45 am to 5:30 am Monday thru Friday. Their facilities are immediately adjacent to single family residences. The noise generated by CrossFit's activities (especially those activities before 7am) disrupts adjacent neighbors' sleep and has adversely affected their quality of life.

CrossFit's "Boot Camp" models for fitness, with the attendant noise from outdoor exercise including grunting, yelling, and weight-dropping, are at their core disruptive. In addition, due to CrossFit's limited interior space, much of their activities occur outside. This further exacerbates the noise issues. When activities do occur inside, the large garage-style doors are left open adding no attenuation to the transference of sound.

Therefore, by definition, it is our belief that this tangible difference between traditional enclosed gyms and the models for CrossFit make this type of facility very specifically "Outdoor Recreation."

While City Council is considering possible changes to our municipal ordinances, we are asking the Board of Adjustment to make the determination that this type of facility is unique and does not qualify under the traditional gym designation of "Personal Services", but should be considered as "Outdoor Recreation."

We thank you for your consideration of our request regarding this appeal.

Respectfully,

Dale Henry, President BNA

From:

Carolyn Smith

Sent:

Friday, October 17, 2014 4:19 PM

To:

Heldenfels, Leane

Subject:

Crossfit designation # C15-2014-0146.

I am writing to express concern and respectfully request that when you consider the appeal about Crossfit designation you will consider how disturbing their operation is to peace in a central Austin neighborhood. I have sent an email to Mr. Ott asking his assistance in the matter as well.

Thank you. Carolyn A Smith 1005 Arcadia Ave ATX 78757

Begin forwarded message:

From: Carolyn Smith <

Subject: Crossfit designation

Date: October 17, 2014 at 4:14:22 PM CDT

To: marc.ott@austintexas.gov

Cc: Reply-To:

This message is from Carolyn Smith.

Mr. Ott, I am writing to let you know about concern regarding Crossfit Gym operations on Burnet Rd near my neighborhood, Brentwood/Crestview. While I am not immediately affected by their noise nuisance I share my neighbors concern that they are allowed to operate in a manner that disturbs the peace without legal consequences. I would like to ask you and your dept which oversees this issue to please reclassify them so that they operate more quietly and not disturb my neighbors. BOA is hearing an appeal in the next week or so on case # C15-2014-0146. Thank you.



City of Austin

P.O. Box 1088, Austin, Texas 78767

INVOICE

Invoice No.: 6056227

Invoice Date: 10/14/2014

Payer Information

Company/Facility Name:

Invoice To: Mo Harry

6704 MODESTO ST. AUSTIN TX 78757

Phone No.: (512) 917-2317

Invoice Amount: (\$388.00)

Additional Information

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Invoice Issued By: Leane Heldenfels

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PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to attend a public hearing, you are not required to attend. However, if you do attend, you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed request. You may also contact a neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

During a public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue an application's hearing to a later date, or recommend approval or denial of the application. If the board or commission announces a specific date and time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the announcement, no further notice will be sent.

A board or commission's decision may be appealed by a person with standing to appeal, or an interested party that is identified as a person who can appeal the decision. The body holding a public hearing on an appeal will determine whether a person has standing to appeal the decision.

An interested party is defined as a person who is the applicant or record owner of the subject property, or who communicates an interest to a board or commission by:

- delivering a written statement to the board or commission before or during the public hearing that generally identifies the issues of concern (it may be delivered to the contact person listed on a notice); or
 - appearing and speaking for the record at the public hearing; and:
- occupies a primary residence that is within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development;
 is the record owner of property within 500 feet of the subject property
- or proposed development; or

 is an officer of an environmental or neighborhood organization that
 has an interest in or whose declared boundaries are within 500 feet of

the subject property or proposed development.

A notice of appeal must be filed with the director of the responsible department no later than 10 days after the decision. An appeal form may be available from the responsible department.

For additional information on the City of Austin's land development process, visit our web site: www.austintexas.gov/development.

Note: any comments received will become part of the public record of this case board or commission, or Council; the scheduled date of the public hearing; the Written comments must be submitted to the contact person listed on the notice City of Austin-Planning & Development Review Department/ 1st Floor before or at a public hearing. Your comments should include the name of the VI am in favor Contact: Leane Heldenfels, 512-974-2202, leane.heldenfels@austintexas.gov Case Number; and the contact person listed on the notice. All comments ☐ I object Public Hearing: Board of Adjustment, October 27th, 2014 If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to: Case Number: C15-2014-0145, 6205-A Burnet Road Or scan and email to leane, heldenfels@austintexas, gov received will become part of the public record of this case. Your address(es) affected by this application ROMERIA DI Signature 518 -ING KOJON Or fax to (512) 974-2934 Austin, TX 78767-1088 Your Name (please print) Daytime Telephone: Leane Heldenfels P. O. Box 1088 Comments:

C15-2014-0146

From:

mo harry

Sent:

Monday, November 17, 2014 2:21 PM

To:

Heldenfels, Leane

Subject:

Fw: Crossfit's request for reconsideration

Attachments:

Board reconsideration letter.doc; noise complaints.docx

Leane,

Below are some photos further revealing the outdoor nature of Crossfit's workouts.

