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Heather's letter of support

1 message

Joni Tamalonis <tamalonis_j@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Joni Tamalonis <tamalonis_j@yahoo.com>
To: Lisa Frye <lisa@art-sanctuary.org>

Tue, Nov 24, 2015 at 5:44 PM

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From: Heather Lewis <hlewis@RoadandRail.com>
To: "tamalonis_j@yahoo.com" <tamalonis_j@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 2:57 PM
Subject: Art Sanctuary Support

To Whom It May Concern,
This letter is to support Art Sanctuary in the Germantown/Schnitzelburg neighborhood.

Art Sanctuary adds value to the neighborhood by exposing a wide group of people to the arts, drawing people into the neighborhood who may patron other local establishments while here and creatively utilizing a large space that would otherwise, most likely, go unused. Our neighborhood has been growing by leaps and bounds in recent years. Art Sanctuary enhances and strengthens local community relationships, neighborhood bonds, exposes all ages to the arts; which inspires imagination and learning and beautifies the space they inhabit on Shelby. It's a pleasure to take nightly walks by the establishment. There are always friendly faces to greet you, welcome conversation and it makes you feel safe.

Thank you,

Heather Lewis
1007 Lydia St
Louisville, KY
40217

November 18, 2015

To whom it may concern,

Art Sanctuary is a vital part of the visual and performing arts community. They support both the performing and visual arts. Va Va Vixens is one of the top ranked performing arts groups in the city of Louisville. They practice there and perform there. There are many photography and other visual artists that have shows there each year.

The people who use Art Sanctuary are very active in the community. They support youth groups, help with local festivals, and even rescue animals. Because of community support given by members of Art Sanctuary their events draw a very diverse group of people.

While the building may not be perfect yet, they are striving to improve it all the time. It is an old building. It will take time and money to improve it. Through the events held there, it is getting noticed as an important part of the art community. The funds to improve the building will come with added exposure. Please allow them the time needed to save this old building and community of artist it supports.

Thank you,
Lora Nix
170 Forest Dr.
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Art Sanctuary in order to raise awareness of the impact that this space has in the local art community. It is an outlet for fine artists, performing artists and everyone in between to come together and share their passions in a comfortable and inspiring space.

I have witnessed countless artists work hours on end perfecting their art in this space in order to present their best for the Louisville community. They never ask for anything in return, only for the chance for someone to appreciate their talent. The same goes for the people behind Art Sanctuary itself. They put their heart and soul into every inch of the space. I know with additional support they will truly thrive and make Louisville proud to be the artistic community it is blossoming into.

Please join Art Sanctuary as it grows into what is already envisioned as an remarkable home for local art and performances.

Thank you,

Ashley Mueller



Lisa Frye <lisa.h.frye.artist@gmail.com>

Art Sanctuary is love.

1 message

deanna edmonson <msmewz@yahoo.com>

Wed, Nov 25, 2015 at 10:18 AM

To: Art Sanctuary <lisa@art-sanctuary.org>

The Art Sanctuary is a diamond in the rough, nestle on Shelby street, and filled with a creativity that Louisville needs. Before I found Art Sanuary I never thought there was such a place where artist could create, perform and unite. Being a part of Art Sanctuary now is amazing. This environment reaches out to the community and the surrounding areas with what it is in its name, a true sanctuary of the arts. I personally live in Elizabetown, Kentucky and drive weekly just to this incredible space to create. Art Sanctuary is a place in my heart and I wouldn't change it for the world.

Deepest Regards

Deanna Von Calvert

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone



Lisa Frye <lisa.h.frye.artist@gmail.com>

Zoning

1 message

Shahn Rigsby <thevigilantsower@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 24, 2015 at 4:40 PM

To: lisa@art-sanctuary.org, "Lisa Frye (Google+)" <reply-105540920338214983128@profiles.google.com>

Shahn sent you this message via your [Google+ profile](#). When you reply, Shahn will see your email address.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing you in support of Art Sanctuary's request for rezoning. Art Sanctuary plays a vital role in the visual and performing arts community and is also the home of the Va Va Vixens. Art Sanctuary enhances the creative energy of Louisville with a lot more than studio space and if the current zoning obstructs that growth in any way, then a change in zoning should most certainly be granted.

As a local artist myself, I have been involved with Art Sanctuary off and on since 2005 and have been a witness at times to the hard work and efforts put in by their members. The amount of work to support artists in this community has been immense. Most certainly a labor of love. It only seems right to provide them with this change in order to help them thrive.

