

**City of Wyandotte**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
***Minutes of the Thursday, July 16, 2015, Meeting***  
**MINUTES AS RECORDED**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Elizabeth A. Krimmel at 6:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Benson, Duran, Krimmel, Lupo, Parker, Pasko, Rutkowski, Tavernier

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Adamczyk

ALSO PRESENT: Ben Tallerico  
Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer  
Kelly Roberts, Recording Secretary

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAVERNIER, supported by Commissioner Pasko to receive and place on file all communications.  
YES: Benson, Duran, Krimmel, Lupo, Parker, Pasko, Rutkowski, Tavernier  
NO: None  
ABSENT: Adamczyk  
MOTION PASSED

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BENSON, supported by Commissioner Lupo to approve the minutes of the Meeting of June 18, 2015. MOTION PASSED.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. PUBLIC HEARING #060215** – Request from the City Engineer to consider an amendment of the Zoning Ordinance Map to rezone the following described land in the City of Wyandotte, County of Wayne, and State of Michigan as follows:

West 15 feet of Lot 6 Wyandotte Land Co. Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 37, Page 38 Wayne County Records

Known as the Former 600-604 Poplar, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

It is proposed that said land be rezoned from Two Family Residential District (RT) to Single Family District (RA).

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BENSON, supported by Commissioner Parker to recommend to the Mayor and City Council that the property known as former 600-604 Poplar, (West 15 feet of Lot 6 Wyandotte Land Co. Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 37, Page 38 Wayne County Records), Wyandotte be rezoned to RA (Single Family Residential District).

YES: Benson, Duran, Krimmel, Lupo, Parker, Pasko, Rutkowski, Tavernier  
NO: None                      ABSENT: Adamczyk                      MOTION PASSED

**2. PUBLIC HEARING #505** – Request from Mike Mazloun, (Owner and Appellant) of Sushi Bar, for a Certificate of Occupancy for an Outdoor Cafe at 130 Maple, Wyandotte, Michigan in CBD Zoning District where the proposed conflicts with Section 2202.S.1 of the City of Wyandotte Zoning Ordinance which states; Section 2202.S.1: Outdoor Café maybe permitted by the Planning Commission subject to Article XXII and approval of a site plan in accord with Section 2607 and after a public hearing.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAVERNIER, supported by Commissioner Pasko, that Special Approval #505 – requested by Mike Mazoum/Sushi Bar (Appellant and Owner) for a Certificate of Occupancy for an Outdoor Café at 130 Maple, be hereby approved on the basis of the following reasons:

The proposed outdoor café complies with all ordinance requirements or will comply with said requirements and the conditions below prior to use as an outdoor café. Further, during the public hearing for this application, there were NO objections to the proposed project.

Said approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The outdoor café is subject to all conditions applicable to an outdoor café on private property in the Central Business District (CBD) Zoning District, Section 2200.S.1 of the City of Wyandotte's Zoning Ordinance. The applicant is responsible for carefully reviewing, understanding and complying with the requirements of the ordinance.
2. If alcoholic beverages are served, the current Michigan Liquor Control Commission rules and regulations shall apply, and the applicant shall obtain all necessary approvals.
3. Compliance with all Police, Fire and City Engineer requirements attached.
4. Use of the outdoor café shall be allowed from 7:00 a.m. to Midnight from March 15 through October 31.
5. The outdoor café shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the City, County, and the State.
6. Umbrellas to have name of establishment on the drip-tee only, no logo's for products.
7. Approval by City Council for use of the public property is required. If approved by City Council liability insurance and property damage coverage naming the City of Wyandotte an insured party in an amount approved by the City's Financial Director is required.
8. Decorative fencing and gate to be black aluminum similar design, material and height to Belicose Café at 3030 Biddle Avenue.
9. Approval by Wyandotte City Council.
10. The fencing shall be removed from November 1<sup>st</sup> to March 14<sup>th</sup> of each year.

YES: Benson, Duran, Krimmel, Lupo, Parker, Pasko, Rutkowski, Tavernier

NO: None

ABSENT: Adamczyk

MOTION PASSED

**3. PUBLIC HEARING #506** – Request from Rick DeSana and Les Salliotte (Owners and Appellants) of Captain's, for Certificate of Occupancy to revise their Outdoor Cafes site plans at 126 Oak, Wyandotte, Michigan in CBD Zoning District where the proposed conflicts with Section 2202.S.1 of the City of Wyandotte Zoning Ordinance which states; Section 2202.S.1: Outdoor Café maybe permitted by the Planning Commission subject to Article XXII and approval of a site plan in accord with Section 2607 and after a public hearing.



MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PARKER, supported by Commissioner Rutkowski, that Special Approval #506 – requested by Captains (Owner and Appellant) for a Certificate of Occupancy for an Outdoor Café in the **front** of 126 Oak, be hereby approved contingent upon City Council approval on the basis of the following reasons:

The proposed outdoor café complies with all ordinance requirements or will comply with said requirements and the conditions below prior to use as an outdoor café. Further, during the public hearing for this application, there were objections to the proposed project.

Said approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The outdoor café is subject to all conditions applicable to an outdoor café in the Central Business District (CBD) Zoning District, Special Land Uses, Section 2202.S of the City of Wyandotte's Zoning Ordinance. The applicant is responsible for carefully reviewing, understanding and complying with the requirements of the ordinance.
2. Outdoor café to be constructed in accordance with the site plan submitted by Owner indicated as drawing Sheet 1, dated June 16, 2015.
3. If alcoholic beverages are served, the current Michigan Liquor Control Commission rules and regulations shall apply, and the applicant shall obtain all necessary approvals.
4. Compliance with all Police, Fire and City Engineer requirements attached.
5. Use of the outdoor café shall be allowed from 7:00 a.m. to Midnight from March 15 through October 31.
6. The outdoor café shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the City, County, and the State.
7. Umbrellas to have name of establishment on the drip-tee only, no logo's for products.
8. Fence detail to be the same as Belicoso Café, 3030 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte.
9. Table detail to be the same as Belicoso Café, 3030 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte.
10. Approval by City Council for removal of the planter box and use of the public property is required.
11. The owner has agreed to reimburse the City to modify the base of a light pole to a clear space of three (3) feet to provide clearance for a wheelchair.
12. Dotte Pub is required submit plans for approval to move their outdoor café, prior to construction of this Outdoor Café.

YES: Duran, Krimmel, Lupo, Parker, Pasko, Rutkowski, Tavernier

NO: Benson

ABSENT: Adamczyk

MOTION PASSED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DURAN, Supported by Commissioner Pasko, that Special Approval #506 – requested by Captains (Owner and Appellant) for a Certificate of Occupancy for an Outdoor Café in the **rear** of 126 Oak, be hereby approved basis of the following reasons:

The proposed outdoor café complies with all ordinance requirements or will comply with said requirements and the conditions below prior to use as an outdoor café. Further, during the public hearing for this application, there were objections to the proposed project.

