

Phil Boyle

From: Angela Hernandez <Angela.Hernandez@sundance.net>
Sent: Monday, May 26, 2014 3:17 PM
To: Phil Boyle
Cc: amber@lpjkids.com
Subject: Le Petit Jardin Preschool

Dear Mr. Boyle,

I am writing to express how delighted our family has been upon hearing plans of moving Le Petit Jardin to the Red Hill Church location. The location is ideal since many families will be able to walk or bike with their kids to the school. Our family has had such a wonderful time at events sponsored by LPJ such as the Teddy Bear Tea and most recently the Egg Hunt and Potluck event. Our family is so lucky to be neighbors with the Smith-Lopata family and truly feel they are a very special community building family. I have yet to find a more kind and loving family. Please grant them the necessary permits to allow the preschool to move into the new space at Red Hill Church. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Angela Hernandez

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Phil Boyle

From: cmsimonelli <cmsimonelli@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2014 2:41 PM
To: Phil Boyle
Cc: Celeste Jocelyn's mom; Amber French Teacher
Subject: Support for Le Petit Jardin and The Golden Gate Tutoring Center

Hello Phil,

My name is Christina Simonelli, and I am a parent and a resident of Ross. We are hoping that Amber will be able to host her French immersion program at the Red Hill Church space, and we are hoping the Golden Gate Tutoring Center will also be able to have their business at the church as well.

My daughter has been a student of Amber for over a year and I have found her to be the best French language teacher in Marin. Being bilingual is very important in his day and age and we really would like Amber to continue teaching our daughter. Her location at the Red Hill Church is perfect for us as we can bike there. I know the location has been very convenient for the other families as well being that it is right on SFD.

We are also big fans of the Golden Gate Tutoring Center having their space at the church. They run a fabulous center. This location allows them to have more space to be able to help more kids learn in the community. We are very excited about the community Maker Space they plan to have as a way to create community and a fun learning space for our kids.

Both programs are such great resources, and we fully support their move to the Red Hill Church.

Thank you,
Christina Simonelli

Phil Boyle

From: Memebug <memebug@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2014 5:54 PM
To: Phil Boyle
Cc: Le Petit Jardin
Subject: Le Petit Jardin French Immersion

Dear Mr. Boyle,

We are writing to you in support of the Planning Commission's prompt approval of Le Petit Jardin's Use Permit. Our family loves LPJ and Ms. Amber Smith-Lopata's caring and nurturing approach to helping young children develop and grow while learning French. Our daughter has been attending LPJ's Mommy and Me class since she was 18 months old (she will be 3 in a few months). She enjoys it tremendously and looks forward to each class with great excitement.

Even though we live in the East Bay in the City of Hercules, we are more than happy to drive the hour that it takes us to get to San Anselmo so our daughter can benefit from Ambi's class. We look forward to having the chance to enroll her in LPJ's preschool programs this coming Fall.

Sincerely,

Dushka & Matthew Goff

Phil Boyle

From: Claire King <claire.and.rob@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2014 10:15 PM
To: Phil Boyle
Cc: Le Petit Jardin
Subject: Le Petit Jardin Preschool

Hello Mr. Boyle-

I am writing to express my support for the relocation of Le Petit Jardin Preschool, run by Amber Smith-Lopata, to the premises of Red Hill Church at 921 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

My children have attended various French story time sessions narrated by Amber at the San Anselmo Library, Mommy & Me French Class, and the holiday Teddy Bear Tea at the Red Hill Church. We have met so many lovely people through these events. Amber is truly a pillar of the community, connecting folks together in the best of ways.

My mother moved here from France back in the 60s, and is now a U.S. citizen. In an effort to keep my children in contact with French family members, I am raising them bilingual. The story times and Mommy & Me classes we have attended have proven to be a huge help, not only through the sessions themselves, but thanks in part to the contacts made. We now have regular play dates with fellow francophiles. Quite often, we will meet up in San Anselmo after a class or story time, picking up lunch and eating at a nearby park.

I am thrilled at the prospect of Le Petit Jardin moving to the Red Hill Church. We have attended Amber's Mommy & Me class there. The new location for Le Petit Jardin allows me to walk with my younger child to Red Hill Shopping Center for tasty treat, run errands, attend a Toddler Tumbling class through Parks & Rec, or play at Millennium Park while my son attends a few hours of preschool.

The only other French language immersion preschool in Marin County is the Lycee Francais in Sausalito, with a high number of required hours, prohibitive cost, and commute traffic. The addition of the centrally located Le Petit Jardin would make a language immersion preschool for my children a very real possibility. Amber is offering a flexible schedule, with morning programs as well as afternoon extended care hours, which would allow us to continue our Toddler Tumbling and Little Folkies classes, both of which are located in San Anselmo.

We have enjoyed Mommy & Me class at the Red Hill Church location. It is a lovely space, and we look forward to seeing it becoming a full-time preschool. This is very exciting for us as a family. We feel supported and are pleased to find more and more French speaking families. Our children are now interacting in French with others their age, as opposed to merely with elderly relatives. Amber's French immersion preschool is an excellent use of the space at 921 Sir Francis Drake, as it fills a void in central Marin. I hope that you will consider this in approving Le Petit Jardin's use permit.

Thank you for your time. Take care.

--Claire King
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Phil Boyle

From: Diane Duvall <duvalldiane@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2014 4:17 PM
To: Phil Boyle
Subject: in support of Le Petit Jardin

Dear Mr. Boyle:

I am sending you this note to support the French Immersion preschool Le Petit Jardin. Our daughter attended the preschool and it was a wonderful learning experience for her and for our whole family. Through LPJ, Ambi Lopata is offering a unique and extremely valuable service to our community: high quality foreign language instruction for children in a fun and nurturing environment. We hope the town of San Anselmo will support Le Petit Jardin in their request for space at the Red Hill Church, so that we don't lose this rare opportunity for an excellent early childhood language immersion program in our community. Ambi and her team at LPJ are a treasure – we hope they will be encouraged to stay!

Thank you so much for considering our input-

Diane Duvall and Greg Alsterlind, San Anselmo