Thank you,

Shahn Rigsby

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Rezoning

1 message

Britany Baker <britanysbaker@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 30, 2015 at 1:29 AM

To: Lisa Frye <lisa@art-sanctuary.org>

Cc: Frankie Steele <frankie@art-sanctuary.org>

11/30/2015

To whom it may concern,

As a longtime resident of Schnitzelberg I'd like to voice my support of Art Sanctuary. This area, this neighborhood in particular, has been steadily moving in the direction of creative force for the past decade. Having a high concentration of artists like this is good for everyone. And having a non-profit in the arts literally in your own backyard is as good as it gets. With a non-profit, the community can participate in the direction of the organization. Think of how arts programming for our residents and neighborhood beautification could change all our lives for the better. Think of the talent and the money that will be drawn in to this neighborhood with the inclusion of the arts and the creative class.

And let's think about what could be going into this space if we don't set it up for something community-oriented. Do we really want it to go back to industrial manufacturing?

As a participating studio artist at Art Sanctuary, I can tell you that having convenient access to cheap studio space has changed my world. I went part time at my corporate job earlier this year and have been successfully supplementing my income with art ever since. And I'm not alone. There are nearly 30 visual artists currently creating in this space. And with the addition of gallery space and the ability to host events, bringing in art buyers would continue to make working in the arts a real possibility for even more artists.

Thank you for your consideration.

Britany baker
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Lisa Frye <lisa.h.frye.artist@gmail.com>

Zoning

1 message

Paul Fargen <pfargen@hotmail.com>

Mon, Nov 23, 2015 at 5:56 PM

To: Lisa Frye <lisa.h.frye.artist@gmail.com>

To whom it may concern:

As one of the renters and an owner/resident of the area as well, I believe that it is a benefit to the community that Art Sanctuary and Va Va Vixens are moving into the neighborhood. I hope that the zoning issues can be resolved allowing greater access and availability. This is good for Louisville Art, and it is good for Louisville Entertainment as well.

Sincerely,

Paul Fargen
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November 29, 2015

City of Louisville
444 S 5th St #100
Louisville, KY 40202

Amy Vallin
939 Lydia Street
Louisville, KY 40217

Regarding: The Art Sanctuary

To Whom it Concerns,

As a resident of the Schnitzelburg/Germantown neighborhood I am writing this letter to bring awareness and support to the Art Sanctuary organization.

Having purchased a home two blocks away from the Art Sanctuary, I am happy to have an organization so close that supports artists. Beyond providing space for artists, the concerts and events held at their location have been a wonderful addition to the already vibrant area. I know the board of the Art Sanctuary is working hard to "do things right" in terms of permitting and zoning. As a homeowner I'm happy to know this and fully support their efforts to expand the work they are doing.

The metamorphosis happening in the Schnitzelburg/Germantown neighborhood is truly wonderful – Art Sanctuary is part of this and needs the support of not only the neighborhood but the city as well.

Thank you for your time.

Amy L Vallin



Lisa Frye <lisa.h.frye.artist@gmail.com>

In Support of Art Sanctuary

1 message

Mary Yates <mary@vividblack.net>

Mon, Nov 23, 2015 at 1:21 PM

Reply-To: mary@vividblack.net

To: lisa@art-sanctuary.org

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of the nonprofit arts organization know as Art Sanctuary. This organization provides a vital resource for the community and the physical space is essential for community events and the ongoing stability of this organization. Having Art Sanctuary in our neighborhood has been a great resource and I would like to see them be able to expand their reach and welcome more members of the community to enjoy their great programing and nurture the arts in Louisville. I personally have enjoyed many of their events including art exhibitions, live performances, open studio tours, and art happenings. This is a dynamic and vibrant arts organization that provides entertainment, education, and creative resources to the community. I hope to see Art Sanctuary to continue to flourish and grow and benefit my neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Mary Yates
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Louisville, KY 40217
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Linda Erzinger

1035 Ash St.

Louisville, KY 40217

502-468-3765

December 6, 2015

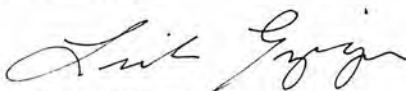
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the Art Sanctuary. As a resident of Schnitzelburg I am excited to have this organization in my neighborhood. As a professional artist I have accessed valuable resources through the Art Sanctuary. They are providing an important space for a community of artists to network and create together. The strength of this organization requires that they are able to grow into their vision.