Said approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The outdoor café is subject to all conditions applicable to an outdoor café on private property in the Central Business District (CBD) Zoning District, Special Land Uses, Section

- 2202.S of the City of Wyandotte's Zoning Ordinance. The applicant is responsible for carefully reviewing, understanding and complying with the requirements of the ordinance.
2. Outdoor café to be constructed in accordance with the site plan submitted by Owner indicated as drawing Sheet 1, dated May 22, 2014.
  3. If alcoholic beverages are served, the current Michigan Liquor Control Commission rules and regulations shall apply, and the applicant shall obtain all necessary approvals.
  4. Compliance with all Police, Fire and City Engineer requirements attached.
  5. Use of the outdoor café shall be allowed from 7:00 a.m. to midnight from March 15 through October 31.
  6. The outdoor café shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the City, County, and the State.
  7. Umbrellas to have name of establishment on the drip-tee only, no logo's for products.
  8. Fence to be 6 feet in height and of a material to be maintenance free.
  9. Table layout to be as indicated on Sheet 1, dated May 22, 2014.
  10. Areas indicated on drawing Sheet 1, identified as "future building" are not to be occupied as part of approved outdoor café.
  11. Use of porta potties is permitted during special events only, and not to be stored on property.

YES: Benson, Duran, Krimmel, Lupo, Parker, Pasko, Rutkowski, Tavernier  
NO: None                      ABSENT: Adamczyk                      MOTION PASSED

**4. PUBLIC HEARING #507** – Request from Leonard Mazzola (Owner and Appellant) for a Certificate of Occupancy for outdoor sales of new or used automobiles at 1460 Eureka, Wyandotte, Michigan, in a B-2 Zoning District where the proposed conflicts with Section 1401.H of the City of Wyandotte Zoning Ordinance which states; 1401.H: Outdoor sales space for new or used automobiles, trucks, recreational vehicles, mobile homes and boats maybe permitted by the Planning Commission subject to Article XXII and approval of a site plan in accord with Section 2607 and after a public hearing.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LUPO, supported by Commissioner Benson, to approve the Certificate of Occupancy for outdoor sales of new or used automobiles and auto detailing only at 1460 Eureka, Wyandotte, Michigan.

YES: Benson, Duran, Krimmel, Lupo, Parker, Pasko, Rutkowski, Tavernier  
NO: None                      ABSENT: Adamczyk                      MOTION PASSED

**5. PUBLIC HEARING #508** – Request from Steven Wojcik (Owner and Appellant) for a Certificate of Occupancy for beekeeping at 803 Riverbank, Wyandotte, Michigan, in a RA Zoning District where the proposed conflicts with Section 401 of the City of Wyandotte Zoning Ordinance which states; 401: Home Occupation is allowed in a RA Zoning District has a Special Land Use. Beekeeping is not listed as an allowable use as a home occupation.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RUTKOWSKI, supported by Commissioner Benson, to approve the Certificate of Occupancy for beekeeping at 803 Riverbank, Wyandotte, Michigan.

YES: Benson, Duran, Krimmel, Lupo, Parker, Pasko, Rutkowski, Tavernier  
NO: None                      ABSENT: Adamczyk                      MOTION PASSED



**6. PUBLIC HEARING #509** – Request from Arthur L. Vince (Owner and Appellant) for relief of installing the required four (4) foot decorative block, brick or decorative poured concrete wall at the east side of the property adjacent to the alley at 3523 Fort Street, Wyandotte, Michigan.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BENSON, supported by Commissioner Rutkowski to deny the request of Mr. Vince for relief of the installation of a four (4) foot decorative block, brick or decorative poured concrete wall at 3523 Fort Street, Wyandotte.

YES: Benson, Duran, Krimmel, Lupo, Parker, Pasko, Rutkowski, Tavernier  
NO: None ABSENT: Adamczyk MOTION PASSED

**7. PUBLIC HEARING** to consider amendments to the City of Wyandotte Zoning Ordinance Article VIII - amending Section 801- Special Uses and adding Section 802 - Required Conditions.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BENSON, supported by Commissioner Parker to recommend to the Mayor and City Council that the proposed amendment to the City of Wyandotte Zoning Ordinance, Article VIII - amending Section 801- Special Uses and adding Section 802 - Required Conditions be approved.

YES: Benson, Duran, Krimmel, Lupo, Parker, Pasko, Rutkowski, Tavernier  
NO: None ABSENT: Adamczyk MOTION PASSED

**8. PUBLIC HEARING** to consider amendments to the City of Wyandotte Zoning Ordinance Article XII – B-1 Neighborhood Business District, Section 1200 Principal Uses Permitted, Subsection E, F, and G.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BENSON, supported by Commissioner Parker to recommend to the Mayor and City Council that the proposed amendment to the City of Wyandotte Zoning Ordinance, Article XII – B-1 Neighborhood Business District, Section 1200 Principal Uses Permitted, Subsection E, F, and G be approved.

YES: Benson, Duran, Krimmel, Lupo, Parker, Pasko, Rutkowski, Tavernier  
NO: None ABSENT: Adamczyk MOTION PASSED

**PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE:**

No persons in audience.

**SPECIAL ORDER:**

None

**BILLS AND ACCOUNT:**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DURAN, supported by Commissioner Pasko to:  
Pay Beckett & Raeder for Planning Consultant fee for June 2015 in the amount of \$700.00  
Hours for Secretarial Services: 06/08/15-06/26/15 9 total hours

YES: Benson, Duran, Krimmel, Lupo, Parker, Pasko, Rutkowski, Tavernier  
NO: None ABSENT: Adamczyk MOTION PASSED

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAVERNIER, supported by Commissioner Lupo to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

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**PUBLIC HEARING #060215** – Request from the City Engineer to consider an amendment of the Zoning Ordinance Map to rezone the following described land in the City of Wyandotte, County of Wayne, and State of Michigan known as the Former 600-604 Poplar, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192.

Chairperson Krimmel read the appeal and asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak regarding this hearing.

Chairperson Krimmel indicated that she was happy to see that properties in this area are being rezoned to Single Family.

There being no further discussion the hearing was closed. No communications were received regarding this hearing.

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**PUBLIC HEARING #505** – Request from Mike Mazloun, (Owner and Appellant) of Sushi Bar, for a Certificate of Occupancy for an Outdoor Cafe at 130 Maple, Wyandotte, Michigan in CBD Zoning District.

Chairperson Krimmel read the appeal and asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak regarding this hearing.

Mike Mazloun owner and appellant present.

Mr. Mazloun indicated that he applied for the outdoor café to add to his restaurant and to allow customers to be outside.

Chairperson Krimmel asked if the café would be in front of the sushi bar.

Mr. Mazloun stated yes.

Mr. Mazloun continued that he owns both buildings and is making them into one building.

Commissioner Benson asked of the fence currently there would stay and the other restaurant would not have a café.

Mr. Mazloun replied that was correct.

Chairperson Krimmel asked Mr. Mazloun if he had a copy of the ordinance and read it.

Mr. Mazloun indicated that he has a copy.

Chairperson Krimmel indicated that the application stated only 10 seats inside the café.



Mr. Mazloun stated that was correct.

Commissioner Pasko confirmed that the hours would be from 11 a.m. to midnight.

Mr. Mazloun indicated that was correct.

Commissioner Pasko confirmed that the outdoor café is from April to October.

Mr. Mazloun indicated that was correct.

Chairperson Krimmel indicated that this request would have to be approved by the City Council since the café is located in the City right of way.

There being no further discussion the hearing was closed. No communications were received regarding this hearing.

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**PUBLIC HEARING #506** – Request from Rick DeSana and Les Salliotte (Owners and Appellants) of Captain's, for Certificate of Occupancy to revise their Outdoor Cafes site plans at 126 Oak, Wyandotte, Michigan in CBD Zoning District.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – FRONT OUTDOOR CAFÉ**

Chairperson Krimmel read the appeal and indicated that the Commission would hear the front outdoor café first and then the rear café would be after. Chairperson Krimmel asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak regarding this hearing.