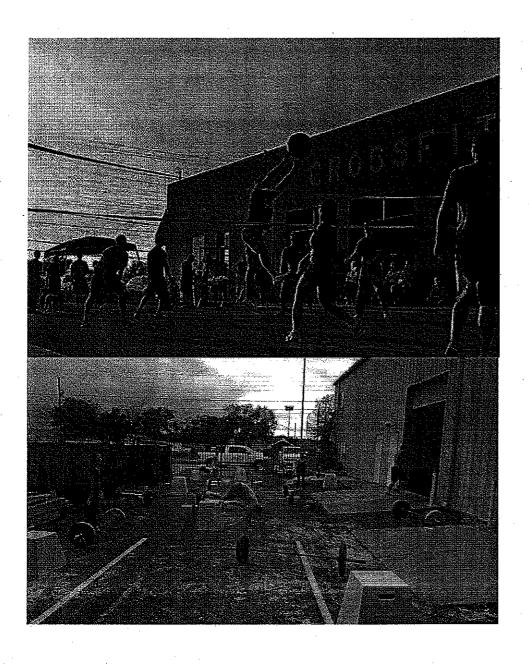
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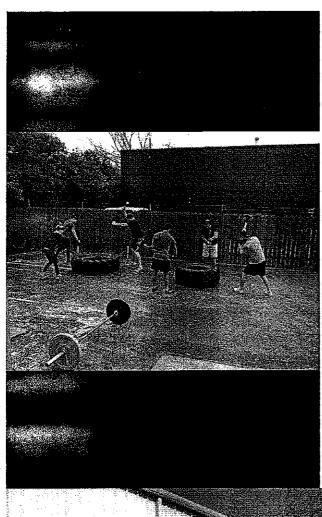
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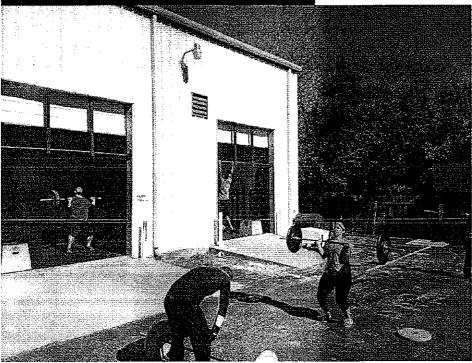
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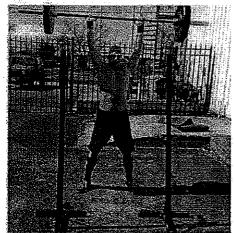
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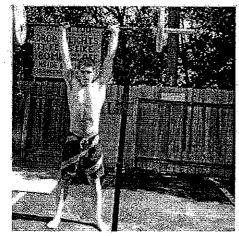


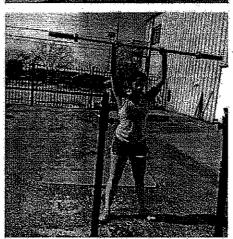
















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Mo Harry 6704 Modesto Street Austin, Texas 78757

November 16, 2014

Dear Chairman Jack and Members of the Board of Adjustment:

As per Leane Heldenfels November 13th email to me regarding the Board's December 1st possible reconsideration of the Crossfit Use Determination Appeal, I am submitting evidence of behalf of myself and my neighbors ahead of the meeting. This evidence doesn't support any new argument as we firmly believe that the Board's decision on October 27th was sound and well-informed, namely that the Crossfits at 6205-A Burnet Road and 6711 Burnet Lane fit the description of Outdoor Sports and Recreation facilities and NOT Personal Improvement Services Studios. Nothing material has changed since that time except that the noise and activity has increased. Our new evidence consists of the numerous 311 noise complaints we've filed since October 27th and photos from the facilities to emphasize the outdoor nature of their activities.