Their vision included having events where the arts are supported by the public. I understand that this has created a need for a change in zoning. Change is quite frequently a feared event, but it can lead to wonderful development and better use of a neighborhood. I believe that the increase in foot traffic and visitors to the neighborhood will boost property values by creating awareness of the area and desirability to be closer to such a strong community connector.

Supporting the arts organizations in Louisville in turn supports the artists who are also citizens and have a need for a society that sustains them.

Thank you,

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Linda Erzinger

Artist

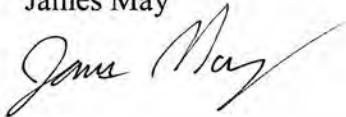
James May
1035 Ash ST.
Louisville, KY. 40217
(502)-593-1118

To whom it may Concern:

I am writing this letter to register my support for Art Sanctuary. I have been a resident of Schnitzelburg for over a decade and I welcome their presence in our community. Art Sanctuary provides the type of opportunity and support for local artists that is becoming increasingly hard to find in most cities.

I understand that the zoning changes requested by Art Sanctuary is necessary to continue their mission. As Schnitzleburg grows and changes it is important that the cultural side of the community is not neglected.

Thank you,
James May

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James May". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Dec. 4, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express support for Art Sanctuary, located at 1433 S. Shelby St. in Louisville, KY as I believe Art Sanctuary is a great community asset.

As one of the organizers of The Flea Off Market, I can say that we had a great event at Art Sanctuary in December of 2014, which was much-enjoyed by the Louisville community.

There are many reasons I am writing this letter, but some of them are to stress that Art Sanctuary is a much-valued studio, performance, and event space. Furthermore, Art Sanctuary is a creative force and economic driver in its neighborhood.

Thank you for your time,

Nathan Erickson
The Flea Off Market
1403 E Breckinridge St
Louisville, KY 40204

To Whom It May Concern

Louisville Metro Government:

Art Sanctuary has been a welcomed addition to our vibrant Germantown/Schnitzelburg neighborhood. We are thrilled to have a non-profit, community-oriented arts space a few doors down from our home, especially considering this space which sat lifeless at the end of our street for so long could have potentially housed an industrial manufacturing polluter. The arts encourage innovation, creativity and prosperity. Non-profit arts organizations generate billions of dollars in economic activity and government revenue every year. Arts Sanctuary is good for our neighborhood and local economy, and we support their continued presence here.

Ben and Natalie Felker

Nov. 17, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in regards to the zoning of Art Sanctuary. As a participating studio artist, I must say that this is the most welcome place I have had the opportunity to have a studio. Everyone here is very friendly, helpful, creative and pleasant. I am very comfortable here.

This is a community space, and all artists work collectively on events, and do form a sense of community. This is what makes Art Sanctuary such a unique environment for the diverse artists that work here! There is no other place like this in Louisville.

The advantages here are: opportunities for art workshops, community involvement/unification, open studio spaces, sense of artistic community, personal workspace without being separated from others...the list goes on.

Art Sanctuary is an innovative space for artists to work independently, yet collaboratively, and invite the neighborhood and all of Louisville to enjoy and at times, engage in the visual arts.

As a visual art teacher, I fully support the efforts of Art Sanctuary and the awesomeness of community it represents. May this establishment continue to promote the arts in our community!

Sincerely,

Pati Wright Watson

City of Louisville
Zoning and Planning
444 S 5th St #300
Louisville, KY 40202

November 18, 2015

Dear Permit and Zoning Administrators,

I write to share my support for Art Sanctuary, Inc. at 1433 S. Shelby Street as the non-profit moves forward with its efforts to improve its zoning and building use. My family residence is on the same block as Art Sanctuary. As a supporter of the arts in Louisville and a neighbor to organization, I am looking forward to the positive impact on the neighborhood as Art Sanctuary continues to solidify its presence and programs in Schnitzelburg.

Neighborhoods need organizations like this to offer an opportunity for community members to fully experience and participate in a diverse array of artistic endeavors. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Joan Marie Tamalonis

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Louisville, KY 40217

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Novemeber 18, 2015

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a local artist renting a studio at Art Sanctuary. I have created many projects in the space that I would not have been able to accomplish without the resources, location, and collaboration with other artists that is made possible at Art Sanctuary.