Dean Robinette Attorney for Rickle's Entertainment LLC., representing the owners of the property, present.

Mr. Robinette indicated that he is here to answer any questions the Commissioners might have and the owners are also present. Mr. Robinette indicated that they would like special approval to have the café opened past midnight and understands that they would need both the Commission and the Council approval for this.

Mr. Robinette indicated that the current locations of the café does not allow for free passage of pedestrians on the sidewalk. Mr. Robinette indicated that they would like to attach the café to the front of the building that way they can control the serving of alcohol by the waiter staff.

Mr. Robinette referred the Commission to the plan that was submitted and indicated that his clients would pay to have the light pole removed so that they meet the requirements for passage by the café.

Commissioner Pasko asked if the only way to get into the café would be thru the building.

Mr. Robinette indicated that is correct.

Mr. Salliotte, owner, stated that there is a man door on the west side and that is the door to the restaurant.

Commissioner Benson indicated that traditionally the Commission **has** not extended the hours of outdoor cafes past midnight. Commissioner Benson asked if the **bar** is open and the café is required to be closed, how would you control closing the café.

Mr. Robinette indicated that is one of the reasons they would like the **café** open until 2:00 a.m. and they would work with the other departments and City Council.

Mr. Robinette indicated further that he has a list of outdoor cafes **that** are open past midnight and he indicated that they have gone to City Council for approval.

Chairperson Krimmel indicated that to her knowledge, the Commission has not approved any outdoor café past midnight.

Commissioner Duran indicated that the cafes probably don't have **approval** to be opened past midnight.

Commissioner Tavernier asked about the planter box and if the DDA **was** informed since they would be modifying the streetscape.

Mr. Robinette indicated that he thought this was the first step and if **the** planter box can stay they will keep it there.

Chairperson Krimmel indicated that she has no issue with removing **the** planter box, it will make it safer to move around the café.

Mr. Robinette indicated that they did not consult the DDA.

Commissioner Tavernier asked if they talked to the Dotte Pub since this will affect them.

Ben Tallerico indicated that the Dotte Pub would need to move their **café** for this to work.

Mr. Robinette indicated that they are not in partnership with them **and** not sure what their plans are.

Commissioner Tavernier indicated that it should be coordinated with them for this to work.

Commissioner Rutkowski asked if this could be approved without knowing what the Dotte Pub is doing.

Mr. Tallerico indicated that the Commission could approve the **café** with conditions.

Maratha, occupant at the Edinger Apartments, 114 Oak Street, Wyandotte, present.

Maratha indicated that she has issues with the bar, there is consistent bad language, screaming, people all over the place and smoking in their lobby. Maratha continued that she is always calling the police with issues at this bar and does not understand how the Commission can consider approving the extended hours because there are residents upstairs that were there before the bar was there.



Maratha further indicated that it is bad every night and it does not close at midnight.

Chairperson Krimmel indicated that her issues are police issues and the Commission is not the enforcement agency.

Maratha indicated that no one is requiring them to hold up the Ordinance.

James, Manager of the Edinger Apartments, 114 Oak Street and also an occupant. James indicated that he is not representing the Owner, Mr. Howey.

James indicated that there are people all over the place screaming and causing traffic issues. James continued that he calls the Police and nothing seems to be done, because of who owns the bar. James continued that this location should be required to meet the requirements of the ordinance and something needs to be done. James indicated that he has gone to City Council with his issues.

Corki Benson read a letter into the record and it is attached as a communication.

Martha indicated that when the Police come they don't do anything. It is really getting bad for the residents that live in the adjacent apartment building.

Chairperson Krimmel indicated that her complaints are law enforcement issues.

Salvatore Renzon, who helps Maratha out, present. Mr. Renzon indicated that a lot of the problem is that the cafes merge together (Captains and Dotte) and there are always issues with trying to walk down the sidewalk and the police are always being called out. Mr. Renzon further indicated that they are smoking wacky tobacco in their lobby even the Police noticed it, but no action is taken by the Police.

Mr. Robinette indicated that Captains is concerned with the traffic on Oak Street and they feel that the change to the location would help with that.

Commissioner Pasko stated that the Dotte Pub's outdoor cafe would need to be changed for this to work.

Mr. Tallerico indicated that the Commission should consider setting a design standard for outdoor cafes in the CBD. Mr. Tallerico continued that most of the cafes are located adjacent to the street and not attached to the building.

Chairperson Krimmel asked if the occupancy allowed for the café is 16 people.

There was a discussion on the how the occupancy load is determined by the Commission, Mr. Robinette and the City Engineer.

There being no further discussion the hearing for the front outdoor café was closed.

**PUBLIC HEARING – REAR OUTDOOR CAFÉ**

Mr. Robinette stated that they understand the concerns and they have reduced the occupancy of the rear outdoor café. Mr. Robinette continued that they will not occupy the area that states future building. The Commission and Mr. Robinette discussed the plan that was submitted.

Mr. Robinette continued that they will still request that the hours of the café be until 2:00 a.m. to City Council and they would turn off the music at midnight.

Mr. Tallerico indicated that there are no porta potties on the plan.

Mr. Robinette indicated that they are used for special occasions and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday events, maybe they are used 12 or 15 days a year.

Chairperson Krimmel asked if they are ever removed from the site.

Mr. Robinette indicated no, they are kept on the site.

Mr. Tallerico asked how many speakers they had on the outside.

Mr. Salliotte indicated one (1) speaker on the bar facing away from the Edinger Apartments and added there is no live music.

Commissioner Rutkowski stated that even if the music is off outside, the music from the inside would go out.

Commissioner Pasko asked about the height of the fence.

Mr. Robinette indicated that the fence is 72 inches in height from the ground.

Chairperson Krimmel asked what is the plan for the future building on the plan.

Mr. Salliotte indicated that they would be constructing restrooms, future bar and handicap access to the bar when they have funds.

Commissioner Benson asked if the gate on the plan was for the entrance to the rear outdoor café.

Mr. Salliotte stated no it is used just for deliveries to the kitchen, it is usually locked.

James Manager of the Edinger Apartments.

James indicated that the rear outdoor café is not being enforced. The design leads to non-compliance, the music is always loud and the porta potties are never removed from the site and are used daily.

Scott Hossack, 114 Oak Street, tenant at the Edinger Apartments.

Mr. Hossack stated that shutting the music off will not help with the noise it is over whelming and his apartment faces the Post Office and he cannot open his windows from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m.



Mr. Hossack stated that they have over 100 people just in the rear café and that building can't hold that many people. Mr. Hossack further stated that the noise is so bad and he is total frustrated.

Chairperson Krimmel stated that the occupancy load is 74.

Mr. Bruce Yinger, 117 Chestnut, Wyandotte

Mr. Yinger stated that he sees people lined up in the parking lot of the post office and he feels the owners are pushing the rules since they opened in 2013. Mr. Yinger continued that there is noise until well after midnight, and that he understands that during the Art Fair, but it is every weekend. Mr. Yinger stated that he sees alcohol being passed outside of the cafes.

Mr. Yinger added that he has lived on Chestnut for 20 years and there is no enforcement for this bar.

Commissioner Lupo stated that the effected apartments are on the west, front and rear of the building.

James indicated that the noise affects those apartments, but every resident is affected by this bar.

Commissioner Lupo asked if the music was off would that help.

James replied no, that is only one (1) problem the capacity load and shouting/loud talking are problems.

