MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

March 8, 2018

New Business

Case No. 17ZONE1066

Request: Change in zoning from R-5 Single Family

Residential to C-2 Commercial

Project Name: Against the Grain Location: 719 Lynn Street

Owner: Sheriff's Lodge No. 25 Fraternal

Applicant: Adam Watson – Against the Grain, LLC Representative: Whitney Darnall – Against the Grain, LLC

Jurisdiction: Louisville Metro
Council District: 15 – Marianne Butler

Case Manager: Joel Dock, Planner II

Notices were sent by first-class mail to those adjoining property owners whose names were supplied by the applicants.

The staff report prepared for this case was incorporated into the record. The Commissioners received this report in advance of the hearing, and this report was available to any interested party prior to the LD&T meeting. (Staff report is part of the case file maintained in Planning and Design Services offices, 444 S. 5th Street.)

Agency Testimony:

00:29:20 Joel Dock presented the case (see staff report and recording for detailed presentation.)

00:34:19 In response to questions from Commissioner Brown, Mr. Dock said the applicant could answer questions regarding hours of operation and lighting.

The following spoke in favor of the request:

Adam Watson, 2344 Valley Vista Road, Louisville, KY 40205

Christine Collins, Architecture Plus Design, 231 North 19th Street, Louisville, KY 40203

Summary of testimony of those in favor:

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00:35:22 Adam Watson presented the applicant's case (see recording for detailed presentation.)

00:37:00 Commissioner Brown asked about the proposal to waiver the six-foot privacy fence and how this could impact the nearby residents. He was particularly concerned about sound impact from outdoor activities/music. Mr. Watson said music would be acoustic guitar, etc. Commissioner Brown said sound would still impact the residential areas. Mr. Watson said the hours of operation would be in line with other neighborhood bars.

00:38:51 Christine Collins, the architects representative, said she was available to answer questions.

The following spoke neither for nor against the request: Susan Hughes, 601 West Jefferson Street, Louisville, KY 40202

Summary of testimony of those neither for nor against:

00:39:53 Susan Hughes read a statement on behalf of Councilmember Marianne Butler (see recording for detailed statement.) The statement has been added to the file record.

The following spoke in opposition to the request:

Judith and Wayne Rentschler, 2062 South Shelby Street, Louisville, KY 40217

Summary of testimony of those in opposition:

00:40:56 Wayne Rentschler said his primary concern is the noise issue. There is nothing on the plans to indicate where any stage would be; also, there seems to be a lack of structural or landscaping barriers to block light and noise.

An audio/visual recording of the Land Development and Transportation Committee meeting related to this case is available on the Planning & Design Services website, or you may contact the Customer Service staff to view the recording or to obtain a copy.

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Discussion:

00:42:24 Commissioner Carlson requested the applicant be prepared to explain what they may be providing for sound barriers and how effective those would be. He suggested some alternative fencing besides covered chain-link. Commissioners Peterson and Lewis said they also shared the concerns about the chain-link fence.

The Committee by general consensus scheduled this case to be heard at the **March 15, 2018** Planning Commission public hearing.