Art Sanctuary not only enriches the cultural health and vibrancy of the Germantown and Smoketown neighborhoods that it fits so well into but acts as a beacon of inspiration for the Louisville community as an arts hub and meeting place for those invested in the future of Louisville, Kentucky.

Sincerely,
Ashley Brossart

To whom it may concern,

I am writing you today to discuss what an important and viable organization Art Sanctuary is to the Louisville community. Art Sanctuary is a unique space in that it is not only an artistic home for over 20 local visual artists, it also has potential to host a myriad of events for the performing and visual arts. I have seen its growth in just under a year, and it has been exciting and a positive influence in our neighborhood.

I have had a studio at Art Sanctuary for almost a year, and this is the first time I have felt a part of a group like no other. I have made friends, life long friends, in a short amount of time. I have found support and encouragement in this group. From completing Gallopalooza horses together, to participating in the LVA Open Studio Weekend these activities have cemented a bond between us that I believe will be hard to break. We have meaningful conversations with each other, inspire and learn from each other. I see the growth and potential in this group, and it is boundless!

Art Sanctuary is a place that if a creative mind has an idea, that idea can be nurtured and fostered in the space, and flourish and manifest into a performance, an art experience, an installation, or more job opportunities. Art Sanctuary's facilities alone provide that opportunity. Lisa Frye, Britany Baker, and Frankie Steele all exhibit a "can do" attitude, and are open to new ideas, while still being responsible, and health and safety cautious.

This group is a mature organization that has done everything by the book, has followed all codes and regulations, and wants to do it right. We understand that freedom is not a license for chaos. We all want everyone to have the freedom to express themselves, but we are also aware of our limitations, the building's limitations, and health and safety come first. Artists can sometimes have a reputation for being wild, and not following rules and regulations. I do not see that kind of attitude here at all. Any concern has been immediately addressed, and handled appropriately. Any idea has been researched, and discussed maturely before action has taken place. We are a collective. One example is that I have been wanting to create an internship program with Art Sanctuary, and Kentucky College of Art And Design (KyCAD). I approached Britany and Laurie Fader (Chair of Academic Affairs at KyCAD) with this idea, and we are working on having our first intern by the first month of next year.

As I said before, I see the limitless potential for Art Sanctuary in this space. We already have many full time professional artists here that contribute to the arts community in many ways. I see Art Sanctuary as another venue for these artists to contribute more. There is potential for more art classes, internships, new businesses, more public art, and one of a kind performances never seen anywhere. That's really exciting to me! I hope you can agree, and envision the potential Art Sanctuary has.

Sincerely,
Sabra L. Crockett

To Whom it Concerns:

The Art Sanctuary is a wonderful addition to our Schnitelburg neighborhood! It adds value by offering a service/space not already available to those who live here and nearby.

In fact, I know someone with a brain injury who rents space there to create his art and it has been meaningful to him on a level far deeper than just creating art. It has given him a sense of purpose when he hasn't always felt that way due to the limitations he has with daily functions in life.

I live a half block from the Art Sanctuary and walk my dogs by there quite often and have never experienced any problems.

I've attended a couple of events they have offered which has provided a wonderful experience. A place like this is important not only for the artists creating the art, but for the rest of us who reap the benefits of having this available to us.

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TONY SUSNICK

DIRECTOR - WRITER - EDITOR

11/19/15

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of Art Sanctuary and the invaluable service they offer to our community.

I first visited Art Sanctuary a few months ago and was astounded when I saw the facility, what they offer to artists and the enormous amount of work by Lisa Frye and the staff in running it. I was just as amazed to learn that Art Sanctuary offers so much to the community with classes, lectures, exhibitions and shows.

Louisville has an impressive history of legendary actors, artists, sculptors, musicians, writers, and just about every other medium. The amount of artistic talent in Louisville now is more than ever and desperately needs the nurturing of a place like Art Sanctuary.

I fully support the efforts of Art Sanctuary and their mission that benefits not only Louisville but the artistic world.