Mr. Robinette indicated that the photos attached to the communication that the Commission received from the owner of the Edinger Apartments is over a year old and not the current look of the rear café. Mr. Robinette indicated that there were no issues during the Art Fair at this location.

James indicated that they were on good behavior during the Art Fair, because this hearing was coming up.

Mr. Joe Hirsch, 144 Chestnut, Wyandotte.

Mr. Hirsch indicated that this bar is backed-up to residential properties and that the noise is always going past 1 am and that Mr. Hirsch is afraid that this bar is affecting their property values. Mr. Hirsch continued that during the summer he can't open his windows due to the noise of this bar.

The Commission reviewed the site plan with the Owners and the City Engineer.

There being no further discussion the hearing was closed. Two (2) communications were received regarding this hearing. Also a communication was read by Corki Benson, at the hearing and made part of the file. Further communications were received from the Police and Engineering Department which were read into the file. All are made part of the file.

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**PUBLIC HEARING #507** – Request from Leonard Mazzola (Owner and Appellant) for a Certificate of Occupancy for outdoor sales of new or used automobiles at 1460 Eureka, Wyandotte, Michigan, in a B-2 Zoning District.

Chairperson Krimmel read the appeal and asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak regarding this hearing.

Mr. Mazzola, Owner present.

Mr. Tallerico indicated that he reviewed the drawing submitted and the landscaping looks good.

Commissioner Lupo asked Mr. Mazzola if he is going to use the property for detailing and not bump and paint.

Mr. Mazzola stated he is just detailing and selling used cars.

Commissioner Lupo asked when all the work will be completed.

Mr. Mazzola stated that he will start getting quotes if the Commission approves the use. Mr. Mazzola stated he will start right away.

There being no further discussion the hearing was closed. No communications were received regarding this hearing.

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**PUBLIC HEARING #508** – Request from Steven Wojcik (Owner and Appellant) for a Certificate of Occupancy for beekeeping at 803 Riverbank, Wyandotte, Michigan, in a RA Zoning District.

Chairperson Krimmel read the appeal and asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak regarding this hearing.

Steven Wojcik, Owner, 803 Riverbank, present.

Mr. Wojcik stated that he has been doing beekeeping for eight (8) years he has four (4) hives and two (2) hives are running well. Mr. Wojcik stated further that he has the hives on the driveway and has had no issues. Mr. Wojcik stated that beekeeping is his passion. Mr. Wojcik continued that he does not use any chemicals and has had no problem with the neighbors.

Commissioner Rutkowski asked why was Mr. Wojcik at the Commission meeting.

Mr. Wojcik stated he wants to keep the hives on his driveway and was told by the City that they received a complaint and that there is no ordinance for beekeeping or one that prohibits beekeeping.

Commissioner Rutkowski asked if this is just a hobby or does Mr. Wojcik sell the honey.

Mr. Wojcik stated it is just hobby.

Chairperson Krimmel stated that this is not a zoning variance.



Commissioner Rutkowski stated that he did stop by Mr. Wojcik's home and talked to him and he had no problem being next to the bee hives and that he is doing a service to Wyandotte.

Mr. Tallerico asked if it is just him that is running the beekeeping.

Mr. Wojcik stated yes.

Mr. Kowalewski stated that the City did receive a complaint and the ordinance does not allow or prohibit beekeeping.

Mr. Kowalewski further stated that he would recommend that the Commission set up a sub-committee to come up with rules and regulations for future beekeeping.

Mr. Abercrombie, 752 Clinton, Wyandotte.

Mr. Abercrombie stated that he has no problem with the beekeeping and Mr. Wojcik keeps his yard nice and he can see the operations from his porch and he has never been hit by a bee.

Mrs. Roach, 1420 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Wyandotte.

Mrs. Roach indicated that she was a neighbor of Mr. Wojcik and her parents currently are Mr. Wojcik neighbors and Mrs. Roach indicated that her kids play in the yard and they have never been stung. Mrs. Roach continued that Mr. Wojcik is doing a service to the community.

Mr. Carl Patten, 815 Riverbank, indicated that he wrote a letter but he is also here to state that he has no problem with the hives.

There being no further discussion the hearing was closed. Two (2) communications were received regarding this hearing.

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**PUBLIC HEARING #509 – Request from Arthur L. Vince (Owner and Appellant) for relief of installing the required for (4) foot decorative block, brick or decorative poured concrete wall at the east side of the property adjacent to the alley at 3523 Fort Street, Wyandotte, Michigan.**

Chairperson Krimmel read the appeal and asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak regarding this hearing.

Dan Davis, present, son in law of the owner, representing the owner.

Mr. Davis stated that his family has owned the property since 1975 and it has been a car lot since 1983. Mr. Davis indicated that putting up a fence will hinder parking for the customers and snow removal. Mr. Davis submitted pictures to the Commission of what the site currently looks like.

Mr. Tallerico stated this site plan was reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission 10 years ago and it was never constructed in accordance with plan.

Mr. Davis stated that is corrected.

Mr. Tallerico asked what has changed that you cannot put in the fence/wall.

Mr. Davis stated that they should have asked 10 years ago for the fence not to be installed, it is just going to cause a problem with parking.

Chairperson Krimmel stated that the ordinance requires wall/fence and was approved in 2006 and the applicant accepted those requirements.

Commissioner Parker asked if the fence will go where the current cement posts are.

Mr. Davis stated that is correct, there are posts there and a rope that buffers the parking from the alley.

Mr. Tallerico stated that the cement posts are not what is allowed.

Mr. Davis stated that they would like to use the posts and chain instead of a fence.

There being no further discussion the hearing was closed. No communications were received regarding this hearing.

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**PUBLIC HEARING** to consider amendments to the City of Wyandotte Zoning Ordinance Article VIII - amending Section 801- Special Uses and adding Section 802 - Required Conditions.

**PUBLIC HEARING** to consider amendments to the City of Wyandotte Zoning Ordinance Article XII - B-1 Neighborhood Business District, Section 1200 Principal Uses Permitted, Subsection E, F, and G.

Chairperson Krimmel read the appeal and asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak regarding this hearing.

Mr. Kowalewski explained that there has been a demand for schools in a B-1 District which is not allowed currently and he feels this is the right district for this type of use.

Mr. Tallerico agreed with the City Engineers recommendation.

There being no further discussion, the hearing was closed. No communications were received regarding this hearing.

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**MAYOR**  
Joseph R. Peterson

**CITY CLERK**  
William R. Griggs

**TREASURER**  
Todd M. Browning

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**TO:** Kelly Roberts, Development Coordinator

**DATE:** June 26, 2015

**FROM:** Daniel J. Grant, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT: NEW OUTDOOR SERVICE - 130 MAPLE STREET**

**CC:** Clerks Office

This correspondence is in response to your e-mail dated Wednesday June 24, 2015 relative to the Outdoor Service application at the Sushi Bar, 130 Maple Street, Wyandotte, Michigan. I have no objections if the proposal for the front outdoor service area is approved as illustrated on the drawings submitted by the applicant, with the following conditions:

- The applicant meets all laws and ordinances as required by the Fire and Engineering Departments.
- Engineering approves the Sushi Bar for use of the intervening property at the front of the building which is 47.5' long which is the width of the building front and 6' 8" wide which is proposed for the front sidewalk area.
- Approval is received from the Liquor Control Commission for an Outdoor Café.

