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From: Anderson, Patrick
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2009 3:26 PM
To: Murphy, Brad
Cc: Stouder, Heather
Subject: 2609 E Washington - Outdoor rec. ararea

Brad- To follow up on our conversation and and as a supplement to my staff comments in the staff report, here is the situation in regard to paving and landscaping at the subject property:

- Section 28.04(12)(b) requires any parking lot with more than three stalls to provide a landscape plan showing compliance with the City's landscaping requirements.
- The applicant has indicated that the parking lot contains less than 20 stalls, so a landscape plan prepared by a registered landscape architect is not required. I omitted this comment from my report because the requirement to hire a landscape architect is often a surprise to the applicant, and it was not required due to the number of stalls proposed for the lot.
- Sec. 28.11(3)(h)(2) requires paving of parking facilities. I was not aware that portions of the parking lot are either not paved or contain degraded asphalt, but with this requirement the parking lot must be entirely paved.

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Firchow, Kevin

From: Jaquie Rice [ms_wino@charter.net]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2009 1:38 PM
To: Firchow, Kevin
Subject: The Malt House outdoor service area

My name is Jaquie Rice of Sun Prairie WI. I want to support the outdoor service area for the Malt House located at 2609 East Washington Ave. This tavern is a very popular place and will benefit greatly with an outdoor seating/service area.

Thanks for your support.

Stouder, Heather

From: Firchow, Kevin
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2009 8:42 AM
To: Stouder, Heather
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 15. The Malt House outdoor seating

FYI.

From: Dace Zeps [mailto:dzezs@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2009 5:45 AM
To: Dan Melton; Firchow, Kevin
Cc: Palm, Larry; Rummel, Marsha; Rhodes-Conway, Satya
Subject: Re: Agenda Item 15. The Malt House outdoor seating

Very well put Dan. I agree.

Thanks,
Dace

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"The good we secure for ourselves is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life." - Jane Addams

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Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2009 4:14:14 PM
Subject: Agenda Item 15. The Malt House outdoor seating

To: Kevin Firchow, Department of Planning and Community & Economic Development, and Members, Plan Commission

From: Dan Melton Chair Schenk-Atwood-Starkweather-Yahara Neighborhood Association

Re: Agenda Item 15. Plan Commission Monday June 15, 2009

Schenk-Atwood-Starkweather-Yahara Neighborhood Association (SASYNA) Council fully supports the request of The Malt House owner Bill Rogers to add outdoor seating on his concrete patio at the corner of East Wash-Milwaukee Street.

We urge you to approve his application for a conditional use on property located at 2609 East Washington Avenue.

Bill Rogers came to talk to us, early on, about his plans. What Bill wants to do would be an asset for the city as a whole. We encourage and applaud East Wash businesses, such as Java Detour, whenever they add outdoor seating. We like to see life out on the street.

A substantial % of Bill's customers walk or bike to The Malt House. Bill already plans to provide appropriately for added bike parking for his customers.

SASYNA Council strongly supports gravel or permeable surfaces, whenever possible, as opposed to pavement. So we would oppose any attempt to require Bill to pave any portion of his parking lot which is not paved already. Whatever is gravel now, we'd like to see remain gravel. Thank you.

Also we see no reason to require Bill to paint parking space cubicle lines. His parking area appears to be working just fine now without parking space lines.

Detailed city requirements - and the essential Plan Commission review process - seem to us to be most valuable in cases where the business owner is not part of the neighborhood, is not terribly interested in what the neighborhood thinks, is trying to cut corners or agrees to one thing and does another.

None of the above is true of Bill Rogers.

Bill Rogers is truly part of our neighborhood, is a welcome neighborhood asset, runs a clean, friendly top-quality business operation we're proud of, and would not do anything stupid - either for the neighborhood or his business. We're confident we'd be comfortable with and proud of whatever Bill chooses to do. If, in the unlikely event Bill should ever do anything with his business we're not comfortable with, all we'd have to do is talk to him about it and we're sure he would take appropriate corrective action.

So, again, we think outdoor seating at The Malt House would be truly an asset for the neighborhood and for the city as a whole. We urge you to support Agenda Item 15. with no further conditions.

Thank you.

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