

City of Norman Predevelopment**December 18, 2015****Applicant:** Maria Gardner & Stephanie Traw**Project Location:** 1309 24th Ave SW**Case Number:** PD 15-39**Time:** Dec. 18, 2015, 5:30 pm

<u>Attendee</u>	<u>Stakeholder</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Contact Information</u>
Anaïs Starr	Staff/Planning		405-366-5392
Leah Messner	Staff/Legal		405-366-5376
Terry Floyd	Staff/City Manager's Office		405-366-5446
Maria & John Gardner	Representative		
Ron & Karen Kirkpatrick	Neighbor	2300 W Lindsey	405-366-1889
Donna Porter	Neighbor	2300 W Lindsey	405-431-9024

Application Summary

This property is currently zoned C-2, General Commercial District. The applicant is proposing an event center that will host events ranging from catered events such as weddings and birthdays to concerts and burlesque shows with liquor being served. The proposed uses require a Special Use Permit for 1) Bar, Lounge, or Tavern; 2) Live Entertainment Venue; and 3) Adult Entertainment Uses.

Neighbors' Comments/Concerns

Maria & John Gardner were present and explained their proposed event center. The Del Rancho Restaurant property owners expressed concern about burlesque shows being held at the event center and wondered how often they would be held. The applicants stated yes that burlesque shows would be one of the activities held at the event center but not the only one, the Special Use permit would provide the applicants the ability to tap into a variety of venues to host at the event center. Applicants explained that a burlesque show was really an art form and encouraged the neighbors to come see a practice show at the building. Furthermore, the burlesque shows would only be offered on Friday and Saturday nights and yes liquor would be served. Neighboring property owners stated that given the burlesque shows and the alcohol involved, how will the applicants handle the problems associated with such a venue. The applicants stated they have hired security to be at the facility, they have a private membership requirement and they screen their membership. They further explained that their shows would be similar to shows held at The Dollhouse, located in Bricktown in OKC. The neighbor stated they were fine with the other uses proposed for the event

center but were opposed to the Adult Entertainment Use. The neighbors indicated there was not anything the applicants could do to mitigate the Adult Entertainment Use. A neighbor further stated that there were other event centers in town and that they did not need an adult entertainment next door to their family-oriented business. Reaching this impasse, Leah Messner, City Attorney, explained to the neighbors the process for submitting a protest letter if they desired to do so.