Further, the police department recommends that the Sushi Bar owners be reminded that an outdoor service permit allows the sale, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages in a well-defined and clearly marked area outside of the licensed premises<sup>1</sup>. Compliance with this provision is the responsibility of the licensed establishment, and failure to comply can result in the issuance of a violation.

<sup>1</sup> R 436.1419 - Outdoor Service

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July 8, 2015

Elizabeth A. Krimmel, Chairperson  
Wyandotte Planning Commission  
3200 Biddle Avenue  
Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

RE: Outdoor Café 130 Maple


Dear Ms. Krimmel:

The undersigned has reviewed the application and plans submitted for the outdoor café at the above captioned property and the following applies.

1. On the outdoor café application the hours of operation are from 11 am to 2 pm.. As per Section 2202.S.1 of the Ordinance, the hours permitted are from 7 am to 12 midnight in the CBD District unless longer hours are specifically approved by the Planning Commission and City Council. Also, the outdoor café may be set up from March 15 through October 15 and removed to facilitate snow removal.
2. Section 2202.S.3 states if alcohol is served, entrance to the outdoor café is required from the inside of the building. The owner of the establishment shall provide a copy of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission Inspection to the Engineering and Police Department indicating that the outdoor café is not required to be connected to the building.
3. The currently installed unapproved fencing for the current outdoor café is located right up to the edge of the curb. In this area, the cars park at a 45 degree angle to the face of the curb. A field meeting with the owner, Building Inspector, and Fire Chief, recommend pulling the fence back 18" after measuring the projection from the front bumpers of several cars and trucks parked in the area. The site plan indicates this 18" setback.
4. Since, the outdoor cafes is on public property, liability insurance and property damage coverage naming the City of Wyandotte as an insured party, in an amount approved by the City of Wyandotte's Financial Director, must be provided before an outdoor café may be set up. Please provide a copy of this updated policy.
5. City Council approval is required since the outdoor café is located in the City right-of-way.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

  
Mark A. Kowalewski  
City Engineer

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Corki Benson- 404 Vinewood - Secretary of Garfield Neighbors United.

The issue of outdoor cafes is of concern to Garfield Neighbors United because most of them are located within the established boundaries of Garfield Neighbors United.

A bit of history: Bar issues like parking, late night noise, broken bottles and cans on residential lawns and private property, fights, and even public urination on Biddle Avenue affected our Garfield neighborhood for 2 summers. After several efforts to stop the invasion of the bar's patrons coming into our neighborhood members of Garfield Neighbors United and the residents in the area of the South Shore persuaded some City Council members to show up at last call and witness these problems first hand.

The police and city began to work together to put up No Parking signs in the area. They added volunteer police foot patrols along Biddle and strongly enforced any and all ord. that applied to get the problems under control.

I am not saying all these things are associated with current outdoor cafes but issues involving an outdoor café is not the first rodeo for the Garfield neighborhood.

I personally don't have much interest in any new plan for Captain's outdoor cafes. For some reason it does not seem logical to me that a new plan for Captains would be in the works when the old plan was never complied with in several areas and especially since this new plan is very similar to one denied by the Planning Commission and Mayor and Council over 18 months ago.

But I do think many of the other outdoor cafes serving alcohol will be very interested in this new plan for Captain's as I assume it will be an option for their cafes in the name of Business Friendly. You set the precedence and they will take advantage of it!



I do believe the closing time for Captain's outdoor rear café should be 12AM for all 7 days a week because it backs a residential neighborhood and even a 10' fence would not change my opinion of a 12am closing all 7 days in a week.

The most important thing about ALL outdoor cafes is that they comply with the ord.s that apply to them and that has not been the case in the past. Currently most every Wyandotte outdoor café serving alcohol is non-compliant with one or more of the rules, regulations, or ord. requirements. For example no gate vs two gates, not removing fencing during Nov. 1 thru Mar 14 and having patrons use their outdoor café space all last winter, open beyond approved closing hours, occupancy overload, alcohol in areas outside approved fenced areas, or even open 2 years without going thru the legal application process, etc.

First and foremost: Any ord. that can't be enforced, is not enforced, or the city won't enforce leads to a lack of compliance and credibility of purpose. In my opinion City ord. 2200-S Special Land Uses has become such an ord.

The City ord. 2200-S is flawed in several areas. I believe Natalie Rankin came before this Planning Commission a few years ago suggesting a revision of this ord. With this new plan for Captains maybe a revision is now possible. A few changes I would suggest:

1. I have been told numerous times the Planning Commission recommends but Mayor and Council approves this City ord. 2200-S clearly states extended hours must be specifically approved by the Planning Commission and the City Council. Right or Wrong?
2. I have also been told by some city officials that a gate is not required for an outside café serving alcohol. But in the case of most outdoor cafes it states decorative fencing and gate to be of exact same design, material, and height so as to match Belicoso Café. For example:
  - Lions, Tigers, and Beers- Decorative fencing and gate to be of exact same design, material, and height so as to match Belicoso Café.
  - Gizzmos- Decorative fencing and gate to be exact same design, material, and height so as to match Belicoso Café.

Dotte Pub- Fence detail to be the same as Belicoso Café and table to be the same as Belicoso Café.

As late as June 18, of this year VFW 136 was granted a Certificate of Occupancy for an outside café by the Planning Commission. This was subject to a condition requiring decorative fencing and a gate.

I believe I saw in tonight's conditions for the Susi Bar Belicoso like furnishings and a gate were required again .

My question is why keep listing the gate as a condition if it is not required and if required why not enforce it?

3. Much of the info in resolutions and conditions and rules implies Belicoso Café, the first Wyandotte outdoor café serving alcohol, is a sort of "standard" for outdoor cafés in several areas as heard in info I just read. I would personally like to suggest that the City's Ord be revised deleting the name Belicoso Café from the ord. and instead include specific detailed info such as sizes, colors, materials, etc. It is difficult for Planning, Mayor and Council, bar owners, and the general public to support the City's ord., rules and conditions without seeming preferential to Belicoso.
4. I think some revised details of this ord. could perhaps be in the form of a check list that could be used for city inspections of all outside cafes serving alcohol prior to opening and closing each year to see that everyone is in compliance and on the same page as to the details of the ord. This check list might also make the ord. more effective and eliminate a place like the Susi Bar from having an open outside café NOT APPROVED officially by Planning or City Council for the past two summers - just another problem that might have been cleared up with that yearly check list.

All my research was interesting and the conclusions are all mine. I was very surprised with how sometimes even small differences between the Cities outdoor café ord. and the inconsistencies of the numerous required conditions seem to reinforce non-compliance among the current approved outside cafes. Before any more decisions regarding outdoor cafes serving alcohol are made I'd like to see changes made in a revised ord. that can be clearly understood, fairly written, specific in details, and most of all enforceable.

I'd like to go on record as saying that the City of Wyandotte needs more ord. officers or more hours for the current officers. It's difficult to enforce ANY ord. including 2200-S with a lack of personal and hours...and I know that's not just my opinion!

In closing: Any ord. that can't be enforced, is not enforced, or the city won't enforce leads to a lack of compliance and credibility of purpose.

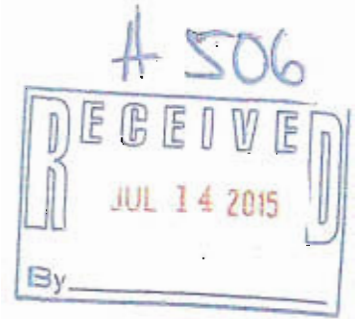
Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments and suggestions.