We <u>strongly oppose</u> Crossfit's request for a reconsideration and appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mo Harry and Brentwood neighbors in solidarity with the Brentwood Neighborhood Association

Noise Complaints Against BVM Crossfit since Board of Adjustment Appeal

Pixie Sunshine's noise complaints since October 27th 2014

10/28 incident # 143011305 5:49pm loud bass music, weights being dropped inside and outside, yelling and banging on tires outside with bay doors open

11/5 SR# 14-00240377 7:49pm loud bass music, yelling, weights being thrown inside and outside with bay doors open

11/10 SR#1400244388 5:48pm loud bass music, yelling, weights being thrown inside and outside with bay doors open

11/11 SR#14-00245036 5:47pm loud bass music, yelling, weights being thrown inside and outside with bay doors open

11/12 SR#14-00245634 5:28pm loud bass music, yelling, weights being thrown inside and outside with bay doors open

11/13 SR#1400246274 4:28pm loud bass music, yelling, weights being thrown inside and outside with bay doors open, banging on tires with sledge hammers over and over again went on for over an hour started at 3:30pm.

11/14 SR#14-00246525 7:33am loud bass music, yelling, weights being thrown over and over again

11/14 SR#14-00246954 4:43pm loud bass music, weights dropping over and over again

11/14 SR#14-00247000 5:59pm loud bass muisc, weights dropping over and over again

11/16 SR#14-00247896 11:00am loud bass music, weights dropping over and over again

11/16 SR#14-00248002 1:30pm loud bass music, weights dropping over and over again

Cynthia Riddle's noise complaints since October 27th

10/28 - SR #14-00232897 7:44a Very loud music

10/28 – SR #14-00233189 1:22p Very loud music and lots of noise including weights dropping

11/5 - SR# 14-00240353 7:07p Very loud music for over an hour

Mo Harry's noise complaints since October 27th

11/2 SR #14-002237708 2:08 pm loud music and dropping

11/3 SR #14-00238096 7:59 am loud music and weight dropping

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11/10 SR#14-00244391 6:12 pm loud music and weight dropping

11/12 SR#14-00245149 5:22 am weight dropping

11/12 SR#14-00245648 5:55 pm loud music and weight dropping

11/14 SR #14-0246999 6:16 pm loud music and weight dropping

Anna Taylor's noise complaints since October 27th 2014

10/28 SR #14-00233028 9:44 am loud music

10/28 SR #14-0023350 5:53 pm loud music and weights dropping

10/30 SR#14-00235149 1:12 pm loud music and weight dropping

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MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4 § (G)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We've filed this re-hearing in an attempt to right a wrong that was clearly made at the last hearing. At the last hearing, emotions were allowed to play into a decision that should have been emotionless. Comments were made and evidence was skewed in an attempt to circumvent rules that were put into place long before Brentwood was even in the planning stages. The last hearing was goal oriented. We ask that at this hearing, we focus less on the goal, and more on the actual rules and classifications that are being woefully ignored.

First things first, as evidenced by the attached exhibit, which is a class schedule available on our website, the last class offered is from 6-7:15. Exhibit 2 are the typical crossfit workouts which typically take very little time (9-15 minutes on average). Exhibit 3 are pictures of the majority of the workouts being done inside. The accusation that there is noise until 9:30 every night is unfounded and simply untrue, much like most if not all of the other evidence that was presented. This is understandable, and even forgivable, because the residents are fighting the noise created by an area zoned for business. But, just because they are fighting for their homes does not make them right, nor does it require a rule change. Here's why:

You ruled that crossfit is an outdoor activity much like golf courses and driving ranges, according to the current definition of outdoor activity. We are hoping that each of you have had some time to really consider what this classification means, and realize that a mistake was made. Surely you understand that if crossfit, which takes place indoors 90% of the time can be classified as an outdoor activity, then a golf course or driving range, of which 10% takes place indoor, could then be classified as "personal improvement." You can't have it one way without the other. Or, what if a photographer decides to take pictures outdoors instead of inside the studio? Then do we classify it as an outdoor activity because, and I quote "one percent of the activity occurred outdoors?" Logically, your previous ruling does not make any sense. I implore you to use logic in making your ruling, instead of emotion, instead of being goal oriented.

Finally, I find it interesting that one of the residents mentioned that "we knew that behind our back yard was zoned for business when we bought the house..." Do not forget the maxim of caveat emptor, let the buyer beware. The home buyers of Brentwood, much like anyone sitting at this table that has bought a house, knew or should have known of the zoning near them, and taken that into consideration when negotiating a purchase price. If the residents have a problem with the noise, then that problem needs to be addressed in the noise ordinances, not with conjured up evidence which changed the classification of a business essentially putting a round peg in a square hole. The easy way is not always the right way.

Ladies and gentlemen, don't let one mistake turn into two. While I understand the homeowners are fighting for peace and quiet, we, the owners of bvm, are fighting for our very livelihood.

Exhibit 1



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