

Dear Commissioners,

Our property, The Craftsman Inn is adjacent to the subject property. We are writing in support of granting the requested sign permit to our neighbor Mr. Charles Davis. We have a good relationship with Mr. Davis and are confident he will only have the sign illuminated during his usual business hours of 10:00AM to 8:00PM. It is our understanding that limiting the illumination of the sign to these hours will be a condition of the entitlement for the sign.

However, since entitlements go to the property rather than an individual we would request some further specification of the use conditions from the planning commission. Specifically:

1. Limit the opening hours, and thus sign illumination hours to those Mr. Davis has now, i.e. 10:00 AM to 8:00PM
2. To implement the general plan requirement for the Foothill Character area require that outside normal opening hours other lighting on the property is extinguished.
  - Architecture should reflect an older mixed density residential neighborhood. Some modern interpretations may be appropriate.
  - New development should generally be limited to two stories in height.
  - A variety of building setbacks along Foothill Boulevard is encouraged.
  - New development shall reflect a positive or deliberate orientation towards Foothill Boulevard.
  - All new development must be designed to provide orientation to accommodate vehicles accessing Foothill Boulevard in a forward direction.
  - The appearance and presence of Pioneer Cemetery should be enhanced.
  - Outdoor lighting shall be designed to preserve and protect the nighttime environment in accordance with the following International Dark Sky Association model ordinance objectives:
    - Provide the minimum lighting level necessary for night-time safety, utility, security, productivity, enjoyment, and commerce.
    - Minimize adverse offsite impacts such as sky glow, light overspill and obtrusive light.
    - Conserve energy and resources to the greatest extent possible.

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3. The following pictures show the scene at around midnight last night. Further lights have been installed which are just fine during normal opening hours. It would be great to see darker skies outside opening hours as a condition of the new sign.





Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nick and Gillian Kite - Owners  
Calistoga Wine Way and Craftsman Inns