July 10, 2015

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

City of Wyandotte Planning Commission  
Attn: Kelly Roberts, Secretary  
3200 Biddle Avenue  
Suite 200  
Wyandotte, MI 48192



RE: Public Hearing - Special Approval # PC506 – Outdoor Cafe  
Rick DeSana and Les Salliotte (Owners and Appellants) Captain's Pub

Dear Commissioners:

This letter is in response to your notice dated July 1, 2015 regarding the above referenced Public Hearing. D&C Development Company is the adjacent land owner consisting of 36 residential apartments, which is the neighboring property owner of the Owners and Appellants listed above. Please be advised, **we object to any new development to this location and more specifically any rear outdoor Café/Bar.** This is clearly an expansion to the existing bar, which they now have two taps for kegs in the patio area. We object for the following reasons:

1. There is **no buffer area** for our Tenants (please see the attached Exhibit A).
  - a. The noise: The noise from the radio/DJ along with the patrons trying to talk over the music goes directly into our Tenant's apartments. These are studio apartments, where the Tenants sleep and live in the same space. They can't get away from the noise and several Tenants have even bought window air conditioner units to try and drown out the noise. Last year the Appellants had live bands and karaoke, which they have now agreed to prohibit.
  - b. The smoke: The smoke from the bar a patron rises and flows into our Tenant's apartments. Most City and Federal building now prohibit smoking anywhere in immediate vicinity of doors and windows to prevent innocent victims from being in contact with second hand smoke.
  - c. The smell/eye sore: The smell coming from the Porta-Potties goes up directly to the Tenants. With that said, the Porta-Potties have now been moved to the opposite side, which has helped diminish the foul order. These Porta-Potties are an eye soar. How would you like to look at them on a daily basis from your home? Why are they permitted to have/use Porta-Potties? Is this a good image for our City?

Keep in mind, typically in a downtown area, there would at least be a buffer of an alley, garage or even a yard before the house. However, this proposed Outdoor Café/Bar is directly below our Tenants windows. It is not reasonable that our Tenants have to purchase air conditioner units just to drown out the noise, or close their windows to prevent the smell of second hand smoke, or the foul smell of waste and chemicals from a Porta-Potti. Unfortunately our Tenants can't apply the commons phrase "nice sleeping weather" and just keep their windows open for the night because of these nuisances from the new bar patio.

2. **Noise ordinances** – The noise ordinances are not being enforced. The police are called and don't show up in a timely manner or no action is taken. Everyone understands the "Big Name" parties involved, but this is unacceptable to our 36 Tenants who are Wyandotte Residents too. The current patio bar area has two running taps (See attached Exhibit B) and does not shut down when they are supposed to. There have been numerous police reports regarding the current back yard patio/bar relating to noise. It is my understanding there are even complaints from the houses on Chestnut from the noise level. Fortunately, there have not been any bands or karaoke this summer; however, the music along with patrons trying to talk over the music is still unacceptable and not fair for our Tenants. The following is the City's noise ordinance for your convenience. Section 25-85 states: Sec. 25-85. - Unreasonable noise prohibited.

A person is guilty of a misdemeanor if he or she operates or permits the operation of an amplified or un-amplified radio, tape, cassette, stereo, television, phonograph, musical instrument, boom box, loud speaker, other electronic sound producing device, or similar device, which causes total noise exceeding 82 DBA. or which may be heard more than one hundred feet away from the source of the noise. As used in this section, "DBA" means decibels measured on the A-weighted network of a sound level meter, as specified in American National Standards Institute standard S1.4. If it is shown that the noise level is in excess of the DBA level established in this section or may be heard more than one hundred feet from the source of the noise, that evidence shall be prima facie evidence that the person is producing unreasonable noise as prohibited by this section.

Any police officer may issue a citation to the offender for any violation committed in his or her presence without the necessity of a prior complaint from any other person. The provisions of this section shall not apply to city approved special events such as the Annual Wyandotte Street Art Fair, concerts, festivals or other similar events.

How can this be fair to the Tenants who are within the 100 foot source?

(Ord. No. 1078, § 1, 9-20-99)

In conclusion, the results have been the loss too many tenants over the past year. At least – Eight (8) or Twenty-two percent (22%) have left specifically because of the rear patio noise from Captain's Pub. One Tenant left after she saw a man looking into her second floor window. He gained access from the fire escape and must have jumped to the roof ledge (Please see attached Exhibit A). Ironically, she had just testified in court earlier relating to a drunken guy who drove into the back wall of the bar (this was prior to their permanent fence being erected). A roofed-in area would only generate more space to allow more people, which would just increase the problems we already have at that location. We did not have these issues prior to Captain's opening up for business in the rear patio area. The crowd is a younger, more aggressive crowd, which is NOT conducive to an Outdoor Café /Bar IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT to an apartment complex with 36 Residents of the City of Wyandotte. How would you like to live next to this nuisance? The City of Wyandotte is better than this! Many of Tenants work, support and worship within the City. These are not transient people; it's a home to 36 Tenants who call the City of Wyandotte home, just as you do. They should not be affected as they are

from this Fraternity style bar with picnic tables and Porta-Potties. Overextending the current property has created problems with noise, smoke, smell/eye sore and parking for the surrounding area of the Bar. These are health, safety and welfare issues. Captain's has already been closed down by the Fire Department for exceeding their capacity. We again ask the Planning Commission to respect our Tenants and Residents of the City of Wyandotte and deny the Appellants application. Please contact me with any questions or concerns at my office at 23933 Vreeland Road, Flat Rock, MI 48134 or via telephone at 734.671.1600.

Sincerely,

D&C Development, Co

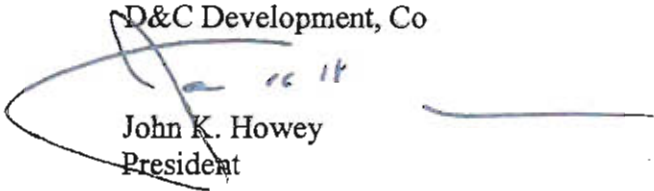
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EXHIBIT A