Tony Susnick

November 20, 2015

Dear Planning and Zoning Officials or To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to demonstrate my support for Art Sanctuary's request for rezoning. I live on the 900-block of Lydia Street a few houses down from Art Sanctuary and I whole-heartedly support all they do and stand for. The space they provide for artists to pursue their work at affordable cost is so treasured in Louisville and our smaller community of Germantown. Their venue also provides a valuable space for local residents' events. The events they host bring entertainment and people into our neighborhood to eat at our restaurants. Please grant them whatever zone changes they need to continue to provide dynamic ways of funding their non-profit space and services so that they can remain in Germantown. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jill Abney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jill Abney

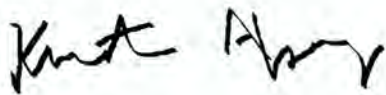
929 Lydia St.
Louisville, KY 40217

Dear To Whom It May Concern,

11/20/15

I wish to express my support for Art Sanctuary's request for rezoning. As a resident of Germantown (I live on Lydia Street where Art Sanctuary is located) I am so grateful for their presence here. I hope that any zone changes they need to continue to function in the way they do now – as well as grow to meet the needs of artists and the residence who use the space - would be made. The space in our Germantown community provides so many positive things here that I hope any changes necessary would be passed immediately. Please grant them whatever zone changes they need to continue doing what they do for this community. Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristie Abney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kristie Abney



Lisa Frye <lisa.h.frye.artist@gmail.com>

Support for Art Sanctuary

1 message

Laura Orsland <martianbee@thehivebg.org>
To: "lisa@art-sanctuary.org" <lisa@art-sanctuary.org>

Fri, Nov 20, 2015 at 11:05 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in regards to the zoning of Art Sanctuary. As a supporter of the arts, I have been a proud patron of the many events hosted by Art Sanctuary. The level of professionalism balanced with the creativity of these events is profoundly impressive and should be considered a treasure within this community. In addition, Art Sanctuary promotes the arts through providing much needed affordable studio space to artists, serves as a venue for youth programs, and is welcoming to individuals of every ability.

I truly hope to see Louisville embrace this organization so that it may grow and flourish.

Thank you,

Laura Rigby Orsland

Transitions Advocate for
*Habilitation, Information,
Vocation & Education*

The HIVE

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Sent from my iPhone



Lisa Frye <lisa.h.frye.artist@gmail.com>

New Zoning Letter

1 message

Joe Mays <jfmays@launchpad.win.net>
To: Lisa Frye <lisa.h.frye.artist@gmail.com>

Sun, Nov 22, 2015 at 5:41 PM

To Whom It May Concern --

When Art Sanctuary took over the space at 1433 S. Shelby in order to build a space for artists and creators of all types, there was a lot of excitement in the Merriwether/Shnitzelburg area for what it might mean to the neighborhoods. As a location that had operated as a business for decades but had fallen into disuse in any productive sense, it presents an opportunity to start bringing makers into the area and revitalize the neighborhoods as a location for artisans of every stripe.

The purpose of zoning regulations is, in the end, to protect and enhance the value of areas as places to live, work and grow. The zoning issues that are preventing Art Sanctuary from making full use of the location for all the purposes for which Art Sanctuary has intended it are acting in opposition to the purpose for which zoning regulations are derived. Art Sanctuary has the proven potential to fan the flames of growth in the area. It has already brought positive attention to the area as a place for creators to live and work and has begun interacting with local businesses such as Cure Lounge in a way that can benefit all residents and businesses in the area.

Clearing up the zoning issues so that Art Sanctuary is free to operate to its full potential can only have positive benefits for Schnitzelburg/Merriwether and the surrounding neighborhoods, Louisville arts, and the city in general. What Art Sanctuary is doing is good for all of us. Let them do it.

Joe Mays
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Local Artist
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11/20/2015

Dear Zoning Official,

I am writing to you out of concern for the future of Art Sanctuary. My children and I would like to see this business continue and thrive. My family and I have attended several community events at Art Sanctuary. I consider each one to have enhanced our awareness and enjoyment of the arts. We have spoken with artists and toured their studio space. It has been a wonderful experience for our family. Some of these experiences stimulated our further exploration of the arts in Louisville, resulting in the purchase of tickets to the Louisville Ballet, as well as the Louisville Orchestra. Supporting the fine arts is equally as important. Art Sanctuary is a cultural icon which should be appreciated and encouraged! It exemplifies what makes Louisville the city of choice for the arts and culture in Kentucky. I hope you will assist this community of artists to grow and blossom into their fullest potential.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If there is anything I can do to assist you in keeping Art Sanctuary up and running, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards,
Susan Rigsby

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