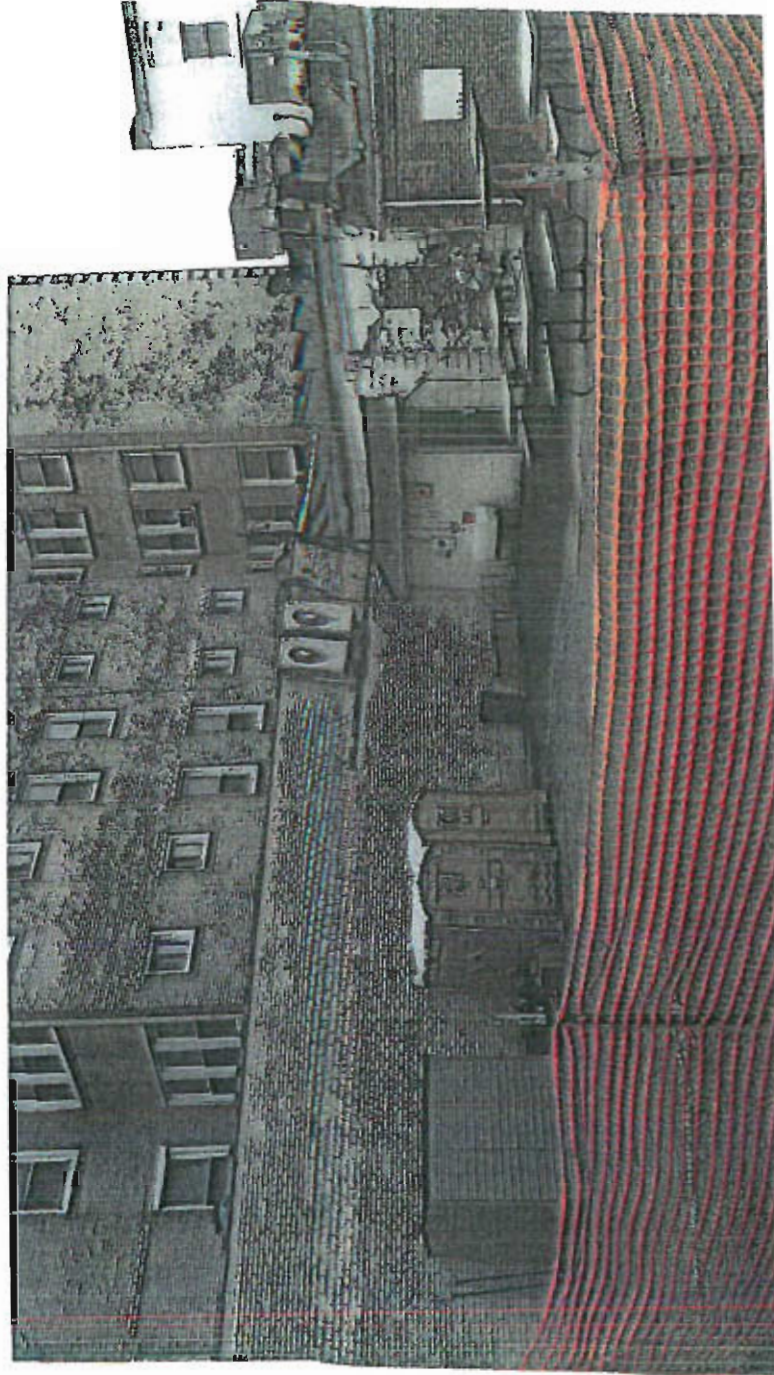
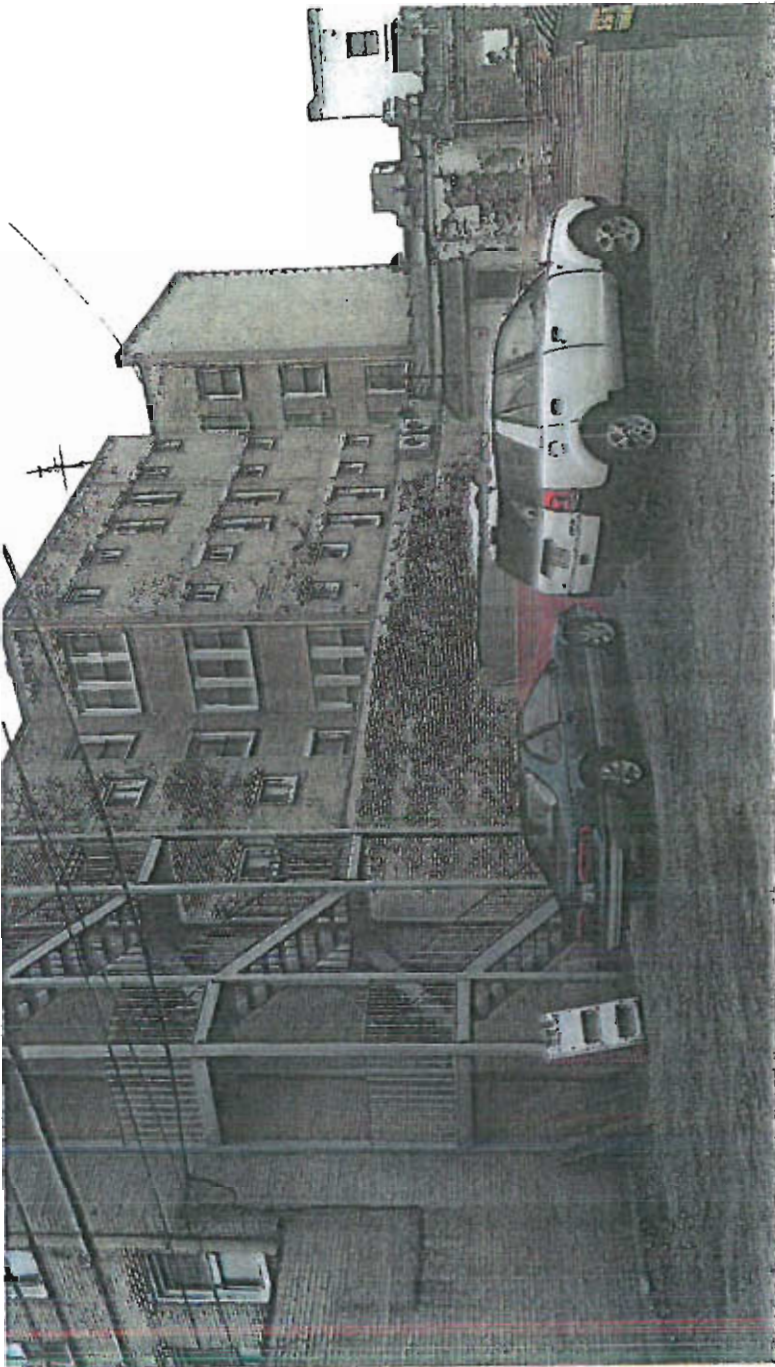
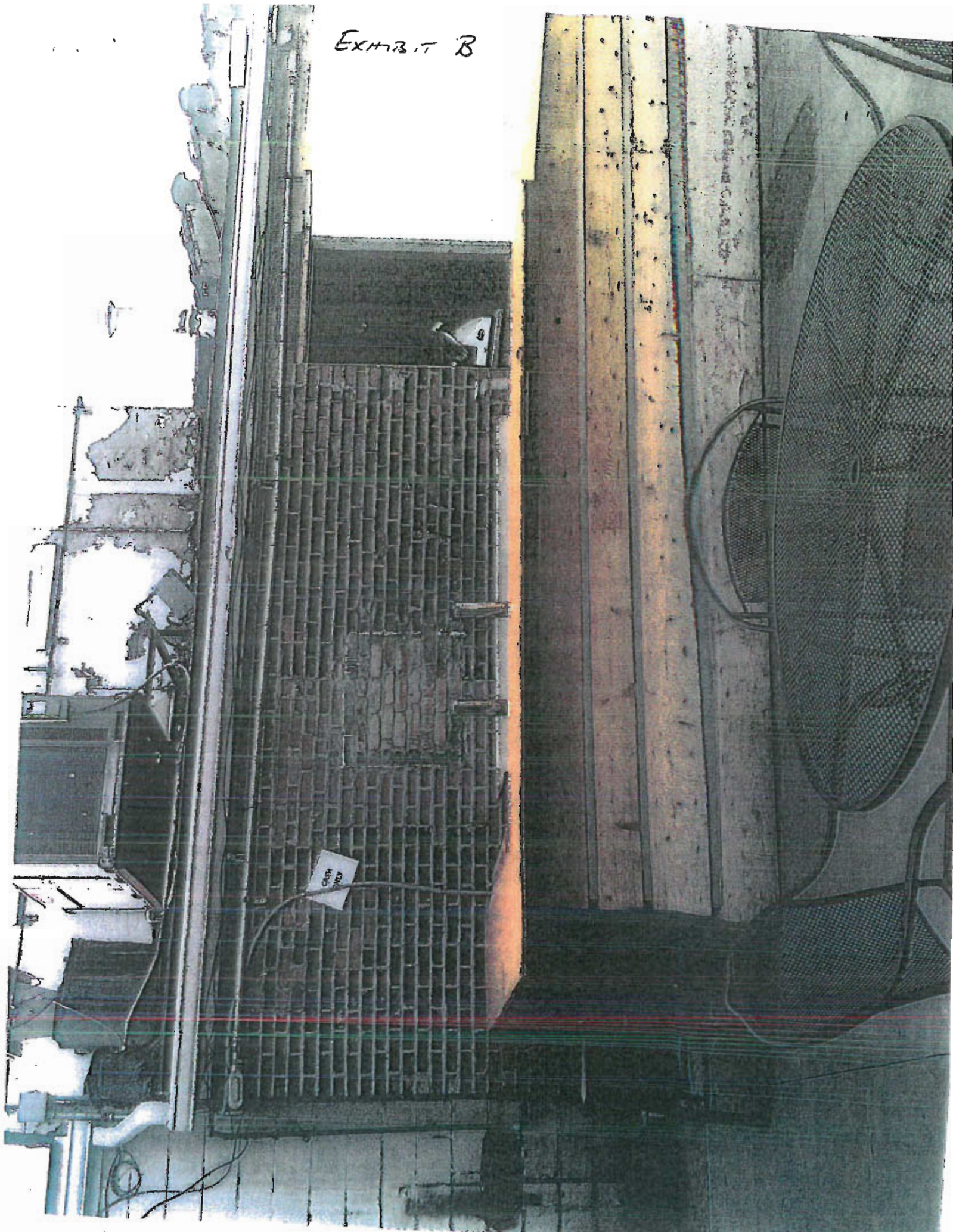




EXHIBIT B





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**TO:** Kelly Roberts, Development Coordinator

**DATE:** June 26, 2015

**FROM:** Daniel J. Grant, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT: MODIFICATIONS TO OUTDOOR SERVICE – 126 OAK STREET**

**CC:** Clerks Office

This correspondence is in response to your e-mail dated Wednesday June 24, 2015 relative to the Outdoor Service application at Captain's, 126 Oak Street, Wyandotte, Michigan. In regards to the proposed rear service area on the north side of the building, there is an existing outdoor service area which has been approved by the City and I have no objections if the modifications as noted on the plans are approved. I have also reviewed the two proposed plans for the outdoor service area at the front of the building and have no objections if the proposal for front and rear outdoor service areas are approved as illustrated on the engineering drawings submitted by the applicant, with the following conditions:

- The applicant meets all laws and ordinances as required by the Fire and Engineering Departments.
- Since the proposed outdoor service area is adjacent to the Dotte Pub, the license holder must assure that the fencing/barrier between the two areas is maintained so there will be no movement of patrons between the two licensed areas while in possession of alcoholic beverages.
- The modification to the plans are also approved for the Dotte Pub, which will also be required to make the modifications as noted.
- Approval is received from the Liquor Control Commission for the modifications to their outdoor service areas.

Further, the police department recommends that Captain's be reminded that an outdoor service permit allows the sale, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages in a well-defined and clearly marked area outside of the licensed premises<sup>1</sup>. Compliance with this provision is the responsibility of the licensed establishment, and failure to comply can result in the issuance of a violation.

<sup>1</sup> R 436.1419 - Outdoor Service



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CITY ENGINEER

July 10, 2015

Elizabeth A. Krimmel, Chairperson  
Wyandotte Planning Commission  
City of Wyandotte

RE: Outdoor Cafes at 126 Oak Street  
Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Ms. Krimmel:

The undersigned has reviewed the plans submitted for the front and rear outdoor cafes at the above captioned property and the following applies:

Front Outdoor Café:

1. Sheet #1 - On the outdoor café application the hours of operation is not filed out. As per Section 2202.S.1 of the Ordinance the hours permitted are from 7 am to 12 midnight in the CBD District, unless longer hours are specifically approved by the Planning Commission and City Council. Also, the outdoor café may be set up from March 15 through October 15 and removed to facilitate snow removal.
2. Sheet #1 - The existing light pole creates an encroachment of (2'-1 1/2") into required 5' minimum sidewalk width, Section 2201.S.2. A minimum of a 3' clear width is required for a wheel chair. The encroachment leaves 2'-10 1/2" remaining which is a violation of the Barrier Free Code. The owner has agreed to reimburse the City to modify the base of this light pole to clear a space of three (3) feet.
3. Approval of the Mayor and City Council will be required for proposed outdoor café and work in the right-of-way.

Rear Outdoor Café:

1. On the outdoor café application the hours of operation is not filed out. As per Section 2202.S.1 of the Ordinance the hours permitted are from 7 am to 12 midnight in the CBD District, unless longer hours are specifically approved by the Planning Commission and City Council.

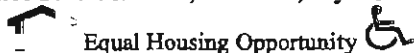
If you have any questions, feel free to contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski  
City Engineer

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July 6, 2015

City of Wyandotte, MI  
 Planning Commission  
 Kelly Roberts, Secretary  
 3200 Biddle Ave., Suite 200  
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RE: Special Approval # PC508 - Steven Wojcik  
 Section 401 City Zoning Ordinance

We have been neighbors of Steven Wojcik for 38 years and live directly next to his property. We approve of the bee hives he has on his property and have never been afraid of nor attacked by his bees.

Bees are essential for the worlds' well being and for maintaining pollination for it's crops, flowers, and our food. Unfortunately, bees are dying at an alarming rate.

We feel Mr. Wojcik is actually contributing to the well being of our planet and is doing a great service to this community by keeping his hives and ensuring that Wyandotte has a healthy bee community.

I myself (Carl) have many allergies and using locally produced honey has been proven to help lessen the side effects of allergies. Mr. Wojcik has been very generous in sharing his honey with me. I have not known him to charge for his honey, nor to run a honey/bee business from his home.

**We are very much in favor of the Wyandotte Planning Commission approving the continued use of bee hives on Mr. Wojcik's property.**

*Carl Patton*

*Margaret Patton*

Carl & Margaret Patton  
 815 Riverbank Street  
 Wyandotte, MI 48192

#508  
July 14, 2015

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# Planning Commission



I object to beekeeping because I have been fighting bees for a few years now.

It started when bees made a nest under the lamp stones on the front of my house. They even managed to find a way into my house. The little girl next door got stung when she knocked on my front door. I had to hire someone to get rid of them for me. I also had to have my son in law fill in some gaps with spray foam where I was told they were getting into the house.

Then a year or so later, my daughter, granddaughter and I were outside talking when we started hearing a buzzing sound that kept getting louder and louder. We looked around and saw above our heads a huge swarm of bees go into a hollow of a tree.

The tree is a spot where several



children play. A man of three of those kids shows a beekeeper who agreed to remove those bees. It took several days.

Then a year later, carpenter bees decided to move into the beader on my garage door. No beekeeper would touch them. Finally, after three years, I found a spray that my nephew from Tennessee was able to spray fill the holes and fill them also with caulk. He had to borrow a step ladder to do this. He has gone back to Tennessee of course.

So far I don't see any bees, but who knows what the next year or so holds.

So no I do not want more bees brought into my area.

Nancy Rose  
846 Clinton St.